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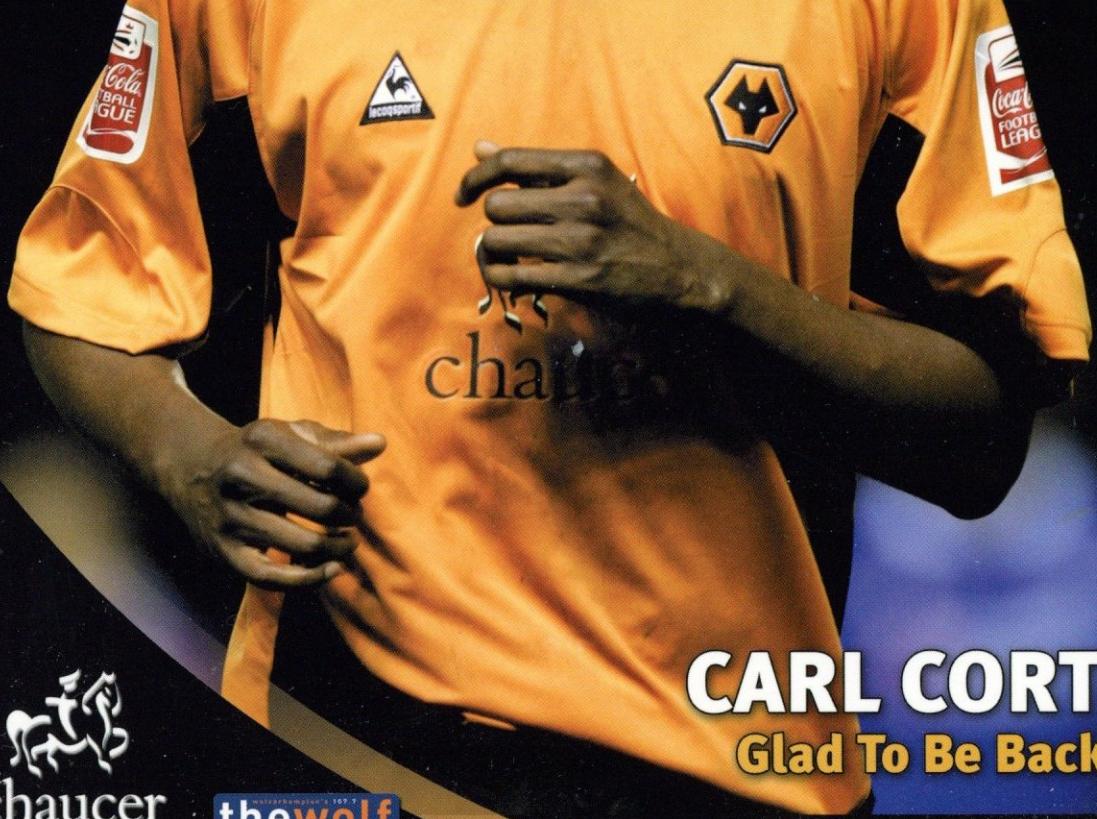


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Although Maurice Ross had played all of his football north of the border, prior to his brief spell with Sheffield Wednesday before joining Wolves this season, the defender has already locked horns with Premiership giants Manchester United.

In the 2003/04 Champions League campaign, Rangers came up against Wolves' likely FA Cup fourth round opponents but, as Maurice says, it wasn't the happiest of occasions for the Glasgow giants. The Reds came out on top in both the home and away legs.

"I featured in both games but we lost 1-0 at Ibrox and then 3-0 at Old Trafford," he said. "United are probably the most famous football team in the world so, potentially, it's a really good draw for Wolves. But we mustn't be disrespectful to Burton Albion even though the odds against them winning up at Old Trafford will be massive. I thought they did really well last Sunday."

Just 24 hours before Burton and United met in the brewery town, Maurice completed his first full game for Wolves in the FA Cup victory over Plymouth Argyle. It was only his third game in the club's colours,

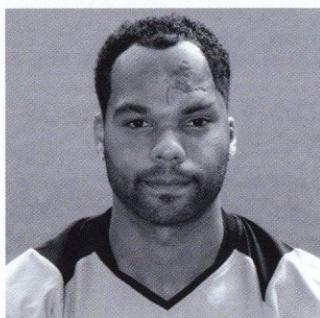
Maurice Ross

having also started in the League encounter with the Pilgrims on New Year's Eve and in a second-half substitute's appearance at Watford back at the end of October. Now, nothing would give Maurice more pleasure than to come up against United once again.

"Obviously I would love to be involved against them if the gaffer gives me the chance," he said. "You are in football because you want to play against and be tested by the biggest and best. And they don't come much bigger than United do they?"

"The set up here at Wolves is, in my opinion, one of if not the best in the Championship. I've enjoyed myself in training and it was good to get my boots on in the two games against Plymouth.

"The boys here have been great to me and they have really helped me to settle in. It goes without saying that I would like to stay and help the club achieve its goal of Premier League football. The Cup-tie against United, if they beat Burton, will be one of the highlights of the round. But we need to be in the Premier League playing against clubs like them every week."



Joleon Lescott

It has been just over two years since Wolves were the talk of the Premiership when a goal from Kenny Miller gave them a surprise victory over Manchester United at Molineux.

Depending on the result of the Red Devils' FA Cup third round replay with Burton Albion, then Wolves could have the opportunity of creating another upset – and this time Jo Lescott wants to be part of it.

"I missed our last game with Manchester United because that was the season I was out through injury," says the central defender.

"One of the big things for me that season was that I didn't get the chance to play against the likes of Manchester United, and so when the draw for the fourth round of the FA Cup took place on Monday, I was really hoping we'd get them.

"Quite a few of the other lads were hoping for the same as well, and so when it came out there was a big cheer. No disrespect to Burton, but I do hope United come through the replay so that we get to play them.

"If Burton do pull off a shock next week then it will still be a big game, but it just means that we are the big club, not the underdogs. There would be the potential for a banana skin if that happens, but we can't dwell too much on ifs and maybes until we know for definite who our



opponents will be.

"I watched most of the game on Sunday and it was a great encounter. United didn't play their strongest team but the Burton players were still up

against great players and a great club, so for them to get the draw was a big deal. Plus, they got to play against Ronaldo and Rooney when they came off the bench later on.

"Hopefully, if United do get through, then they will play a strong team against us and then we'll be able to pit our wits against some of the best in the country, which is something that any footballer wants to do. You

judge yourself when you get the opportunity to come up against some of the best players in the game, and that's why I was so excited to see who we've potentially got.

"I'm sure there will be a big crowd at Molineux no matter if it's United or Burton, and that will make it all the more special.

"But, we've got a couple of League games between now and then, so we can't get carried away. We know it's important to get back to winning ways in the League, as promotion has to be our main aim, and so we'll be working hard to get the win we need tonight."

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What the boss has to say...

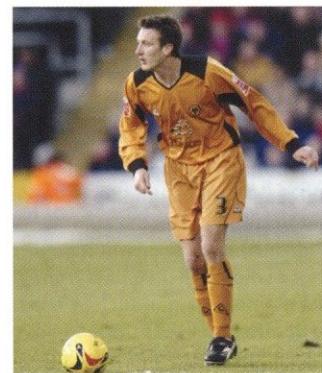
Since Monday lunchtime there's been a lot of talk about the FA Cup draw against Burton or Manchester United. It's a fantastic tie for us – especially at home.

Burton did really well to earn a replay against United. It was the sort of game the Cup is all about and they really deserve the reward of a big pay day at Old Trafford.

However, United will be favourites to win through to round four and be our visitors for the game which will be live on Sky TV.

Whether you are a manager, player or supporter, playing Manchester United is always special. The lads are all looking forward to the match but over the last couple of days we have been getting them back to business, telling them to put the Cup out of their minds and concentrate solely on tonight's game against Luton.

Mike Newell's team are just



Lee Naylor: Outside chance of being fit for the Millwall game.

one point behind us, so a good result in tonight's match is crucial. With the competition for places in the play-offs tight, three points is going to put this evening's winner in a strong position to go on and stake their claim.

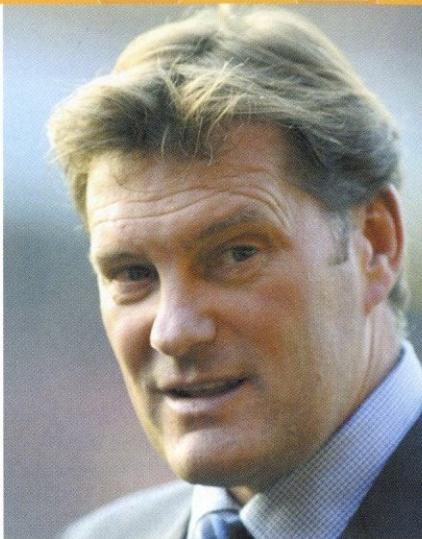
Luton are coming to Molineux this evening on the back of a tremendous Cup tie against Liverpool. There are not many teams that would have been able to come back from 3-1 down in that game and go on and win, but Liverpool are in good form at the moment.

Luton will still take confidence from having put three past the Reds so we are going to have to play as well as we can do to get a result.

I still believe we are capable of going on a run and now is just the time in the season that you want to do that. But we have to score more goals. Although I was pleased with the result against Plymouth in the Cup last Saturday, I was disappointed we didn't put them to the sword.

There are lots of areas we can improve upon, including getting more return from our set-plays. These are things we have been working on in training but the issue of clinical finishing remains a vital one.

We continue to work hard towards hopefully bringing in a new striker who can demonstrate these qualities and, in the meantime, have to go into tonight's game without the suspended Kenny Miller.



Carl Cort has done well since making his comeback for us last Saturday. He played – and scored – in the reserves game against West Bromwich on Monday but we must be careful not to push him too far too soon.

Lee Naylor has an outside chance of being fit for next week's game against Millwall but still needs to rest his sore knee. However, Rob Edwards and Jody Craddock are both fit and available for selection so there are options to replace Gabor Gyepes who is also suspended.

Welcome to Mike Newell and his team, and everyone travelling with Luton.

Enjoy tonight's game and please get behind the lads.

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Molineux set for 'giant' Cup tie

I said in my last notes that good Cup runs not only provide important finance for clubs but are also great morale boosters. I think I was pretty much spot on with that comment!

The forthcoming visit of either Manchester United – one of Europe's giants – or indeed Burton Albion (a European giant killer?) is something we are all eagerly looking forward to.

We were made to sweat though during Monday's draw as we were the last tie out of the hat. The reaction from the players and staff was very upbeat when it was announced we would be at home against Burton or United. I know our supporters feel the same.

Home advantage is going to be crucial but I'm in no doubt that our fans will raise the roof for this tie. Whoever we play, the game will get a lot of attention – especially as we will be live on Sky-TV – and it's our chance to show just what we can do.

I'm sure we all remember that fantastic game during our promotion season when we put Newcastle out of the Cup. And, should we be entertaining Manchester United, we will take some confidence into the tie knowing that the last time we played them here at Molineux we won 1-0 thanks to a Kenny Miller goal.

The Cup – especially when you get a draw like ours – is a nice diversion from the League. But it must not and will not deflect us from the main task at hand – winning promotion. This is our

priority.

Getting a place in the play-offs is now the only realistic way of achieving top flight football this season, therefore we must concentrate on winning this evening's match against Luton Town.

Our League form over the holiday period was disappointing but we remain in seventh spot and are still in a strong position to mount a challenge in the second half of the season. But it's all about winning matches and we must find a formula for doing this more consistently.

The transfer window is occupying a great deal of our time at the moment. We have already done some good business with Gabor Gyepes, Denes Rosa and Stefan Postma and are, as you know, trying to get Tom Huddlestone until the end of the season. However, this may not be possible if Spurs get injuries or sell one or two of their other midfielders. If this happens I expect they will recall Tom back to White Hart Lane.

We want to bring in at least one more new player, probably a striker. As always, these things take their time but we have been working hard on a few deals on the past two to three weeks and I will bring you news of any signings as soon as I can.

Finally, a message to season ticket holders: as we are having to wait for the Cup replay between Burton Albion and Manchester United before we can issue ticket sales information for our fifth round match, we are

encouraging all season ticket holders to sign up to our Cup Tie Scheme. It's free to join and means you will be sent your ticket automatically without having to call or queue at the ticket office. This will apply to any subsequent Cup games or a play-off home leg.

Members can return their ticket within a certain time frame should they decide they do not want to attend any of the fixtures. Once registered it is the simplest way to obtain Cup tickets.

Please log onto wolves.co.uk for an application form or call the ticket office on 0870 442 0123.

Now to some of your questions...

Now Tottenham are out of the FA Cup, is it possible we can play Tom Huddlestone in our FA Cup clash with Man Utd (or Burton)?

Ally Holding, Walsall

It's a good question but at the moment Tom's loan is due to expire before that game. We are hoping to persuade Spurs to let us keep him until the end of the season and if they agree then yes, he would be able to play.

Will the true supporters who purchased Plymouth Cup tickets get first refusal on the Man Utd/Burton game or will it go to those who clock up points from the glamour games such as trips to Sheffield United? Once again the simplest way of rewarding fans has been missed.

It doesn't seem to matter if you give your money for our

home fixtures, i.e. Chester or Plymouth. A voucher could have been handed out to those at Plymouth to take priority for a big game behind season ticket holders. Instead we reward people for paying money over to our away clubs.

Phil Kirby, Derby

Phil I'm somewhat baffled by your comments. Surely fans who travel away to support their team should be acknowledged, valued and rewarded if possible? It's true Wolves doesn't profit financially from those games (unless supporters are using our Travel Club) but the team benefits from having a good following of fans at away games.

However, to answer the question, tickets will be sold in this order: Cup tie scheme members (free to join if you are a season ticket holder) and season ticket holders will be guaranteed their seats, then it will be on the basis of loyalty points before general sale of any remaining tickets. Loyalty points, as you know, are awarded for attending home and away games.

Is it true Dave Jones was only given £3 million when Wolves were promoted to the Premiership?

G Oliver, Wolverhampton

No, we spent approximately £6.75mil in transfer fees in our Premier League season, and this figure excludes wages.

I've been trying to find a copy of the Sherpa Van Trophy win over Burnley for ages, but it doesn't seem to be available. Are there any plans to make it available on DVD?

Ian Jones, Old Swinford

Our DVD partners are currently trying to source footage of this

match with a view to releasing it later this year. Keep checking the website for details.

Can you tell me why the Wolves board show little or no loyalty to their fans? Charging £18 for a ticket to watch Wolves v Plymouth in the Cup after the awful match with them the week before was too much. Surely a full ground would be better than 11,000 and that could have been achieved if you had made it, say, £5 for season ticket holders. Come on Jez give us suffering fans something back – we've already paid £450 for a season ticket.

N. Whitehouse, Northbank Season ticket holder

Firstly I should say that although the League result against Plymouth was disappointing, the prices for the Cup match were set well before that fixture was played. The £18 cost of a ticket for season ticket holders represented a £5 reduction compared to non-season ticket holders. This discount was arrived at in consultation with Plymouth whose co-operation was required under FA rules. We also included in our offer – again with the agreement of Plymouth – a 'kids for a fiver' ticket anywhere in the ground. We appreciate that cost is a major consideration at this time of year but we felt the discounts on offer were reasonable under the circumstances.

Why have we given Kenny Miller a choice whether to go to Sheffield United or not? We should be big and brave to say £1.5 mil is on the table, sorry Kenny but you have got to go. We all know he is on his way sooner or later. Get the money then we have got £3.5 mil to spend instead of £2mil, then go and get



Rob Earnshaw from West Bromwich before we miss out. Earnshaw and Cort would score goals for fun playing together.

Jez, don't tell all the fans that the club and Kenny are keeping their options open. The only option for Kenny Miller is the timing on 'when' he goes not 'if' he is going.

Nick Drew, a true Wolves fan from West Bromwich.

I'm sorry Nick but that is not the way football transfers work. A transfer can only be completed if there is co-operation from all parties involved.

We signed Kenny until 30 June 2006 and, like every other contract we enter into, we have to honour that. But just as we can not sell him to a club he does not want to go to, likewise he can not leave us until his contract expires unless we agree for him to do so.

Welcome to everyone from Luton. Please enjoy tonight's game.

Jez Moxey

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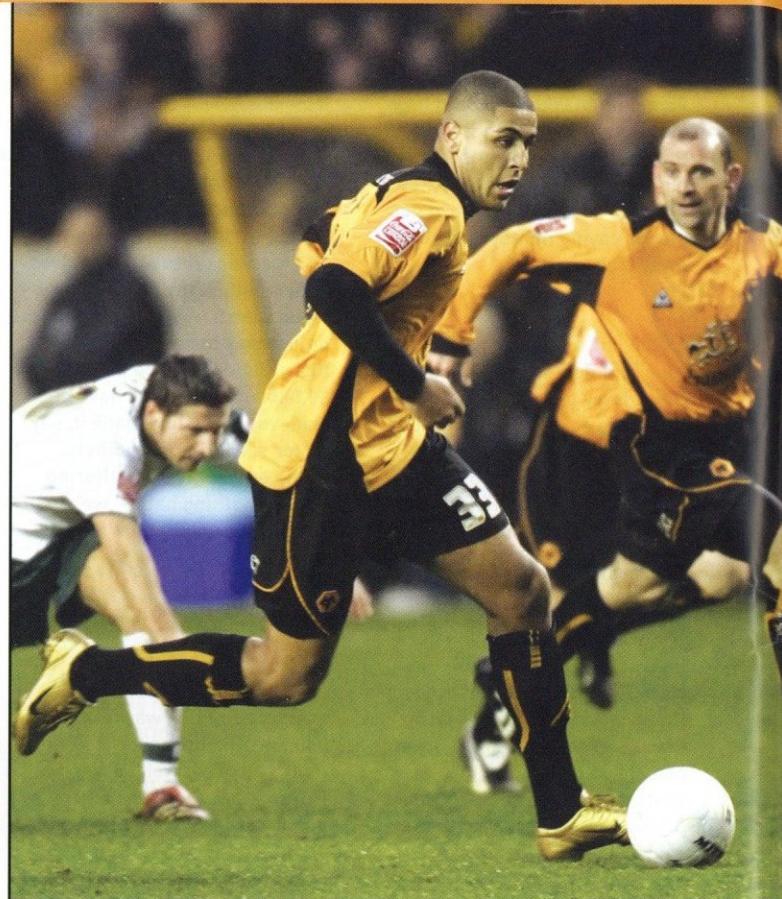
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Leon Clarke races clear.

Leon Clarke's close range finish after 26 minutes of a dour affair against Plymouth Argyle was enough to put Wolves into the hat for the FA Cup fourth round draw.

Paul Ince returned for his first start since August to captain the side and also back were Maurice Ross, Seol and Mark Davies. Missing from the team that started against Coventry were Darren Anderton and Rob Edwards who were named as substitutes, Tom Huddlestone who was cup-tied, and Jody Craddock.

Carl Cort was back in the squad following his near three-month injury absence and he also took a place on the bench.

The snow that had fallen for

two hours before kick-off had stopped and the pitch was clear as Plymouth kicked-off attacking the North Bank end of a stadium that was less than half full.

Inside the first minute Argyle keeper Romain Larrieu was forced into action when he had to dive to prevent an own goal after Hasney Aljofree had made a mess of an attempted clearance from a Ross centre.

Davies was wide with a chip after he had fastened on to a nod down from Colin Cameron and then the 17-year-old midfielder ran from the edge of his own area to within 25-yards of the Plymouth goal before slipping a pass through for Kenny Miller that carried just a little too much pace allowing Larrieu to collect.

Gabor Gyepes got a vital touch to get the ball back to Stefan Postma as Micky Evans tried to latch on to a long clearance but the pressure was soon back on the Plymouth goal with Larrieu tipping over a 25-yard drive from Ince.

From Ince's corner, Gyepes headed towards the corner of the net beating Larrieu only for Akos Buzsaky to clear off the line. But the goal that Wolves deserved finally arrived in the 26th minute.

Cameron's centre from the right skidded through to Clarke who controlled the ball before coolly slipping it past Larrieu from the edge of the six-yard box.

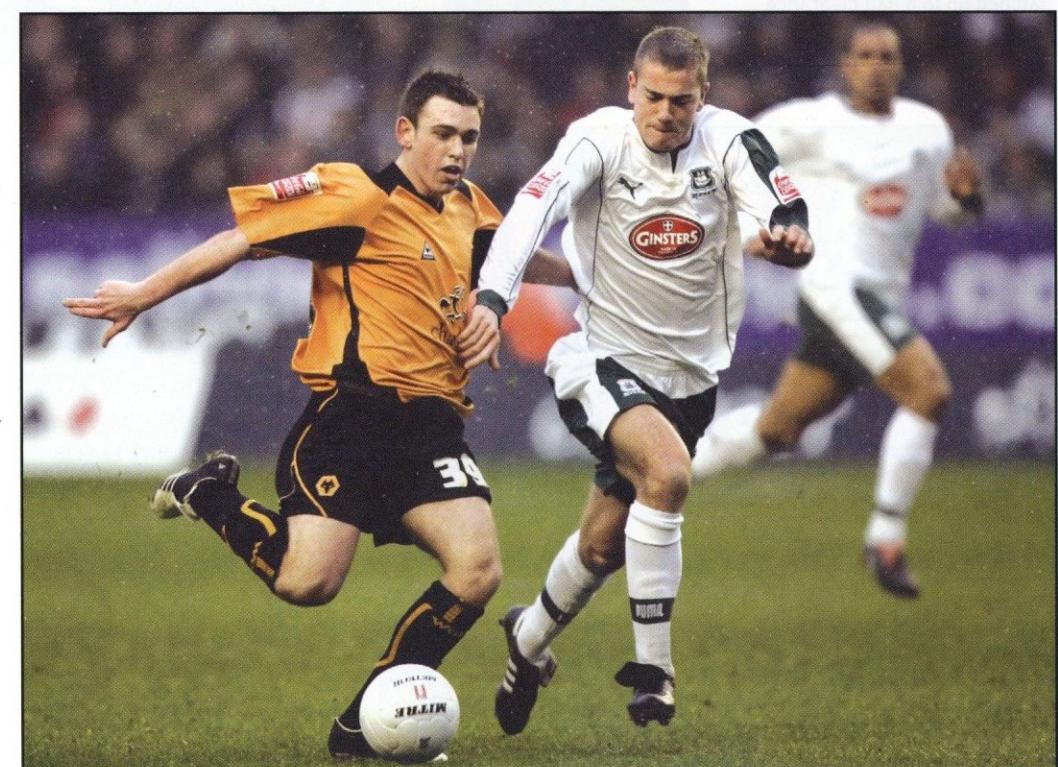
Two minutes later Miller almost made it two when, despite the presence of a defender, he swung a foot at a



Kenny Miller swerves past Akos Buzsaky.

cross from Seol only for Larrieu to come to his side's rescue once again.

After a surging run from the halfway line, Davies was robbed just outside the visitors box as



Mark Davies in action on his FA Cup debut.

he prepared to shoot, and then Clarke fired over the angle after taking a return pass from Miller.

Just before the break, Cameron hit a firm drive from 20-yards that flew into Larrieu's



→ arms after Miller had laid the ball into his team mate's path.

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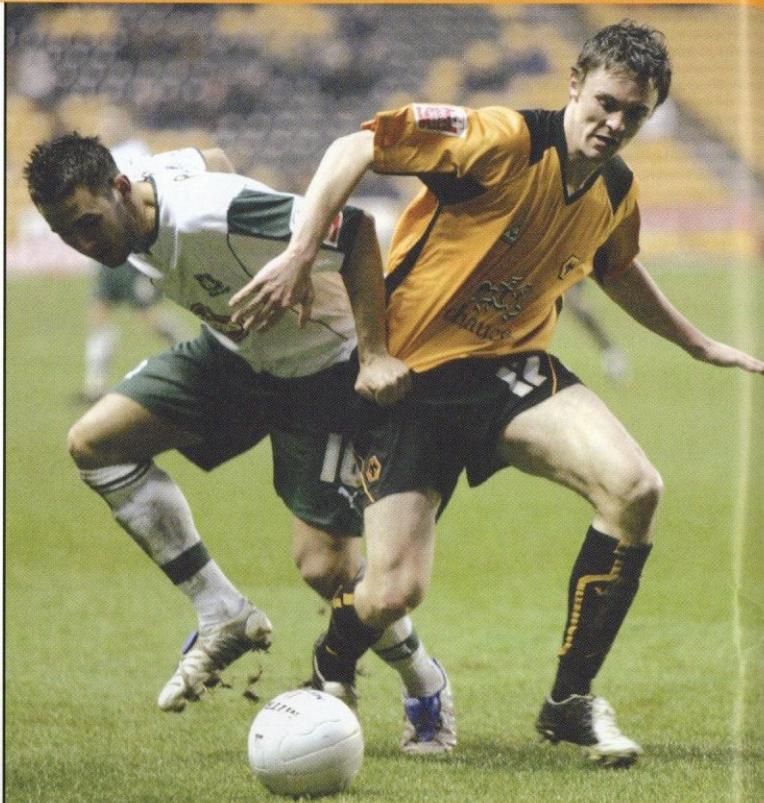
Cameron was challenged just as he tried to connect with Miller's short pass into the box as Wanderers began the new half brightly.

But Argyle were inches away from an equaliser after Tony Capaldi's corner had been headed out to Buzsaky who fired on to the roof of the net from 25-yards.

Miller just failed to get a foot to a curling cross from Mark Kennedy who then dropped back in his own area heading clear a dangerous centre from Paul Connolly. Seconds later Gyepes also had to nod clear - this time after Buzsaky had fired over a cross.

Midway through the half Davies latched on to a half clearance and hit an angled shot that drew another fine save from Larrieu.

Plymouth made a double



Hansey Aljoree gets to grips with Maurice Ross.



Seol skips clear of his marker.

change in the 69th minute with Scott Taylor and Bojan Djordjic the replacements for Buzsaky and Lee Hodges respectively. Four minutes later, Cort was sent on in place of Seol for Wolves.

Miller was crowded out as he tried to squeeze the ball home from a tight angle after Kennedy had threaded a free-kick into the box.

Then an enterprising run by Clarke ended with a pass to Miller in the Plymouth box. The Scot turned and shot for goal but he didn't connect properly and Larrieu got down to save.

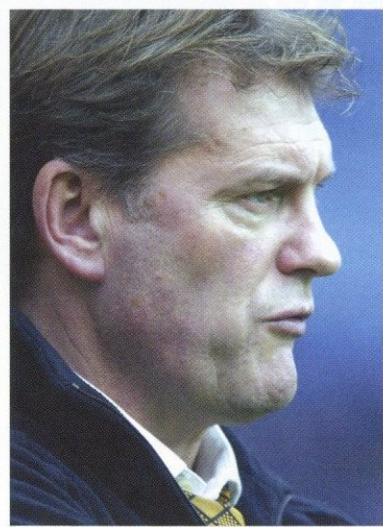
Denes Rosa made his home debut when he went on for the final ten minutes as a replacement for Cameron.

In stoppage time Paul Wotton tried a low shot from 25-yards that was well saved by Postma as Wolves hung on for the victory they deserved.



Glenn Hoddle

"WE TOTALLY DOMINATED THE FIRST-HALF. I'M DELIGHTED WE KEPT A CLEAN SHEET AND PLEASED TO BE INTO THE NEXT ROUND WHERE WE WILL HOPEFULLY GET ONE OF THE BIG TEAMS AT MOLINEUX.



"We probably learnt more from the League game than they did. We handled their set pieces a lot better this time.

"I WAS SURPRISED THEY DIDN'T CHANGE THEIR SHAPE AND CAME OUT AT US IN THE SECOND-HALF. THE ONLY DOWNSIDE FOR ME WAS THAT WE DIDN'T PUT THEM TO THE SWORD.

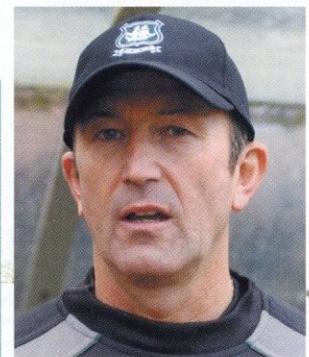
"MARK DAVIES SHOULD HAVE SCORED (ON FOUR MINUTES) BUT HE WAS GOOD ON THE BALL - PARTICULARLY IN THE FIRST-HALF. HE'S ONLY A YOUNG MAN AND GOT LOTS TO LEARN BUT HE'S GOT LOTS TO WORK WITH.

"I stuck by Leon and played him today. He worked hard and I'm pleased he got us the winner. The goal will give him confidence.

"PAUL WAS EARMARKED TO MAKE HIS FIRST START IN THIS GAME. HE GOT BACK INTO THE PENALTY BOX TO MAKE A GREAT DEFENSIVE HEADER WHICH JUST SHOWS HIS FITNESS LEVELS."

Tony Pulis

"WE NEED TO GET A LITTLE PERSPECTIVE ON THINGS HERE. IF THEY (WOLVES) DON'T GET PROMOTED THIS SEASON IT WILL BE A MASSIVE, MASSIVE DISAPPOINTMENT AROUND THIS PLACE. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.



"The best team won, no qualms about that. We didn't have three players who have been very important to us and that proved to be too much of a burden.

"WITH 20 MINUTES TO GO THEY HAD NOT SCORED A SECOND AND THEY CAN GET NERVOUS. WE WERE HOPING THAT WE MIGHT GET AT THEM A LITTLE MORE AND GET A DRAW OUT OF THE GAME.

"Getting them down to Plymouth on a Tuesday night might have seen a different type of match. But we can't have any complaints that Wolves have gone through."

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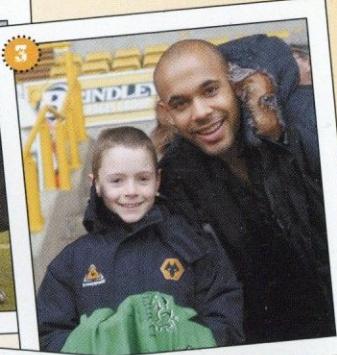
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Molineux matchday

A look at some of the off-field people and events that go on to make up a matchday at Molineux...

1 • Nando's restaurant chain mascot Barci presented Wolfie with a cheque for £287.

Nando's organised a balloon launch during the summer, releasing hundreds into the skies of Wolverhampton to raise the money for the Wolves Aid charity, which supports youngsters with special needs, along with disability projects in the Wolverhampton area.



2 • Beacon Centre for the Blind in Wolverhampton officially received their new 12-seater mini-bus from Sir Jack Hayward.

Wolves have donated £10,300 towards the cost of the £30,000 vehicle. The funds came from three sources: a £3,300 donation from Sir Jack's tribute dinner held at Molineux in April 2005. £3,000 from Wolves' share out of the proceeds from the FA Community Shield and £4,000 from the sale of Wolves official wristbands in the club shops.



Ian Ferguson, Chief Executive of Beacon Centre, said: "Appropriately the mini-bus is branded with Wolves logos and 'Wolves in the Community' strap line which portrays our enduring link with the club."

"Sir Jack is patron of our Centre and 'Wolves Football in the Community' provides coaching to some of our visually impaired youngsters."

"The Centre provides services to 4,000 visually impaired people in the Black Country and South Staffs. We desperately needed a new mini-

bus to transport our service users to a multitude of activities - including visiting Molineux to support Wolves. We are incredibly grateful to the club."

Sir Jack said: "We are very pleased to help Beacon Centre for the Blind. They provide a great service to our community."

charity Promise Dreams arranged for him to be a mascot and meet his favourite player. Josef was then treated to a VIP day in the Hayward Suite.

3 • Ten-year-old Josef Bartl had a dream come true when he met his hero Matt Murray. The youngster suffers from a deficiency of the immune system and children's

Wolverhampton-born pop opera star Keedie provided a classic opening to the pre-match entertainment. The 23-year-old performed Jerusalem (which was used as England's anthem for this summer's Ashes series) and Nessun Dorma.



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Luton Town

Luton manager Mike Newell is adamant that long-term prosperity for last season's League One champions will not come until the Bedfordshire club is enjoying the benefits of a new stadium but that has not stopped the former Everton and Blackburn striker believing he can emulate his most successful predecessors at Kenilworth Road.

Dally Duncan, Harry Haslam and David Pleat share the distinction of having taken the Hatters into the top flight. An elite side for five years after Duncan achieved promotion for the first time in 1955, they stayed for just one season after Haslam guided them up again 19 years later but held their own for a decade after Pleat had steered them to the Second Division title in 1982.

The enduring memory of their time in the top division is Pleat's joyful jig across the pitch at Maine Road when Luton's last-day win over Manchester City saved them from

immediate relegation but the 1980s were by far Luton's most successful decade.

After Pleat joined Tottenham, his successor, John Moore, took them to a highest-ever seventh place in 1987 before the late Ray Harford led them to their first major trophy, a dramatic 3-2 win over Arsenal at Wembley in April 1988 enabling captain Steve Foster to lift the Littlewoods Cup.

After much leaner times in recent years, including two periods in receivership, the idea of being back among the wealthy higher echelons of English football might have seemed fanciful.

But with new owners and a new manager, the Hatters were runaway winners of the League One title last season, finishing 12 points ahead of nearest pursuers Hull City. And they began this season by beating Crystal Palace and then Southampton, two of the sides relegated from the Premiership, and held their own so well that by the end of October they

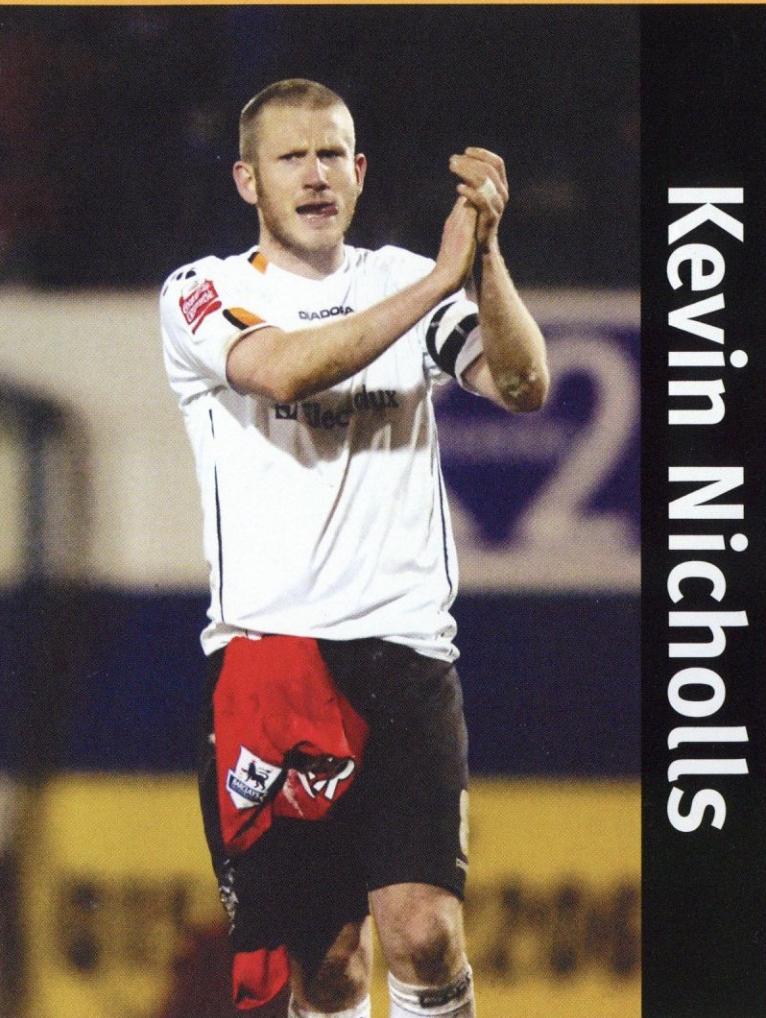
were looking an established top three side.

Recent results have been less consistent, undermined by a run of eight without a win away from home, and a 3-0 win at home to Brighton has been their only win in seven Championship games all told. But after the stirring performance against Liverpool in the FA Cup there is renewed optimism.

"I've been confident we can reach the play-offs all season," Newell said. "We've had a bad month and a half but that can happen to any side and if we hadn't had that bad patch we'd be in the top two now. We're still getting used to playing in a new division against better sides.

"I don't want the season to fizzle out now. We are a good side who play good football and gave Liverpool a real game. Now we can concentrate on the League and achieve our objective."

by Jon Culley of The Independent



Kevin Nicholls

"WHEN YOU ARE NOT BLESSED WITH A BIG SQUAD, IF YOU ARE HIT WITH INJURIES AND SUSPENSIONS, IT IS BOUND TO TAKE ITS TOLL."

No one felt the disappointment of Luton's FA Cup defeat against Liverpool more keenly than Kevin Nicholls - and not only because he is the club captain.

It was Nicholls who despatched the second-half penalty that gave the Hatters what their fans hoped would be an impregnable 3-1 lead, calmly beating goalkeeper Scott Carson only minutes after Djibril Cisse had failed

with a spot-kick at the other end.

"After being 3-1 ahead, we were disappointed not to win," he said. "But we never felt we had them beaten. They are third in the Premiership and the current European Champions and they are not those things for nothing.

"But I think we deserved credit for the way we played. We smothered them, gave them no time on the ball and the way we played gave a glimpse of what

we are capable of. We want to get to the Premier League and it was good to test ourselves against that standard of opposition."

First, though, there is the matter of winning promotion. Having kicked off with wins against Crystal Palace and Southampton, both freshly relegated from the top flight, Luton started the season looking like they could follow their runaway success in League One by sweeping through the Championship as well.

With eight wins and only three defeats in their first 14 games, Luton were third at the beginning of November, sending out the message to leaders Sheffield United and Reading that despite their early success the automatic promotion places would have another contender.

However, a run of four straight defeats put paid to any thoughts that the rest of the season would be a cakewalk and the Hatters have struggled for consistency since, slipping down as low as 11th on Boxing Day.

But Nicholls hopes the performance against Liverpool might be the catalyst for a revival.

"To begin with, we did not find the step up from League One to be that big a jump," Nicholls said. "We had a winning mentality last season and that was down to the manager. He doesn't even like to lose at cards on the team bus and he had instilled that attitude in the team.

"We want to win every game, home or away, and we have had a dip over the last couple of months that we are not happy about.

"But we still think we can make the play-offs. It is not a matter of other teams having found us out, more a case of us needing to find more consistency, especially away from home. Maybe the

Liverpool performance will give us the kick start we need.

"You can't put your finger on why we have struggled in away games. We lost 4-0 at Sheffield United and 3-0 at Reading and although neither of those score-lines reflected the game we do need to sort it out."

If there are mitigating factors, Nicholls would point to the relatively small size of Luton's squad, which is not helped by the limitations on spending power imposed by the club's continually frustrated efforts to relocate to a purpose-built stadium.



"We have got the quality in the squad, a good team spirit and a nice blend of seniors and young players but we do need to bulk up the numbers," he said. "When you are not blessed with a big squad, if you are hit with injuries and suspensions, it is bound to take its toll.

"The ground situation does not help. It seems farcical that we are one division away from the best League in the world and we are still at Kenilworth Road. If we had a 20,000-seat stadium we would fill it easily."

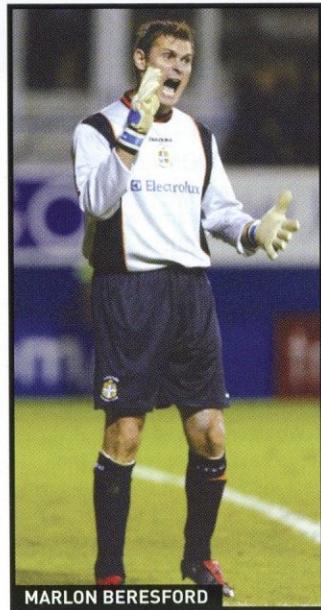
Whether an away game against Wolves is the right opportunity for Luton to put their season

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MARLON BERESFORD *

POSITION GOALKEEPER
BORN 02-09-69 IN LINCOLN
PREVIOUS CLUBS SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY – BURY (LOAN) – NORTHAMPTON (LOAN) – CREWE (LOAN) – NORTHAMPTON (LOAN) – BURNLEY – MIDDLESBROUGH – SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (LOAN) – WOLVES (LOAN) – BURNLEY (LOAN) – YORK – BURNLEY – BRADFORD – LUTON – BARNSLEY

SIGNED JUN '04 ON A FREE
 Keeper with a vast array of clubs who looked like becoming a hero in last weekend's sensational FA Cup defeat at home to Liverpool when he saved Djibril Cisse's penalty. Has totalled over 80 games in two spells at Luton, having also turned out 349 times for Burnley – a club he has served in three spells. On loan at Wolves in 2001-02 without playing a senior game.



MARLON BERESFORD

KEVIN FOLEY

POSITION DEFENDER
BORN 01-11-84 IN LUTON
PREVIOUS CLUBS NONE

SIGNED JUL '02 AS A TRAINEE
 Home-town boy who has quickly climbed the ladder, progressing to Republic of Ireland under-21 honours while taking his tally of club appearances past 100. Hovering on the four-booking mark this season and has also scored five times for the Hatters, including one in an important victory away to manager Mike Newell's former club Hartlepool last February.

SOL DAVIS

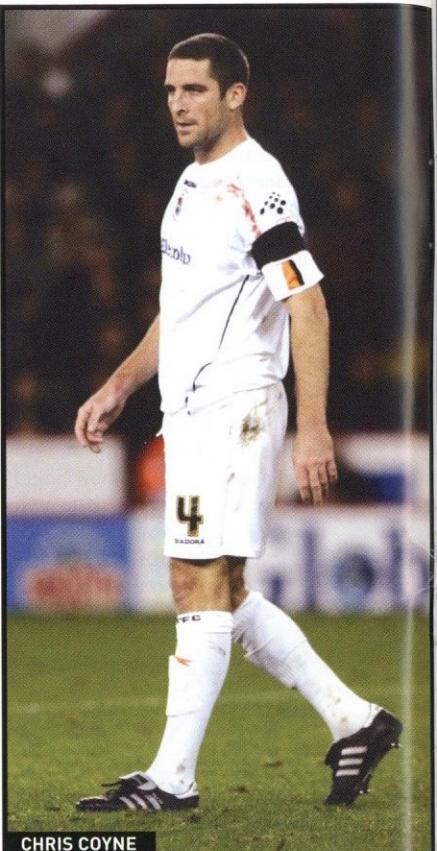
POSITION DEFENDER
BORN 04-09-79 IN CHELTENHAM
PREVIOUS CLUB SWINDON
SIGNED AUG '02 FOR £60,000

Has had the misfortune to be sidelined for more than two months with knee trouble that has required a visit to a specialist. Has nevertheless played 146 times for Luton after ending a 128-match career at Swindon when his contract expired in 2002. Finally broke his senior goal duck by scoring against Wrexham last season. Booked against Wolves in September.

CHRIS COYNE

POSITION DEFENDER
BORN 28-12-78 IN BRISBANE
PREVIOUS CLUBS WEST HAM – BRENTFORD (LOAN) – SOUTHEND (LOAN) – DUNDEE
SIGNED SEP '01 FOR £50,000

Popular centre-half who has been recognised by Australia at various levels and has been further rewarded with considerable captaincy experience at Kenilworth Road. Made his 174th appearance for the club (13 goals) in the FA Cup thriller against Liverpool,



having first been brought to Britain by Harry Redknapp, only to fail to properly break through at West Ham.

RUSSELL PERRETT

POSITION DEFENDER
BORN 18-06-73 IN BARTON-ON-SEA
PREVIOUS CLUBS PORTSMOUTH – CARDIFF

SIGNED AUG '01 ON A FREE
 Sent off in the 2-0 defeat at Norwich in mid-November and hasn't kicked a ball in the first team since early December. Was previously limited to 13 senior matches last season and six the one before but is still close to completing his first century of Luton appearances, having played 81 matches for Portsmouth at the start of his career and then 35 for Cardiff.

PAUL UNDERWOOD

POSITION DEFENDER
BORN 16-08-73 IN WIMBLEDON
PREVIOUS CLUB RUSHDEN
SIGNED MAR '04 ON A FREE

Started his career at Enfield, then became a major player in Rushden's rise from non-League to the third grade as he played 209 times for them between 1997 and 2004. Featured strongly last term in Luton's latest promotion campaign, scoring five goals, the last of them in a draw at Oldham in March. Is again a regular this term and has played 64 times for the club in all.

CARLOS EDWARDS

POSITION MIDFIELDER
BORN 24-10-78 IN PORT-OF-SPAIN, TRINIDAD

PREVIOUS CLUB WREXHAM
SIGNED MAY '05 ON A FREE
 Part of the Trinidad & Tobago squad who have qualified for this summer's World Cup finals and has already played 28 times for the club he joined for nothing in the summer, scoring in the home win over Norwich and the derby defeat against Watford. Previously played alongside Darren Ferguson during a Wrexham career of 180 games that included 25 goals.

KEVIN NICHOLLS

POSITION MIDFIELDER
BORN 02-01-79 IN NEWHAM, LONDON
PREVIOUS CLUBS CHARLTON – BRIGHTON (LOAN) – WIGAN

SIGNED AUG '01 FOR £25,000
 Club captain and inspirational driving force who impressed against Wolves back in September and scored a late equaliser – one of his five goals this season. Another of them came against Liverpool while, on the other side of the coin, he was sent off in the defeat at Norwich. Has played 176 times for Luton after 16 appearances for Charlton and 34 for Wigan.

ROWAN VINE

POSITION FORWARD
BORN 21-09-82 IN BASINGSTOKE
PREVIOUS CLUBS PORTSMOUTH – BRENTFORD (LOAN) – COLCHESTER (LOAN) – LUTON (LOAN)

SIGNED JUL '05 FOR £250,000
 Did enough in 49 matches on loan at Luton to earn a permanent move in the summer, since when he has added three goals in 14 games, including a brace against Crewe, and also won his side's penalty against Liverpool six days ago. Launched his career quietly at Portsmouth but started to make his name with two decent extended loan spells in the lower divisions.

WARREN FEENEY

POSITION FORWARD
BORN 17-01-81 IN BELFAST
PREVIOUS CLUBS LEEDS – BOURNEMOUTH (LOAN) – BOURNEMOUTH – STOCKPORT

SIGNED MAR '05 FOR £150,000
 Has played nine times for Northern Ireland, scoring his first goal in the win over Azerbaijan this season, and also faced England in the historic World Cup qualifier in Belfast. Has netted seven goals in 35 games for Luton, having totalled 37 in 125 appearances in two spells with Bournemouth and managed a highly impressive 17 in 33 outings for struggling Stockport.

STEVE ROBINSON

POSITION MIDFIELDER
BORN 10-12-74 IN LISBURN, NORTHERN IRELAND
PREVIOUS CLUBS TOTTENHAM

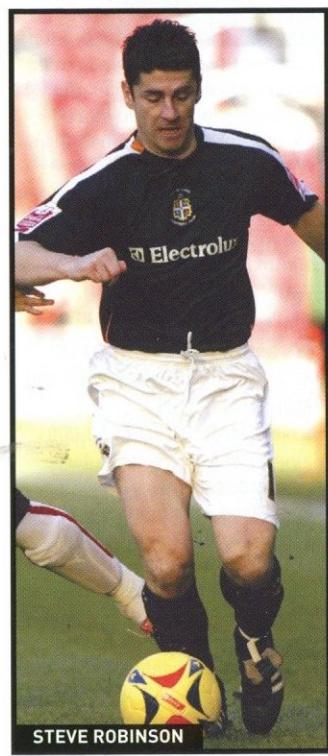
– LEYTON ORIENT – BOURNEMOUTH – PRESTON – BRISTOL CITY (LOAN)
SIGNED JUN '02 FOR £50,000
 Another Northern Ireland international (three caps) who previously gave Bournemouth sterling service, in his case with 62 goals in

288 appearances. Was less successful, though, following a £375,000 switch to Preston and has fared better back down south, playing more than 130 times for his current club and scoring ten goals, one of them against Liverpool.

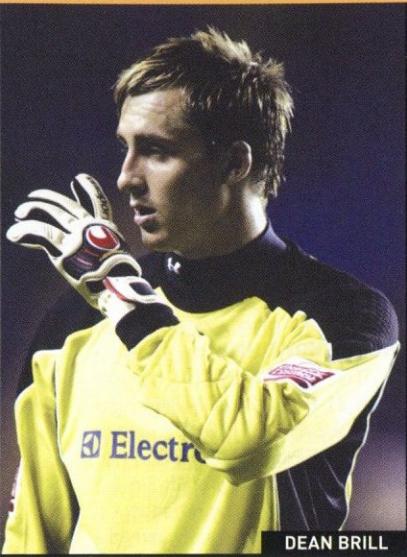
ENOCH SHOWUNMI

POSITION FORWARD
BORN 21-04-82 IN LONDON
PREVIOUS CLUBS NONE
SIGNED SEP '03 ON A FREE

Striker measuring up at 6ft 5in who graduated via non-League football, having previously gained a university degree in business in London. After going on for the last nine minutes against Liverpool, stands one game short of completing his century with Luton, with whom he has scored 16 goals, including one against Crewe this season. Also capped by Nigeria.



STEVE ROBINSON



DEAN BRILL

AHMET BRKOVIC
POSITION MIDFIELDER
BORN 23-09-74 IN DUBROVNIK
PREVIOUS CLUBS HNK
 DUBROVNIK – LEYTON ORIENT
SIGNED OCT '01 ON A FREE
 Goal-scoring right-sided player who started the season in rich form, netting in victories over Crystal Palace and Southampton in the first two games and added another at Leicester soon after. Has since scored three more to take his tally for the club to 33 in 177 games. Previously made 82 appearances for Leyton Orient and has been hoping for a call-up from Croatia.

STEVE HOWARD
POSITION FORWARD
BORN 10-05-76 IN DURHAM
PREVIOUS CLUBS HARTLEPOOL – NORTHAMPTON
SIGNED MAR '01 FOR £50,000
 Mainstay of Luton's strike force for several seasons now, with a tremendous scoring record for them of 97 goals in only 210 games. His nine this season include a brace against Sheffield Wednesday and one against Liverpool last weekend but he was also sent off in a defeat at Stoke. Previously scored 32 in 164 matches for Hartlepool and 18 in 95 for Northampton.

KEITH KEANE

POSITION MIDFIELDER
BORN 20-11-86 IN LUTON
PREVIOUS CLUBS NONE
SIGNED JUL '03 AS A TRAINEE
 Made his debut at the age of 16 for a club he had joined no fewer than seven years earlier. Has made 42 appearances all told for the Hatters, the last of them coming in a 4-0 defeat at Sheffield United at the start of November. A Republic of Ireland schoolboy international, he has scored once at senior level – in a 3-2 home win against Bristol City in April, 2004.

DEAN MORGAN

POSITION FORWARD
BORN 03-10-83 IN ENFIELD
PREVIOUS CLUBS COLCHESTER – READING
SIGNED JUL '05 ON A FREE
 Speedy forward who has scored five goals for the club he joined in the summer for nothing, his tally including efforts home and away against Crewe and an injury-time curler from 25 yards for the winner against Southampton in the Hatters' first home game since promotion. Previously scored six times in 77 senior matches for Colchester and three in 35 for Reading.

MARKUS HEIKKINEN

POSITION DEFENDER
BORN 13-10-78 IN KATRINEHOLM, FINLAND
PREVIOUS CLUBS HJK HELSINKI – PORTSMOUTH (LOAN) – ABERDEEN
SIGNED JUL '05 ON A FREE
 Was sparingly used during a 2003 loan spell at Portsmouth, where he made only two appearances, both as a substitute, but played 80 times for Aberdeen and has already appeared in 27 Luton matches, scoring his only goal to date for them in their 2-0 home win over Crystal Palace in the autumn. Has also won four senior caps for Finland this season.

PETER HOLMES

POSITION MIDFIELDER
BORN 18-11-80 IN BISHOP AUCKLAND
PREVIOUS CLUB SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY
SIGNED AUG '00 ON A FREE
 Graduated from the School of Excellence at Lilleshall in the same crop as Michael Owen but cut little ice at Sheffield Wednesday before being taken to Luton by Ricky Hill. Has played 112 times for the Hatters, scoring this term in wins over Norwich and Cardiff but not figuring since Boxing Day. Released by the club in 2003 but re-signed by them several months later.

DEAN BRILL

POSITION GOALKEEPER
BORN 02-12-85 IN LUTON
PREVIOUS CLUBS NONE
SIGNED AUG '02 AS A TRAINEE
 Another local lad aiming to make it big at Kenilworth Road. Provides competition for Marlon Beresford along with Robert Beckwith, having joined Luton more than a decade ago at the age of nine. Now stands 6ft 3in and has made nine Championship starts and three in the cups, as well as going on as a substitute in the League. Has attracted interest from elsewhere, too.

LEON BARNETT

POSITION DEFENDER
BORN 30-11-85 IN LUTON
PREVIOUS CLUBS NONE
SIGNED AUG '02 AS A TRAINEE
 Centre-half who can fill in at full-back or up front and who made his debut as a 16-year-old. That was one of 15 first-team outings to date, several of them as substitute and the latest of them the final 16 minutes against Liverpool last weekend. Considerable things are expected of this local boy, who has had a spell on loan with Aylesbury to gain first-team experience.

Mike Newell

Football fans with a penchant for gazing into crystal balls might like to ponder the following the next time they are passing their favourite betting shop: what price Mike Newell to be Liverpool's manager?

Not in the immediate future, of course. But should the current Luton boss' success rate continue, particularly if his learning curve leads to the Premiership or beyond, it is a potential marriage that would seem to have definite possibility.

What's more, it would be a renewing of his vows. Newell may have made his name as an Everton centre forward but began his career playing in the junior sides at Anfield and remains a committed Reds fan, even to the extent of taking his place among the 20,000 Scousers who witnessed Liverpool's astonishing European Cup triumph in Istanbul in May.

So far as a manager, Newell has

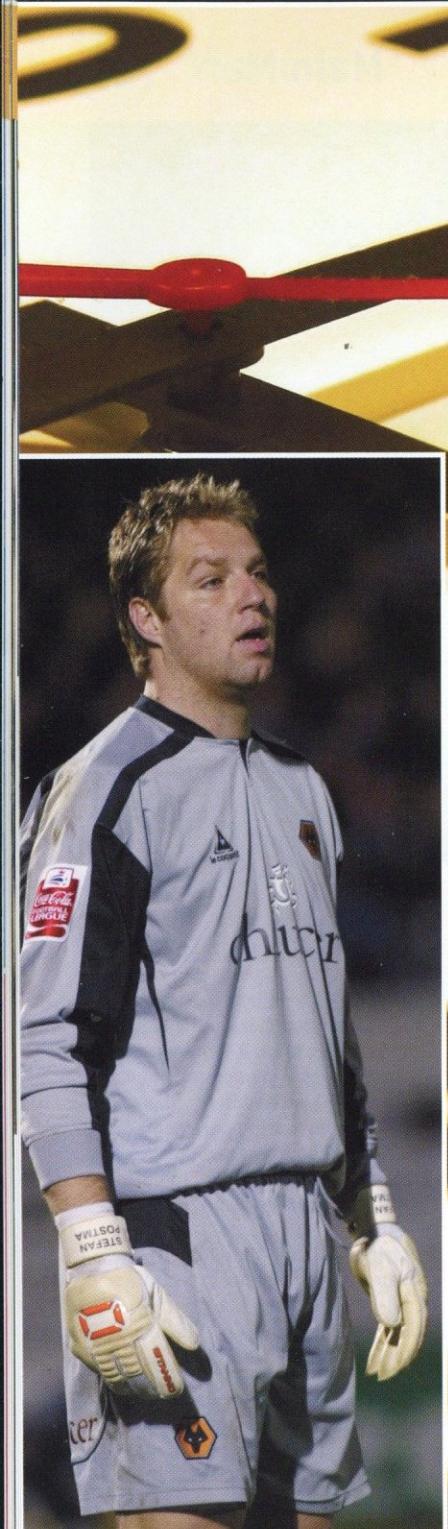
won two promotions in only three full seasons in the job and may yet make it three out of four. Successful at Hartlepool, whom he led to automatic promotion from Division Three in 2003, he was on the mark again last May as Luton romped away with the League One title in only his second year at the helm.

For a while it seemed the Hatters might find promotion from the Championship no less of a stroll as they stuck right on the heels of Sheffield United and Reading.

Their progress has been more stop than start over the last couple of months but Newell has seen no reason to revise his target for the season of reaching the play-offs.

Last weekend, of course, Luton gave a glimpse of their ability in the most exciting third round FA Cup tie for years – against Liverpool, of all people. They thrilled all but the Liverpool fans in a TV audience of 8.5 million by

Main Man



24 hours with Stefan Postma

DID YOU DREAM LAST NIGHT?

I'm normally a fast sleeper and rarely dream. I sometimes wake up thinking about goals I've conceded though.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST THING YOU SAID THIS MORNING AND TO WHO?

'Make me a cuppa' to my mate Barry who is over from Holland and staying with me.

WHAT DID YOU HAVE FOR BREAKFAST AND WHO DID YOU HAVE IT WITH? I had three Weetabix and some oatmeal while Barry was making the tea. He has been nicknamed Barry because he looks just like Barry Evans out of Eastenders.

WHAT DID YOU PUT ON TO TRAVEL TO WORK? Jeans and a t-shirt.

WHO DID YOU SHARE THE JOURNEY WITH? Barry brought me in. His real name is Nordin but the lads all know him as Barry and give him stick because he likes to be really early all of the time..

WHAT WAS THE FIRST THING YOU DID WHEN YOU ARRIVED AT THE TRAINING GROUND? Because of Barry I'm usually first in for training so after getting changed I had a bit of treatment in the physio's room.

WHAT EXTRA WORK DID YOU DO AFTER TRAINING? I did some work in a local gym because I wanted to help Barry lose some weight. Then I went to the sauna.

HAVE YOU READ THE PAPERS? Yes, although generally I only bother with the sports pages.

WHAT'S IN YOUR SHOWER BAG?

Soap, shampoo, etc. And I keep them locked in my cupboard in the changing rooms otherwise they soon disappear!

WHO DO YOU NORMALLY SIT BY FOR LUNCH? I sit by myself so that I can watch Sky Sports News in peace.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT ANYTHING INTERESTING TODAY? I went with my mom to buy her some body lotion



from a shop in Solihull before she went back to Holland.

WILL YOU STOP OFF ANYWHERE ON THE WAY HOME? To Marks and Spencer to do some food shopping.

WHAT WILL YOU WATCH ON TV WHEN YOU GET HOME? I watch some Dutch programmes on satellite television and any football that happens to be on.

WHAT SNACKS WILL BE ON YOUR COFFEE TABLE? I try not to have any snacks around because if they are there, then I'll eat them.

WHAT INTERNET SITES MIGHT YOU VISIT TODAY? I read my emails but that's about as far as it goes when it comes to computers.

WHO OR WHAT IS LIKELY TO ANNOY YOU TODAY? Barry. He's always asking questions. It's a shame really because he's not the brightest.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR GOOD DEED FOR THE DAY? I helped a paramedic carry some of his heavy gear back to his car after an indoor cycling contest in Manchester. One of my mates was in it.

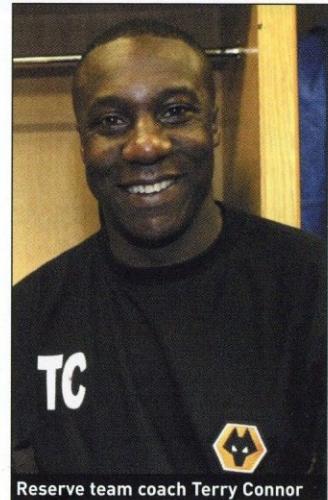
WHAT TIME WILL YOU GO TO BED? It's usually at about midnight.

WHO OR WHAT IS THE LAST THING YOU WILL THINK ABOUT? That would be telling!

WHAT TIME WILL YOU SET THE ALARM FOR? Between 7.45 and 8 o'clock.



Reserve Roundup



Reserve team coach Terry Connor

Last Monday we met West Bromwich Albion at Aggborough and I'm pleased to report on a 3-0 Wolves victory. It was a good, professional performance from our players although it has to be said that the opposition side was comprised mainly of youngsters whereas we fielded a more experienced team at Kidderminster.

And the senior lads did all that was asked of them in preparation and in the game itself. Carl Cort, Rohan Ricketts, Michael Oakes, Jody Craddock, Keith Lowe and Vio Ganea all got a valuable 90 minutes under their belts and are available for this evening's game

should the manager chose to select them.

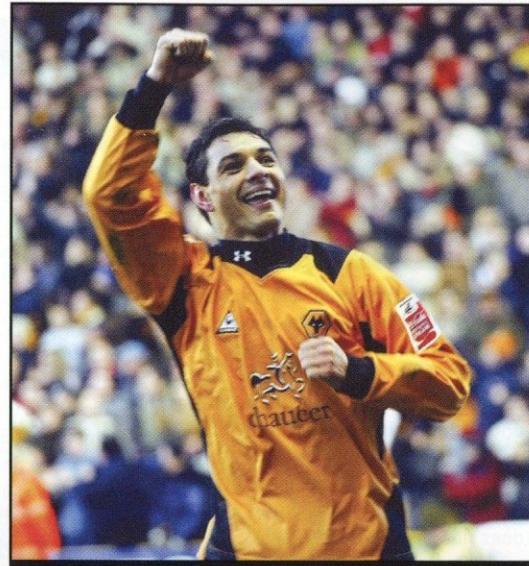
Another matter of note on Monday was that Denes Rosa got his first full game in the club's colours - he worked hard and twice was close to getting on the scoresheet himself.

It showed the value of having several of the senior players on show in that the youngsters in the team played a lot better than they did in the previous game at Newcastle. With the spine of the team made up of the likes of Oakes, Craddock, Cort and Ganea it settles the junior members and helps them to give a better account of themselves.

In fact had it not been for the vastly experienced Russell Hoult in the Baggies goal, the score would have at least been doubled. He must have known before kick-off when he saw the average age of the players in front of him that he was going to be in for a busy night. And I have to say that he pulled off some fantastic saves. I think we had around 18 attempts at goal while Albion had about five.

But there have been times this season when we have sent out a younger side against more experienced opposition and it was us that found ourselves on the back foot. So, although I was generally happy with the result and the display, I won't go overboard. There have been times that we've put out a younger side and lost - but played better. The one thing I was really pleased about, however, was the spirit and togetherness displayed by the lads in what they were trying to achieve.

Next Wednesday we travel to Manchester City for a rearranged fixture before we entertain Liverpool at Telford on Tuesday week, 24th January.



Vio Ganea: Tucked away a penalty against the Baggies.

BARCLAYS PREMIERSHIP RESERVE LEAGUE NORTH FIXTURES 05/06

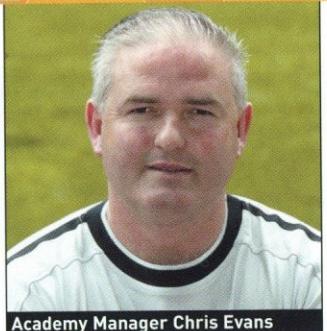
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WED 10 AUG	EVERTON	123	1-0										
TUE 16 AUG	NEWCASTLE UNITED	401	1-2	Postma	Little	Rafferty	Kilgour (4)	Lowe	Flynn	Ndah	Davies		
TUE 6 SEP	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	895	1-2	Postma	Flynn	Jones (2)	Kilgour (1)	Riley	Craddock	Gobern	Davies		
WED 14 SEP	LIVERPOOL	189	0-1	Postma	Little	Jones	Flynn (4)	Riley	Craddock	Gobern	Davies		
MON 26 SEP	BOLTON WANDERERS	234	0-0	Postma	Little	Jones	Gleeson (3)	Riley	Rafferty	Gobern	O'Connor		
TUE 4 OCT	LEEDS UNITED	263	3-1	Postma	Little	Rafferty	Gleeson (4)	Riley	Craddock	Stewart	O'Connor		
MON 10 OCT	MANCHESTER UNITED	829	1-4	Postma	Little	Collins	Gleeson	Riley (2)	Rafferty	Stewart	Fitzpatrick (4)		
WED 19 OCT	BLACKBURN	202	2-2	Harrison	Little	Collins (5)	Gleeson	Riley	Rafferty	Gobern	O'Connor		
WED 9 NOV	SUNDERLAND	666	0-2	Harrison	Ross	Jones	Collins	Riley	Clyde (1)	Gobern (5)	Little		
MON 14 NOV	WIGAN	195	0-2	Harrison	Ross (1)	Rafferty (5)	Collins	Riley	Clyde (3)	Gobern	Taylor		
TUE 29 NOV	MIDDLESBROUGH	153	0-1	Harrison	Ross (1)	Jones	Clyde	Riley	Rafferty	Cornes	Taylor (3)		
TUE 6 DEC	BIRMINGHAM CITY	154	1-1	Oakes	Ross	Jones	Spalding	Riley	Rafferty	Cornes	Olofinjana		
WED 14 DEC	ALVECHURCH BSC	125	2-1	Harrison	Little	Jones (1)	Spalding	Rafferty	Taylor	Cornes	Collins		
TUE 20 DEC	EVERTON	411	3-1	Oakes	Ross	Rafferty	Olofinjana	Craddock	Lowe	Stewart	Ince		
TUES 3 JAN	NEWCASTLE UNITED	341	1-2	Harrison	Little	Rafferty	Collins (3)	Lowe	Riley	Cornes	Davies		
MON 9 JAN	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	440	3-0	Oakes	Ricketts	Jones	Riley	Craddock	Lowe	Rosa	O'Connor		
WED 18 JAN	MANCHESTER CITY	A		Athletics Arena, Sportcity									
TUE 24 JAN	LIVERPOOL	H		AFC Telford United									
WED 15 FEB	LEEDS UNITED	H		AFC Telford United									
MON 20 FEB	BOLTON WANDERERS	A		Lancashire FA									
THU 2 MAR	MANCHESTER UNITED	A		Hyde United FC									
WED 8 MAR	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H		AFC Telford United									
WED 15 MAR	MIDDLESBROUGH	H		AFC Telford United									
TUE 21 MAR	SUNDERLAND	H		AFC Telford United									
WED 29 MAR	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A		Robin Park Arena									
TUE 4 APR	ASTON VILLA	H		AFC Telford United									
MON 10 APR	BIRMINGHAM CITY	A		Solihull Borough FC									
WED 19 APR	ASTON VILLA	A		Villa Park									
MON 24 APR	MANCHESTER CITY	H		AFC Telford United									

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BARCLAYS PREMIERSHIP
RESERVE LEAGUE NORTH

APPEARANCES & GOALS 2005/2006

	League Apps.	League Goals	BSC Apps	BSC Goals	Total Apps.	Total Goals
Askey	0(2)	-	-	-	0(2)	-
Bennett	4(6)	-	-	-	4(6)	-
Cameron	2	-	-	-	2	-
Clyde	3	-	-	-	3	-
Cort	2	-	-	-	2	2
Craddock	5	-	-	-	5	-
Clarke	6	4	-	-	6	4
Collins	5(2)	-	1	-	6(2)	-
Cornes	4	-	1	1	5	1
Davies	6	-	-	-	6	-
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Taylor	2(2)	-	1	-	3(2)	-



Academy Manager Chris Evans

Congratulations to Glenn, Stuart and the lads on progressing to the next stage of the FA Cup, and in all likelihood what would appear to be an encounter with the Red Devils.

As usual, the Cup weekend threw up some interesting results reiterating the fact that status does not guarantee progress.

The Conference division should be really proud of the performances of their member clubs, especially those who surprised Premier League opponents.

Whilst Burton were outstanding versus Manchester United on home turf, nothing short of a miracle would see them make further progress at Old Trafford.

I'm sure all concerned will be delighted for our first team players to pit their talents against United's multi million pound stars.

The home advantage and massive support at Molineux will give us a chance of an upset yet regardless of the result these are the fixtures that we want to be playing in.

If we achieve our Premiership objective this season then next year we will be playing such games on a weekly basis.

I was particularly pleased on Saturday to see Mark Davies back in action for the first team, even more so to witness what I felt was a very polished performance.

I'm sure Paul Ince's experience and motivation alongside Mark must give the 17-year-old great confidence.

Yes it's early days for Mark, and

Youth Roundup

obviously he's learning his trade; he will make his mistakes, yet there is not doubting the talent and potential that this local lad possesses. Since he was nine-years-old, I have seen him fly past opponents with a dribbling ability that appears to be a dying art in football.

Shortly he will add the end product to his game with assists, and by scoring goals, but one thing you will always get from Mark is forward running and creative play.

Under Glenn, who believes in him as a player, Mark will flourish, and the undoubted advice and tuition that our manager will obviously impart upon him will I'm sure allow for further progress.

Leon Clarke's goal versus Plymouth booked our big money spinning tie with what should be United at Molineux.

And no, he didn't win any plaudits or supporters' Player of the Season votes with his celebration. Leon deeply regrets his oversight and most definitely did not wish to cause offence, merely allowing his jubilation and emotion to get the better of him.

However, I would like to clear up one or two points regarding a young man I have been associated with for over a decade.

Sure, he's not having the best of time at the moment, sure he should have scored a few more goals this season, and sure he can, like most 20-year-olds, be a frustrating person at times.

But one thing he is not is a drinker, as reported in some corners. In fact he doesn't drink. Secondly, he is not on £10,000 a week as suggested on the post match Wolf radio station by one supporter; in fact he would not earn such a sum in months.

Leon is only 20 years of age, and

yes, Paul Ince makes better decisions than he does having 18 more years of experience to fall back on.

It is not my duty to defend Leon, yet I feel it is not right to question a player's integrity unfairly.

He had a very good first season last year and scored goals. He has committed himself to a new contract and was delighted to do so. He is lacking in confidence, and when the big 'C' abandons a player so, usually, does good form.

He has deserved criticism and has endured the taunts and boos that have rightly or wrongly come his way. Glenn Hoddle has stood firmly by him and put his arm around his shoulder when needed, and I'm sure lectured him when required.

Leon will repay Glenn's faith with goals and better performances I'm sure, for over the years I have witnessed his goalscoring ability. Likewise, Leon will win back the Molineux fans who have previously chanted his name.

Martin Swain, of the Express and Star, summed up the whole affair this week when he wrote that Leon will learn more about himself and football in those difficult times than in a season where he scores a hatful of goals.

Leon must now display the mental strength which will see him back to top form. Hard, long days on the training ground and the repetition of good habits would appear the order of the day.

He is not the finished article yet, but who knows what a little bit of lady luck, a barrowful of graft and a tad of patience might bring in the future.

May I wish Glenn, Stuart and the lads every success in tonight's fixture.

with Academy Manager **Chris Evans**



John Perkins
Under 18s Coach
Assistant Academy Manager

Under 18 Notes
Last Saturday the youth team played Stoke

City at home. As I have pointed out in previous programme notes we are continuing with our policy of playing very young at youth level this season.

In fact we started with four under 16s, five under 17s and two under 18s, in comparison to a full under 18 side with three 19-year-olds. Again our lads worked hard throughout, but Stoke took the initiative in the first-half and led by 3-0 at the interval.

In the second-half we improved a lot and I thought we were the better side. We created good chances with Josh Ferran and Elliott Bennett both going close. Our second-half display was at the level we look for at all times together with attitude consistency and work ethic.

The youth team play Charlton Athletic this coming Tuesday, 17 January, in an FA Youth Cup tie at Molineux. Kick-off is at 7.00pm and we look forward to seeing you here to support the lads.

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SAT 17 SEP	SHEFFIELD UNITED	AWAY	0-0
SAT 24 SEP	MANCHESTER UNITED	HOME	3-2
SAT 1 OCT	BLACKBURN ROVERS	AWAY	0-2
SAT 8 OCT	STOKE CITY	AWAY	0-2
SAT 15 OCT	MANCHESTER CITY	HOME	1-2
SAT 22 OCT	EVERTON	AWAY	0-1
SAT 5 NOV	WEST BROMWICH	HOME	1-3
SAT 12 NOV	CREWE ALEXANDRA	HOME	1-0
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SAT 3 DEC	LIVERPOOL	HOME	1-2
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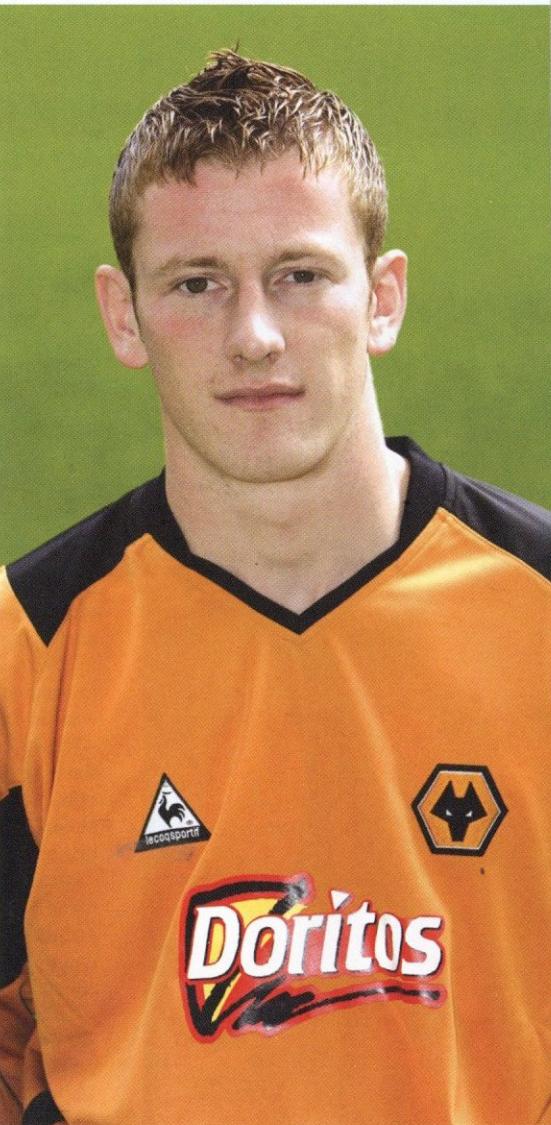
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- 2 Position:** MIDFIELD
- 3 Date of birth:** 6 JULY 1988
- 4 Place of birth:** WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE
- 5 School attended:** THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL
- 6 Date signed for the Wolves Academy:** MAY 2004
- 7 Favourite other sport:** RUGBY
- 8 Favourite sports personality:** FRANK LAMPARD
- 9 Favourite TV show:** POLICE WORST VIDEOS
- 10 Favourite film:** ROCKY
- 11 Favourite TV or film character:** DOUG FUNNIE
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- 15 Favourite food:** SUBWAY SANDWICHES
- 16 Favourite place to visit:** TENERIFE
- 17 Favourite clothes:** ENGLAND SHIRT
- 18 Favourite animal:** DOG
- 19 Favourite car:** MERCEDES OR AUDI TT
- 20 Favourite pin-up:** PINK





Comeback can't come soon enough for Carl

By David Instone

Three months on the sidelines are enough to test the patience of any player. But Carl Cort has been licking his lips in anticipation as well as resting his cleaned-out knee since he last started a first-team game at home to Derby in mid-October.

And now a full comeback can't come soon enough for the striker who started 2005-06 with a burst of goals that elevated him to the top of the Coca-Cola Championship scoring chart.

"The way we've been creating chances has made it even harder to be out of the side," he said this week. "We've been so far ahead of many teams in general play and only missed chances have stopped us killing them off and winning a lot more matches.

"We have to get back to scoring more goals and, if I can play a part in that, I'll be happy. There might still be such a lot to look forward to this season and I want to do all I can to help."

The 28-year-old scored nine times in the opening two months of his second full campaign at Molineux – as prolific a start as he has ever made.

Certainly, he was on course to make this his best-ever season and has not shelved that ambition despite his latest lengthy absence.

"I scored 16 or 17 goals for Wimbledon in their relegation year in the Premiership and got 16 for Wolves last season," he added.

"My aim has definitely been to

beat that mark and I'm still hopeful I can do it this time. I'm always confident in my ability to score goals.

"We know we need to be more consistent and are disappointed our longest run of successive wins so far is two. If I can get past my target, it has to be a lift for our chances of going up. We need as many players as possible fit and somewhere near their best."

"It has been a big disappointment to miss so many games, especially as I thought I'd put all my serious injuries behind me by having a good solid pre-season and then starting well."

"Shortly before my injury, though, we realised it was going to happen. It was a case of when, not if, because I'd had a twinge in my knee since early in the season."

More recently, it has been business as usual for Carl, in the reserves at least, during his heartening comeback.

His header from a corner in the game away to Newcastle restored him to the scoring groove and he showed his predatory instincts by netting again in the second string's handsome victory over Albion at Kidderminster on Monday night.

As with so many of his first-team 'strikes,' they haven't been the sort to challenge for Goal of the Season awards – but the bread-and-butter variety on which many marksmen feed.

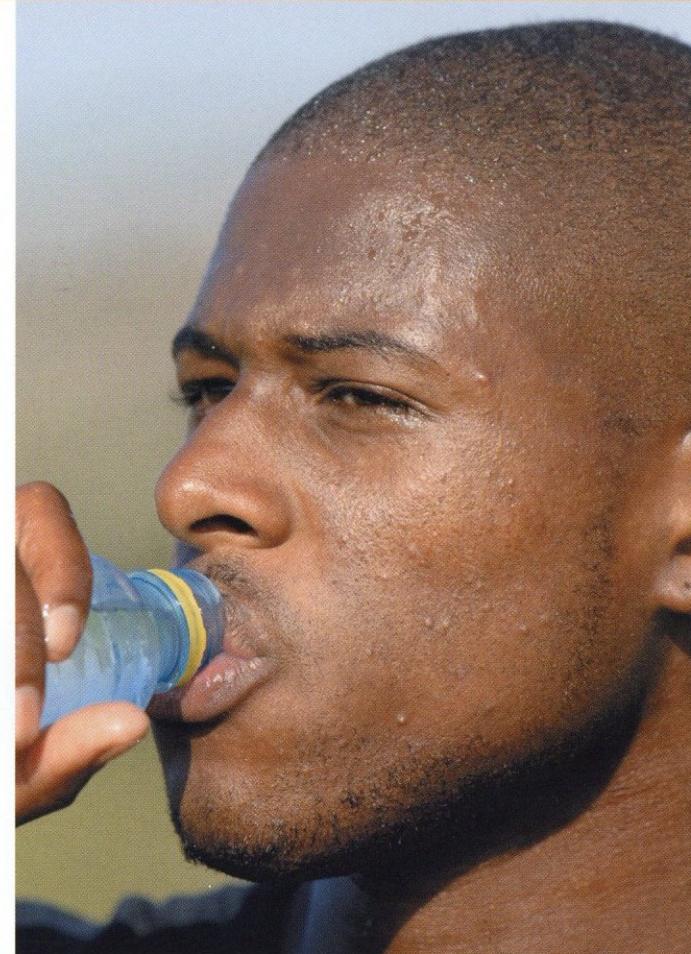
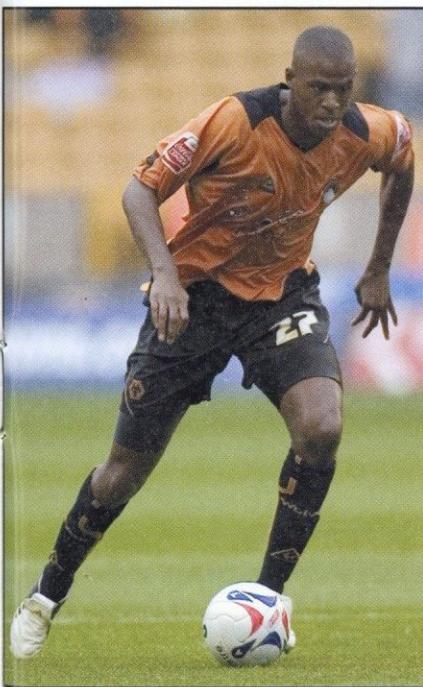
"I have never considered myself to be a scorer of spectac-

ular goals. About seven of those I've scored in the first team this season have been from in the six-yard area for a start."

"I've done a lot of work with the gaffer on making sure I get into the most dangerous areas when crosses are coming in because it's obvious from looking at videos how many times the ball flashes across the penalty area fairly close in."

Cort, a former England under-21 international who is still also available for Jamaica at senior level through his father's birthplace, attributes some of his success to good grooming and could be excused for keeping half an eye on events on the north-east coast as he continues his recovery.

His last club Newcastle are on the brink of a celebration in their difficult season, with Alan Shearer now only one goal short of overtaking Jackie Milburn as Tyneside's leading all-time scorer.



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And, down on Humberside, Carl is wondering whether he will finally have the chance to square up to younger brother Leon for the first time when Wolves visit Hull's KC Stadium in six weeks' time.

"I still stay in touch with Kieran Dyer and Titus Bramble at Newcastle and was lucky to train with Alan and play some games with him," he added.

"Watching him on TV teaches you so much but it's a bonus to

have had the chance to train with him and partner him on occasions.

"He has been one of the Premiership's top strikers for a long, long time and it seems to have been written in the stars that he would break this record.

"As for Leon, I obviously speak to him a fair bit and I'm glad to see him doing pretty well for Hull. We've never faced each other at any level, so February 25 could be an interesting day for the family."



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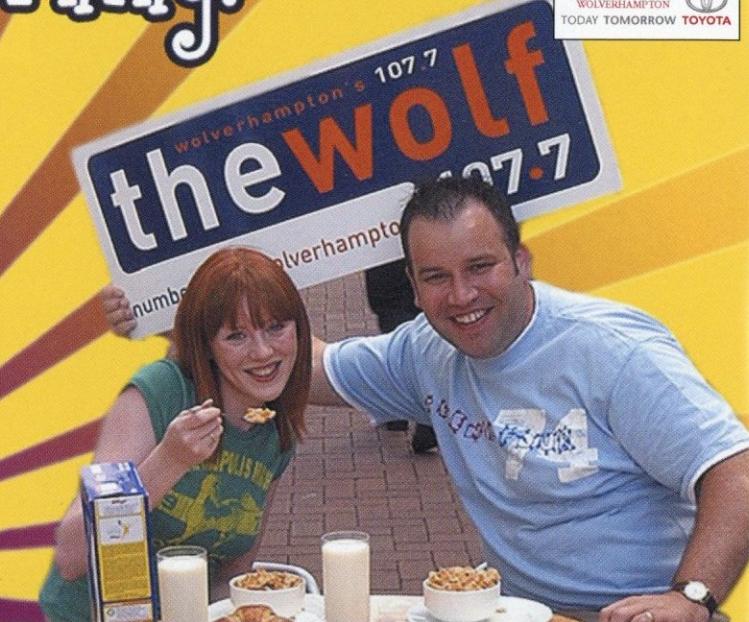
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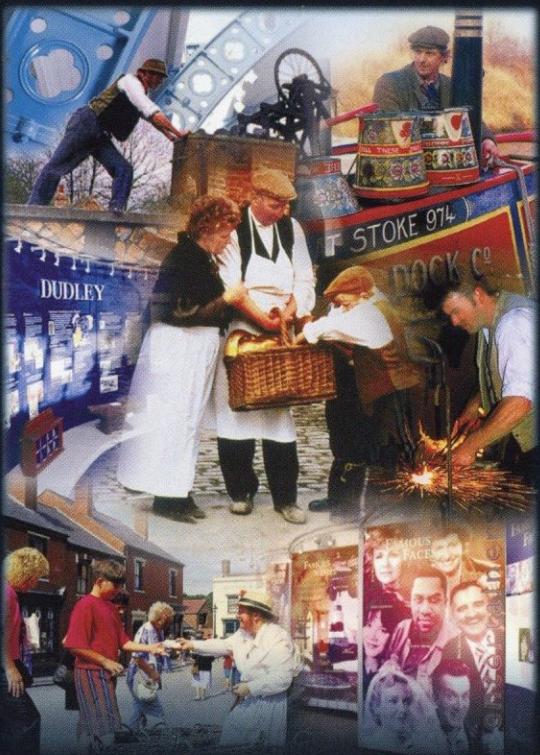
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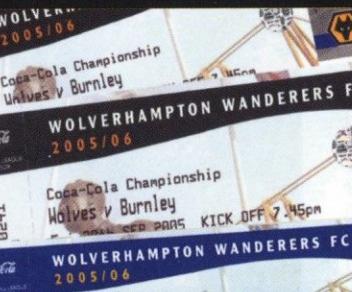
The Manchester United v Burton Albion replay does not take place until Wednesday 18th January, therefore tickets for the 4th round tie will go on sale on Thursday 19th January.

Season ticket holders keen to attend the game are urged to subscribe (free of charge) to the 'Cup Tie Scheme' which guarantees their ticket for all Cup matches played at Molineux, in addition to the home leg of the play-off competition should it be necessary. It also means that your Cup Tie ticket will automatically be sent through the post to your home address.

Application forms to join the scheme can be collected from the Ticket Office, or downloaded from www.wolves.co.uk. Alternatively, call the Ticket Office and provide your credit card details over the phone.

The deadline for joining the 'Cup Tie Scheme' is Saturday 21st January.

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20 or more points: Wednesday 25th January (non season ticket seats)

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These need to be agreed with the opposition club, but discussions to date suggest that tickets for Manchester United will be at normal matchday League prices, whilst prices for Burton Albion are still under discussion. Full details will be announced when the final opponent is known.



Transfer window activity begins to increase

Leicester this week signed Walsall striker Matty Fryatt as activity increased in the transfer window.

Despite their three goals against Tottenham in Sunday's memorable FA Cup comeback, the East Midlanders have been struggling in the Coca-Cola Championship for finishing power.

Now manager Craig Levein is hoping Fryatt, signed for three and a half years, can produce the form that has brought him 14 Saddlers goals this season.

The England under-19 international is thought to have cost an initial £300,000 but additional payments will follow depending

on appearances and there will be a further windfall if Leicester sell him at a profit.

Southampton have finally cashed in on Antti Niemi, the Finnish international touted as the best keeper outside the Premiership.

He has joined Fulham for over £1m after the Saints signed Poland under-21 keeper Bartosz Bialkowski from Gornik Zabrze for a nominal fee as replacement for Alan Blayney, who joined Doncaster for £50,000.

Bialkowski impressed Saints boss George Burley while on trial at Hearts and has signed for two and a half years.

Scotland winger Neil McCann, who cost £1.5m when signed by Gordon Strachan in 2003, has left Southampton by mutual consent but striker Ricardo Fuller turned down a move to Ipswich and vowed to fight for his place.

Ipswich instead signed Cardiff's Republic of Ireland international forward Alan Lee for about £100,000 and told midfielder Kevin Horlock he is free to leave.

Cardiff made moves of their own when landing Rangers striker Steven Thompson, 27, for £250,000, having already signed Darlington's Guylain Ndumbu-Nsungu on a free. The Congolese striker has scored 11 times this season, including five in five games.

They have failed to sign on-loan Feyenoord defender Glenn Loovens, though, on a permanent



Liam Miller: Elland Road loan extended.

contract.

Brighton have been desperately seeking a striker after selling Leon Knight – scorer of 27 goals in the club's 2003-04 promotion season – to Swansea for £125,000. A sell-on has also been agreed.

The 23-year-old wanted to leave following a series of arguments with manager Mark McGhee.

Preston this week signed Bury midfielder Simon Whaley for an

initial £250,000, having had a bid for Celtic midfielder Stephen Pearson rejected.

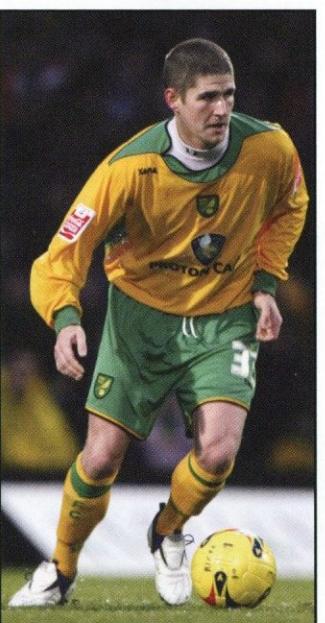
Boss Billy Davies said: "It's a tremendous signing. He's a young player with great potential."

Hull, meanwhile, signed Falkirk striker Darryl Duffy for around £250,000 and targeted another forward.

Manchester United midfielder Liam Miller has extended his loan at Leeds until the end of the season while Burnley have lost first-team coach Mark Yates, who has become Kidderminster manager, and replaced him with their former defender, Steve Davis.

Lincoln and Northern Ireland defender Gareth McAuley's proposed move to Crewe has fallen through, although the clubs agreed a £150,000 fee.

But on-loan Manchester United



Carl Robinson: Injury puts permanent Norwich deal in doubt.

forward Eddie Johnson has decided to stay at Crewe rather than sign permanently for Hull.

Away from the transfer market, Stoke manager Johan Boskamp says he will leave in the summer if director of football John Rudge doesn't go first.

Boskamp fell out in November with Rudge and assistant boss Jan de Koning and says: "Everyone knows the problems and I don't change my mind. I have my principles."

Sheffield Wednesday have completed the signings of Leicester left-back Peter Gilbert and Derby striker Marcus Tudgay for undisclosed fees and another struggling club, Millwall, were this week poised to send midfielder Sammy Igoe to Bristol Rovers on loan.

Norwich boss Nigel Worthington says selling striker Dean Ashton would effectively end their promotion hopes.

The Canaries have slapped a £7m price tag on Ashton in an attempt to scare off interest in the 22-year-old, who has been linked with several Premiership clubs.

"For us to have half a chance of the play-offs, Dean needs to be at this club," the manager said. "I'm just focussed on the boy being here. He has enjoyed his time here and he still has a lot to learn."

Wales and former Wolves midfielder Carl Robinson's permanent move to Norwich is in doubt after he punctured a lung and broke four ribs.

He has been on loan from Sunderland since November and a deal had been agreed. Now he'll be out for four to eight weeks.

Crystal Palace have turned



Marcus Hahnemann: Signed new contract at Reading.

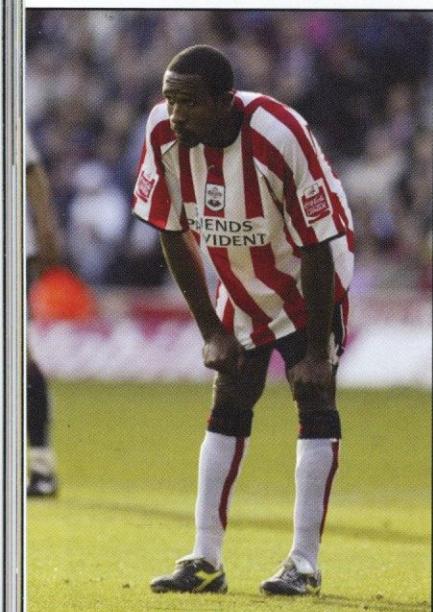
down a bid from Birmingham for ex-St Andrew's hit-man Andy Johnson.

Blues were prepared to offer £3m plus players in a £6.5m deal but Palace chairman Simon Jordan called it 'a sad attempt to make Birmingham look ambitious.'

Reading keeper Marcus Hahnemann has signed a new one-year contract tying him until summer, 2007, and Sheffield United striker Steven Kabba has agreed a two-and-a-half-year deal at Bramall Lane, having recently rejected a new contract.

Winger Chris Eagles, just back from half a season at Sheffield Wednesday, rejoined Watford on loan from Manchester United in time to play in their FA Cup clash against Bolton.

Coventry midfielder Issac Osbourne is out for the season with ruptured lateral knee ligaments.



Ricardo Fuller: Turned down move to Ipswich.

Back to School

New study centre for Wolves trainees

Academy youngsters are getting back down to work after the Christmas break – and that includes hitting the books.

The 15 trainees currently undergoing their two-year apprenticeship with Wolves might be aiming to make the grade as professional players, but education forms a significant part of their weekly schedule.

This term is going to be different as the lads now have the benefit of being able to do all their lessons and course work in a fully equipped education centre based at the Compton Park training ground.

In addition to a hi-tech gym, state of the art medical facilities, top grade pitches, restaurant and changing rooms, the Academy also boasts a study room furnished with the latest computer technology.

All trainee footballers at every professional club follow an education programme and academies are required to employ a full-time officer responsible for overseeing their progress.

At Wolves that role falls to Nick Loftus, a former Physical Education teacher who has for many years also been involved in organising schools football in Wolverhampton.

Nick joined Wolves in April 2004 and it's his job to impress upon the young hopefuls the need to pay close attention to their studies, as he knows that not everyone who makes the jump from schoolboy to youth team level will progress on to the professional ranks.

"Obviously when the boys join us from school they have one ambition and that is to become a professional player," says Nick.

"They have got to have that drive and determination if they are going to make it and it's the job of everyone who works for the Academy to try and help them succeed.

"But we also recognise that not every lad will come through so they are going to need something to fall back on. The last thing we want is for them to leave Wolves after two years with nothing.

"I'm very lucky because everyone at the Academy - Chris Evans (Academy manager), John Perkins (coach) and all the other staff - are very keen to impress this on new recruits. I'm pleased to say the boys have all taken it on board and all work hard.

"They all follow the same course - NVQ level three Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence - which is the equivalent of two A Levels.

"In general the lads that we select for the Academy are above average academically and some of them have done exceptionally well at their schools. So it's good

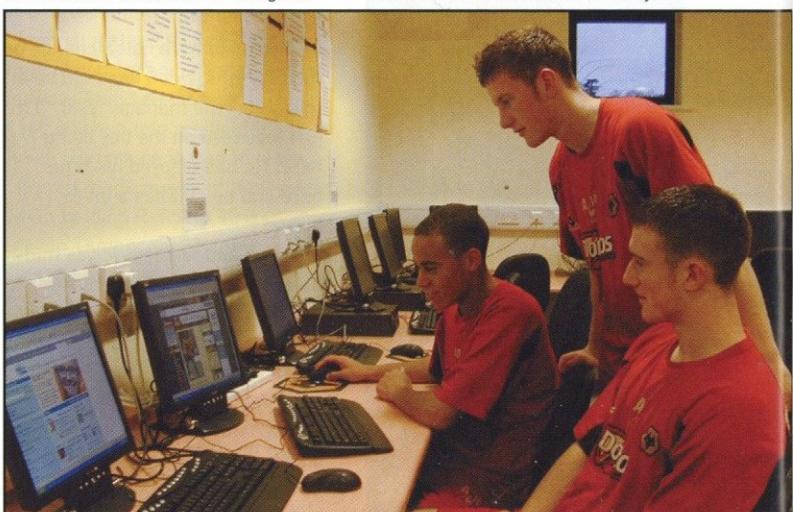
that we are able to let them carry on their education. Even if they do go on to become pros, following the course is good for their personal development.

"The curriculum is very relevant to their career as it focuses on technical and tactical development, physical conditioning, psychological development, communication and lifestyle.

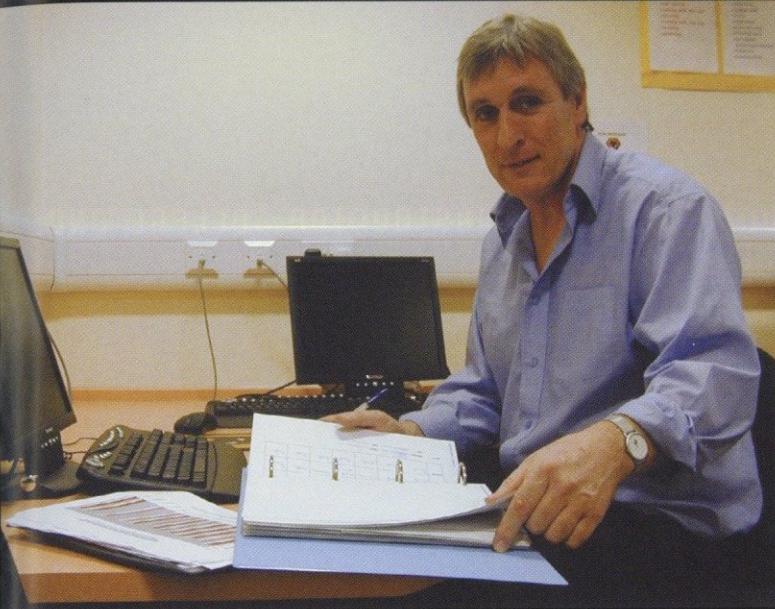
"We are assisted by three tutors and three specialist support staff from Wolverhampton College, who come to Compton on Monday and Friday afternoons, plus all day Thursday, to teach the lads.

"In addition, the youngsters all train to become FA qualified coaches, which helps their understanding of the game and is another qualification for the future if they do not go on to become professionals. This season those courses have been taken by former Villa player Dennis Mortimer and former Wolves midfielder Barry Powell.

"In the past we have used facilities at Molineux or the boys



Trainees Elliott Bennett, Tom France and Lee Collins get to work.



Nick Loftus keeps check of the lads' progress.

have travelled to local colleges, but now we have all we need on site.

"When the Sir Jack Hayward Training Ground was being built we were asked what we would need for the study centre and the club has provided it.

"The senior management at Wolves have given us lots of support and what we have now at Compton is admired by other clubs.

"And it's not just the lads who are already here who are benefiting. When we are trying to recruit players of the future it's a great facility to be able to show parents.

"The new training ground has helped the Academy move forward in many ways and this is definitely one of them."

Clubs Help to Kick off Male Cancer Campaign



Testicular cancer survivor and former Football League club physiotherapist, Simon Shakeshaft, has kicked off a 'Ground Hop' challenge in aid of the PFA/FA Male Cancer Awareness Campaign 'Keep Your Eye On The Ball'. Starting at his last League club Shrewsbury Town, in early December "Shakey", as he is affectionately known in football, had visited 16 clubs in the first month of his challenge. After starting at Gay Meadow, Simon is planning to visit as many Premiership, Football League and Conference clubs as possible over the remainder of the season, hoping to have visited all 116 grounds within the calendar year. The main aim of the project is to raise awareness of male cancers to players, staff and club supporters.

Simon has been a fundraiser for the Keep Your Eye On The Ball campaign, for which, even before this "Ground Hop" challenge, he had personally raised £41,000. Keep Your Eye On The Ball was set-up four years ago by The PFA, The FA and The Everyman Male Cancer Campaign, after several high profile players were diagnosed with testicular cancer. Its main objective was to raise awareness of male cancer within the football community.

Simon is here this evening on the Molineux leg of his journey. We all wish him well in his quest. If anyone would like to make a donation to the fund, they can do so this evening at the ticket office, club shop or main reception. Otherwise, donations can be sent in to Molineux headed 'Keep Your Eye On The Ball Campaign'.

For further information about male cancer and the campaign visit: <http://www.keepyoureyeontheball.org/home.html>

Symptoms to look out for

These symptoms do not mean you have cancer and may well relate to another much less serious problem. However, if you notice any of these symptoms, go and see your GP as soon as you can:

Testicular cancer

- A lump in either testicle
- Any enlargement of the testicles
- A feeling of heaviness in the scrotum
- A dull ache in the abdomen or groin
- A sudden collection of fluid in the scrotum
- Growth or tenderness of the upper chest

Prostate cancer

- Difficulty in urinating
- Delays in urinating
- Stopping and starting urinating
- A weak stream of urine
- Urinating more often than usual
- Pain whilst urinating
- Blood in the urine
- Pain or stiffness in the lower back and hips

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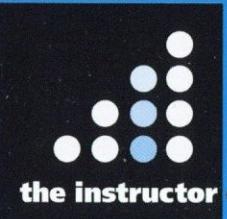
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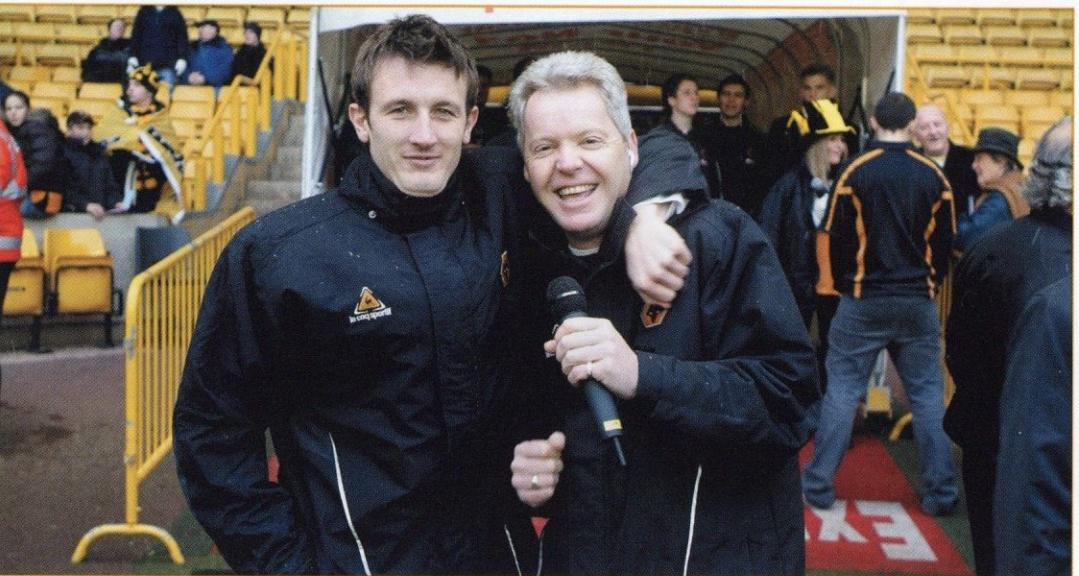
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Around The Ground

Backroom Boys...

with pitch announcer Steve Welch



As a DJ, Steve Welch is well used to playing to the crowd, and the crowd doesn't come much larger than when he plays a gig at Molineux. For Steve is Wolves' pitch announcer, the man whose job it is to warm up the thousands inside the ground before the teams take to the field. Steve - or 'Welchy' as he is known - also oversees any half-time competitions and entertainment.

A supporter since 1966, when his Uncle John took him into the old Molineux Street Stand to watch a game, he has, over the years, had the chance to meet and become friends with some of the players he idolised.

"I have got to know the likes of Frank Munro, John Richards, Bully, Thommo and now the likes of Lee Naylor and George Ndah as mates - which is brilliant," he said. "George is one of the nicest blokes you could ever wish to meet and it's unbelievable the bad luck he's suffered."

Steve is in his sixth season as the 'man in the middle' but his association with the club began before that with his work for local radio station 107.7 The Wolf.

"I had my own show on the station for four years and I was the linkman on matchdays with Bill Hatton and Pete Moody doing the commentary and me in a studio at the ground doing interviews and hosting the post match phone in," he said.

Away from football Welchy works not only as a DJ, but also as a compare at dinners and he is a member of the Wolverhampton Circle of Magicians - whose current president, Steve Evans is, says Steve, a big Wolves fan.

In his work, the Gornal-born entertainer has enjoyed several memorable moments.

He recalls: "When I went on to the pitch at Cardiff wearing gold and black dreadlocks in front of all of those supporters is something that will stay with me all of my days.

What an afternoon that was.

"And I also laugh to myself about when we beat Manchester United two years ago. I think I lost it a bit after we had won telling everyone 'see you in the pub in ten minutes'.

"I seem to have made a bit of a name for myself when I refer to our friends down the road at the Hawthorns as the stripey lot, but it's only meant in fun. And people are always asking me who Chris Turbo is as I give him a mention every match. So I'm going to reveal him today - he's a mechanic mate of mine who sits in the Steve Bull Stand."

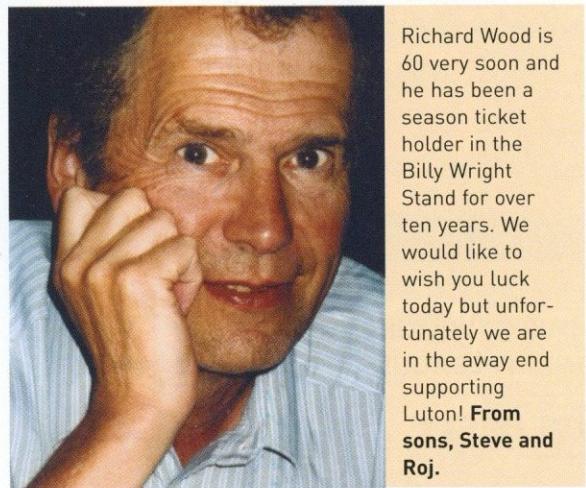
Steve - who is absent tonight as he is on his annual winter skiing sojourn - normally arrives at Molineux at noon on matchdays to work out the programme of events with colleague Jason Forrest, who handles the stadium PA.

Steve adds: "If you can make someone smile that's great. If you can make most of the crowd smile, it's even better."

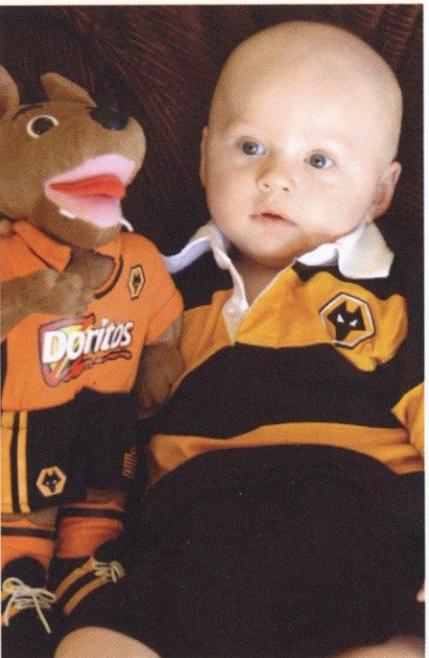
Dear Editor,



Happy birthday to our mom, Patricia who is 62 today. She is a season ticket holder in the Stan Cullis Stand and has supported Wolves since she was little. We hope she enjoys tonight's game and that her favourite player, Seol, can score a goal for her! **Lots of love from all the family xxx**



Richard Wood is 60 very soon and he has been a season ticket holder in the Billy Wright Stand for over ten years. We would like to wish you luck today but unfortunately we are in the away end supporting Luton! **From sons, Steve and Roj.**

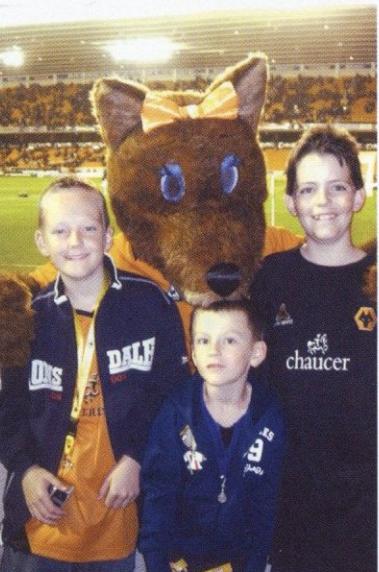


Here is a picture of my five month old son Jaron - the most recent addition to Wolves fans down under! Dad is looking forward to showing him around Molineux when we come home to Wolverhampton in May for a holiday. Hi to all my friends back home, and if anyone's coming down to Australia make sure you check out our fan site <http://ozwolves.com> for club info for the city you're in! There isn't a Gold Coast Wolves yet - so I would love to hear from fellow Wolves fans in the area that might be reading this. **From Steve Dalton, Gold Coast, Australia.**

Calling all collectors! The Big Midland Football Memorabilia & Programme Fair is taking place this Sunday at Stafford Rangers Football Club from 10.30am until 2.30pm. Admission is 50p and under 16s go free. There will be 20 dealers from all over the UK selling a wide selection of items. **For more information contact Paul Bailey on: 01782 620480.**



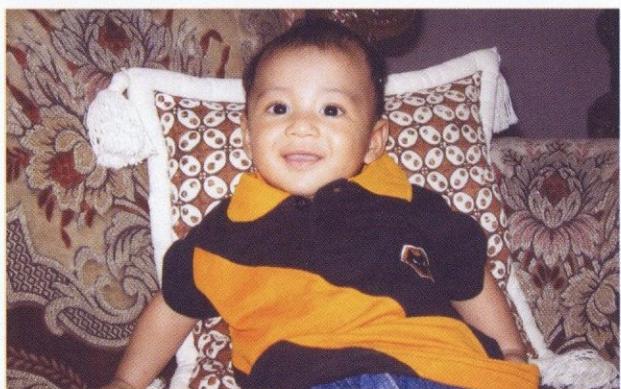
Happy birthday to Elliot and James Griffiths who were eight yesterday. They are both season ticket holders in the family enclosure. We hope you enjoy the game and had a wonderful birthday. **Lots of love from Mom & Dad xxxx**



Some friends of ours, Madeline and Pat Cunneen, had their friends from Australia to stay in September 2005. Paul and Teresa Welsh, along with their son Blair, are all Wolves fans and had tickets to see the Burnley game at Molineux. Pictured are my sons Josh and Oliver, who are season ticket holders in the Family Enclosure, along with Blair. We all had a fantastic time and I know Blair will love seeing his photo in the programme as a reminder of his visit to Wolverhampton. **From Neil Woodberry, Billy Wright Stand.**



These are our friends Emma Dixon and Ian Reid. They are both season ticket holders in the Jack Harris Stand. They are off to the wonderful climate and beauty of Australia on January 18th for an exciting three months of travelling. They should be back in time for the play-offs (hopefully!). We wish you a happy and safe trip. **Love from all your friends xxxx**



Happy New Year to our friends P.B Imam Santoso and Caecilia Citraningtyas in Indonesia. This is their son Venantius Briel Santoso - we are hoping he could open a Wolves Fan Club in Indonesia when he grows up! **Love from Richard and Amelia Stretton xxx**

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We have a number of 1877 special events coming up at Molineux over the next months which I'm sure will interest you.

Patshull Golf and Country Club in Pattingham is the venue for our club Corporate Golf Day on Wednesday 8th March.

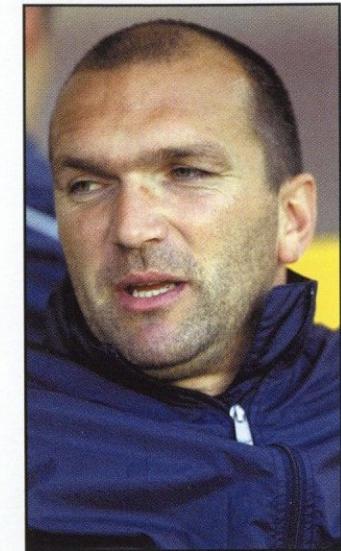
The day starts with tea, coffee and bacon rolls before enjoying a round of golf. The

evening ends with a four-course meal and a night of entertainment in the Dartmouth Suite, the perfect finale to a day on one of the finest golf courses in the Midlands.

The price is £550 plus VAT for a team of three; a Wolves representative of either a past or present player or management will be added to your side at a later date.

Hot off the press, we are delighted to announce another new date to our calendar. Former Liverpool and England defender Neil 'Razor' Ruddock will be our guest speaker in the Hayward Suite on Thursday 30th March.

'Razor' has become one of the most sought after names



Razor Ruddock.

on the after dinner circuit following his retirement from the game. The larger than life character hit the headlines in 2004 when he starred in hit reality TV show "I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here".

With stories from his time in the game with Gazza, Shearer and co, it's guaranteed to be a great night's entertainment. Tickets cost £50 per person or £450 for a table of ten. All prices quoted are plus VAT and include a four-course meal and comedian.

Other dates to add to your diary are our Amateur Boxing Night on Thursday 6th April and our end of season dinner which takes place on Tuesday 25th April. Further details of these events will be made available very soon.

For further details of these events please call Steve Thomas on 01902 687054 or email: stevethomas@wolves.co.uk



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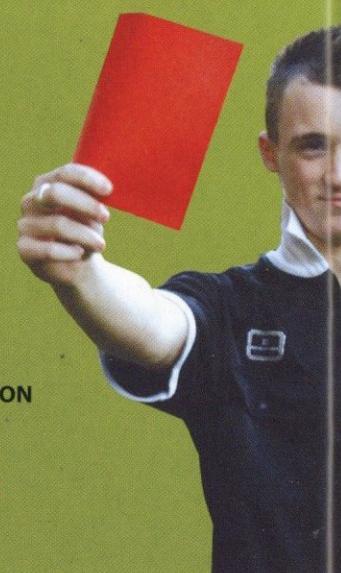
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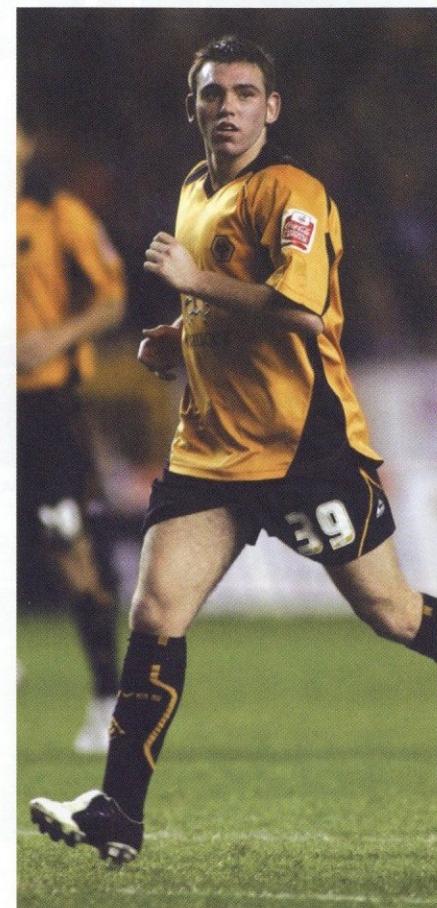
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Quiz Page



All about me... Mark Davies from

Willenhall



1 Willenhall is home to which industry?

- a. Saddle making
- b. Lock making
- c. Glass making

WELL, BOTH A AND B ARE POTENTIALS, BUT I THINK IT'S B - LOCK MAKING.

Correct.

2 You attended Pool Hayes Community School. Who is the current headteacher?

- a. Mr Clarke
- b. Mrs Asbury
- c. Mr Banbery

I ONLY LEFT THREE YEARS AGO AND SO AS LONG AS HE'S NOT MOVED ON IT'S MR CLARKE.

Correct.

3 On the school's coat of arms how many keys are there?

- a. Three
- b. One
- c. Two

IS IT ONE?

Wrong - answer is c.

4 Willenhall Town FC currently plays in which League?

- a. Southern League Division One West
- b. Southern League Premier
- c. Unibond League Division One

I KNOW THEY'RE NOT IN THE PREMIER ONE. IS IT THE UNIBOND?
Wrong - answer is a.

5 Noose Lane is the home of Willenhall Town and which other club?

- a. Bilston United
- b. Wednesfield FC
- c. Wolves Women

IT'S WOLVES WOMEN.
Correct.

6 You were born on 18th February 1988. What was number one in the UK charts that day?

- a. I Should Be So Lucky - Kylie Minogue
- b. I Think We're Alone Now - Tiffany
- c. Don't Turn Around - Aswad

I ONLY KNOW THE KYLIE SONG, SO I'LL GUESS AT THAT.

Correct.

7 Which famous actor also shares your birthday?

- a. Tom Cruise
- b. John Travolta
- c. Jack Nicholson

I RECKON IT'S EITHER TOM CRUISE OR JOHN TRAVOLTA. I'LL GO FOR TRAVOLTA.

Correct.

8 You made your Wolves debut in the Carling Cup game against Chester, who scored Wolves' first goal that day?

- a. Darren Anderton
- b. Colin Cameron
- c. Kenny Miller

IT WAS...(THINKING)...KENNY!

Correct.

9 You captained England u17s against Northern Ireland at Molineux last year. In what minute did you score England's second goal?

- a. 20th
- b. 26th
- c. 44th

I CAN'T REMEMBER THAT! WAS IT JUST BEFORE HALF-TIME - 44TH?

Wrong - answer is b.

10 How many first team starts have you made, in total, so far this season?

- a. 5
- b. 8
- c. 3

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Midfielder Beth Bailey netted five, with captain Kerrie Manley scoring a hat-trick, and Becky Hall, Sarah Lambeth and Olivia Richardson all getting on the scoresheet.

Youngsters Lauren Walker, Olivia Richardson and Georgina Watton all acquitted

themselves well as they stake their claim for a regular first team role, assistant manager/player Anne Blackham sat out the game as she recovers from an Achilles tendon injury.

The next round will be played this Sunday 15th January when Wolves host Coventry City Ladies, who beat Leafield Athletic Triplex 1-0. The game will be played at Goodrich Sports Ground, Stafford Road, Fordhouses, Wolverhampton. Kick-off is 1.30pm and admission is £2 and £1 concessions. Come along and show your support for Wolves Women.

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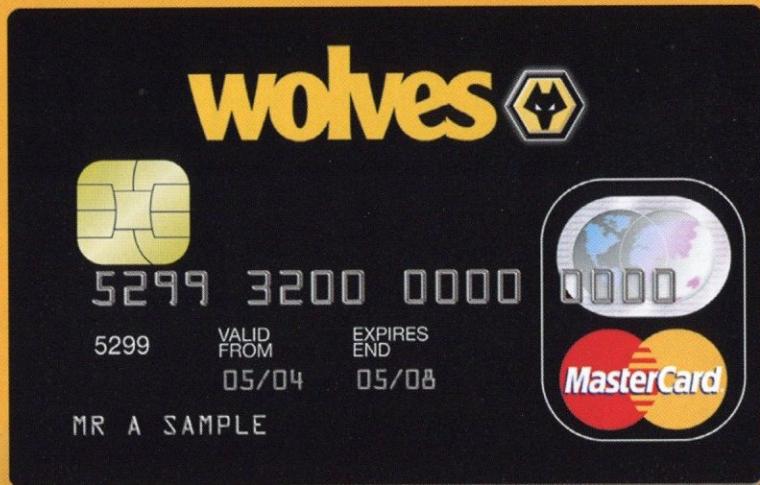


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with his local MP together with the Express and Star. Why not pop in if you're passing? Bob's a Wolves fan through and through and his favourite player is Joleon Lescott. Many thanks to Bob at Village News for all his support and we wish him well with the Post Office opening next Friday.





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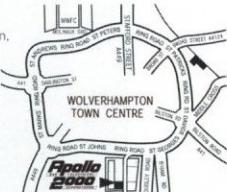
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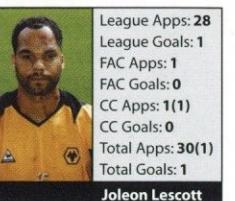
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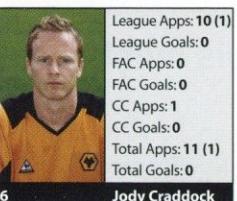
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CC Goals: 0
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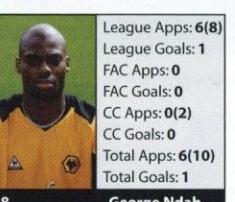
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Total Goals: 9



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Total Goals: 0



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Total Goals: 2



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League Apps: 0(1)

Molineux months...

Leigh Edwards selects headline stories from this month over 60 post-war years at Wolves.



Broken woodwork in Bournemouth Cup-tie.

1957 - CHERRIES RIPE FOR SHOCK

Reg Cutler's goal gave Third Division giantkillers Bournemouth a shock 1-0 FA Cup fourth round victory over the following Wolves team in front of 42,011 at Molineux on 26th January 1957. Team: Bert Williams, Eddie Stuart, Gerry Harris, Bill Slater, Billy Wright, Ron Flowers, Harry Hooper, Colin Booth, Joe Bonson, Peter Broadbent, Jimmy Mullen. After only six minutes Reg Cutler had crashed into the goalpost that Wolves were defending and the goal collapsed. It took seven minutes of comic relief to repair the damage and then the game restarted. The Cherries triumphed 3-1 at home to Tottenham Hotspur in the fifth round.

1958 - BROADBENT SINKS POMPEY

Two goals by Peter Broadbent plus others by Bobby Mason, Jimmy Mullen and Cyril Rutter's own goal gave Wolves a 5-1 FA Cup fourth round victory over Portsmouth in front of 43,522 at Molineux on 25th January 1958. Team: Malcolm Finlayson, Eddie Stuart, Gerry Harris, Eddie Clamp, Billy Wright, Bill Slater, Norman Deeley, Broadbent, Jimmy Murray, Mason, Mullen. It was Wolves' biggest FA Cup win since beating Chesterfield 6-0 in January 1949. Pompey had put five goals past Aldershot in the previous round and it was their heaviest FA Cup defeat since losing 5-0 to Spurs in January 1937.

1960 - EIGHT GOAL THRILLER

Goals from Eddie Clamp, Bobby

Mason, Jimmy Murray and Des Horne gave Wolves a thrilling 4-4 First Division draw against Arsenal in front of 47,854 at Molineux on 2nd January 1960. Team: Malcolm Finlayson, George Showell, Gerry Harris, Clamp, Bill Slater, Ron Flowers, Norman Deeley, Mason, Murray, Peter Broadbent, Horne. Arsenal fielded former Wolves forward Jackie Henderson. Wolves also scored four goals in their next League match at home to Manchester City. It was the first time Wolves had drawn 4-4 in the First Division since they shared eight goals at Middlesbrough in March 1949.

1962 - BLACKPOOL ROCK WOLVES

Four goals by Ray Charnley plus others from Hauser, Perry and Crawford gave Blackpool a remarkable 7-2 First Division victory over the following Wolves team in front of 12,852 at Bloomfield Road on 20th January 1962. Team: Malcolm Finlayson, Eddie Stuart, Laurie Kelly, Bill Slater, George Showell, Ron Flowers, Terry Wharton, Bobby Mason, Jimmy Murray, Peter Broadbent, Alan Hinton. It was the first time Wolves had conceded seven goals in the top-flight since losing 7-0 to Arsenal in December 1934. It was Blackpool's biggest League victory since trouncing Sunderland 7-0 at Bloomfield Road in October 1957.



Jim McCalliog: Old Trafford penalty.

1968 - MILLMOOR CUP EXIT

Jim Storrie scored to give Second Division strugglers Rotherham United a 1-0 FA Cup third round win over the following Wolves team in front of 14,841 at Millmoor on 27th January 1968: Phil Parkes, Gerry Taylor, Les Wilson, Mike Bailey, Dave Woodfield, John Holsgrove, Mike Kenning, Peter Knowles, Derek Dougan, Dave Burnside, Dave Wagstaffe. It was the first time Wolves had lost to lower division opposition in the competition since the then holders were defeated 2-1 at Huddersfield Town in a third round replay in January 1961. The Millers were destined to take top-flight Leicester City to a fifth round replay that season.

1972 - WOLVES BEAT LEADERS

Goals from Derek Dougan, John Richards and Jim McCalliog's penalty gave Wolves an exciting 3-1 First Division victory over leaders Manchester United in front of 46,781 at Old Trafford on 8th January 1972. Team: Phil Parkes, Bernard Shaw, Derek Parkin, Mike Bailey, Frank Munro, John McAlle, McCalliog, Kenny Hibbett, Richards, Dougan (Hugh Curran), Dave Wagstaffe. It extended Wolves' unbeaten run to nine League games. Manchester United were without George Best who had not reported for training all weekend was dropped. Sammy McIlroy, his replacement, scored United's only goal five minutes from time.

1984 - WOLVES SHOCK LIVERPOOL

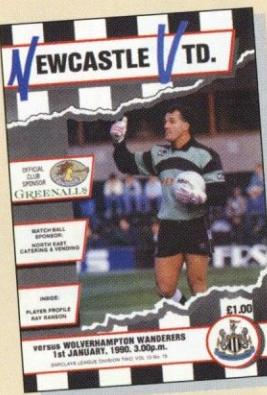
Teenager Steve Mardenborough's

first-half strike gave bottom of the table Wolves a shock 1-0 First Division victory over leaders Liverpool watched by 23,235 at Anfield on 14th January 1984. Team: John Burridge, John Humphrey, Geoff Palmer, Peter Daniel, John Pender, Alan Dodd, Tony Towner, Wayne Clarke, Sammy Troughton, Mardenborough, Danny Crainie. It was Wolves' first win at Anfield since December 1950 and only their fourth victory of the season, while Liverpool lost only one other home League match en route to the League Championship. Wolves remained bottom of the First Division.

turned professional for Doncaster in July 1988 and was ever-present for his hometown club in 1988-89. Making his Wolves debut as substitute in the 1-0 victory at home to Leicester City, their fifth straight win, he was destined to feature prominently as Wolves reached the FA Cup sixth round in 1993-94. He also appeared at right-back and scored once in 132 League outings while at Molineux before losing his place to Jamie Smith and moving to Preston North End for £100,000 in September 1996.

1998 - FREEDMAN SILENCES CANARIES

Dougie Freedman's hat-trick plus goals by Robbie Keane and Don Goodman gave high-flying Wolves an exciting 5-0 First Division victory over Norwich City in front of 23,703 at Molineux on 10th January 1998. Team: Mike Stowell, Kevin Muscat, Steve Frogatt, Mark Atkins, Dean Richards, Keith Curle, Goodman (Mixu Paatela), Darren Ferguson, Keane (Tony Daley), Freedman, Simon Osborn (Carl Robinson). It was Freedman's solitary hat-trick for Wolves and he netted ten goals in 29 League games while at Molineux. Norwich were destined to also lose 5-0 at local rivals Ipswich Town that season.

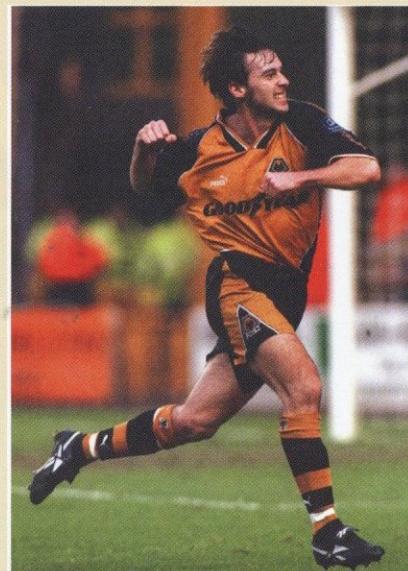


1990 - BULL CALLS THE TOON

Ace marksman Steve Bull scored four times to give Wolves an emphatic 4-1 Second Division victory over Newcastle United in front of 22,054 at St James' Park on New Year's Day 1990. Team: Mark Kendall, Tom Bennett, Mark Venus, Gary Bellamy, Keith Downing (Paul Jones), Floyd Street, John Paskin, Paul Cook, Bull, Andy Mutch, Robbie Dennison (Paul McLoughlin). It was the first time Bull had netted four goals in a League match since the 6-0 demolition of Preston in November 1988. The England international was leading marksman for the fourth successive season with 24 Second Division goals.

1992 - RANKINE'S MOLINEUX MOVE

Versatile midfielder Mark Rankine joined Wolves from Fourth Division strugglers Doncaster Rovers for £70,000 in January 1992. He had



Dougie Freedman: Ruffled the Canaries feathers with a hat-trick.



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The New Den



Seating Plan



Capacity
20,146
■ family area
■ away fans
■ disabled

Stadium History

Following an 83-year stay, Millwall left The Den in 1993. The club moved just a quarter-of-a-mile away, taking up residence at the £16m all-seater New Den. The late John Smith MP officially opened the ground, with a glamourous friendly against Sporting Lisbon marking the start of action on the pitch.

Housing just over 20,000 spectators and built on the site of an old church, many fans were unhappy at the venue originally being marketed as 'The New London Stadium'.

Stadium Statistics 2004-05

Highest attendance
15,603 vs QPR
05.02.05

Lowest attendance
8,835 vs Coventry City
15.03.05

Average attendance
11,655

How to Get There

Travel Information

Car parking: Visiting supporters advised to travel by coach.
Train: South Bermondsey (5 min) and New Cross or New Cross Gate (15 min)
Tube: Surrey Quays or New Cross Gate on the East London line, and Canada Water on the Jubilee line.
Bus: Numbers 21, P13, 381 and 47, travel nearby.

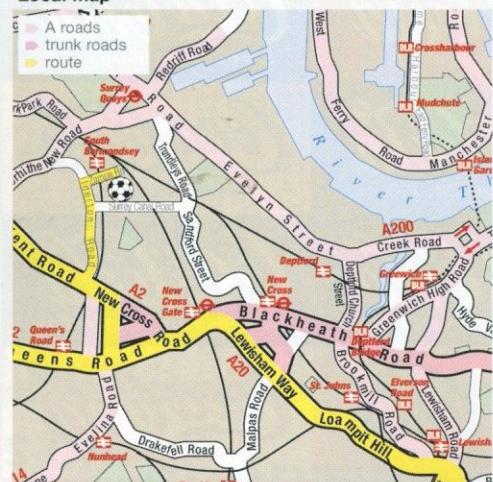
Useful Information

Website
www.millwallfc.co.uk
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The Den, Zampa Road
London SE16 3LN
Main switchboard
0207 2321222

Area Map



Local Map



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FL Championship stats

Attendance records & cautions

Club	Aggregate	Highest	Lowest	Average	Yellow	Red
Brighton	93,991	7,341	6,132	6,714	47	2
Burnley	176,417	17,912	10,431	12,601	43	4
Cardiff	163,901	16,403	8,724	11,707	45	2
Coventry	286,281	26,851	16,156	20,449	52	4
Crewe	97,904	8,942	5,687	6,993	26	1
Crystal Palace	269,155	22,400	17,291	19,225	54	2
Derby	326,791	26,807	21,434	23,342	46	4
Hull	274,288	22,201	17,698	19,592	26	3
Ipswich	338,376	29,184	22,551	24,170	35	4
Leeds	281,625	26,387	18,353	21,663	49	2
Leicester	304,846	24,873	18,856	21,775	56	4
Luton	127,274	10,248	7,474	9,091	33	3
Millwall	127,677	12,920	7,674	9,120	51	11
Norwich	351,660	27,470	23,838	25,119	46	2
Plymouth	163,153	17,726	10,460	13,596	43	0
Preston	199,420	18,867	12,453	14,244	46	2
QPR	188,308	15,976	10,901	13,451	53	5
Reading	258,784	22,668	14,027	18,485	26	0
Sheff Utd	316,994	30,558	17,739	22,642	48	1
Sheff Wed	335,275	29,986	20,244	23,948	31	1
Southampton	316,201	30,173	19,086	24,323	45	4
Stoke	214,070	20,408	11,125	15,291	51	6
Watford	210,918	16,988	12,152	15,066	42	3
Wolves	335,857	27,980	21,747	23,990	38	1

Attendances & cards are ordered alphabetically

2005/06 season

Championship table

Pld	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	G.D.	Pts
Reading	28	12	1	1	37	10	9	5	0	22	5	44
Sheff Utd	28	11	2	1	28	10	8	3	3	25	16	27
Leeds	27	8	3	2	22	12	7	3	4	15	10	25
Watford	28	6	4	4	23	16	6	6	2	22	18	11
Palace	26	8	3	3	21	9	5	2	5	20	18	14
Preston	27	3	9	2	12	10	6	5	2	21	12	11
Wolves	28	5	6	3	13	10	4	6	4	19	15	7
Burnley	28	8	3	3	28	14	3	3	8	11	21	4
Luton	28	7	4	3	30	18	4	1	9	10	21	1
Cardiff	28	6	5	3	21	16	4	3	7	15	19	1
Norwich	28	6	4	4	16	13	5	1	8	16	23	-4
Stoke	28	5	2	7	18	21	7	0	7	17	19	-5
QPR	28	5	4	5	15	15	4	5	5	18	24	-6
Southampton	27	5	6	2	14	9	2	7	5	15	0	34
Ipwich	28	5	4	5	16	21	3	5	6	14	21	-12
Coventry	28	6	5	3	21	16	1	6	7	13	25	-7
Hull	28	5	5	4	15	12	2	4	8	12	22	-7
Derby	28	3	8	3	20	21	2	6	6	14	19	-6
Plymouth	26	4	4	4	13	15	2	6	6	10	18	-10
Sheff Wed	28	4	4	6	14	17	2	5	7	8	16	-11
Leicester	27	4	6	4	17	15	1	5	7	10	20	-8
Brighton	28	3	5	6	16	20	1	8	5	11	23	-16
Millwall	28	2	4	8	7	19	3	6	5	15	21	-18
Crewe	28	3	5	6	19	26	1	5	8	12	30	-25

Championship top scorers

Scorer	Club	Lge	CC	FA	Tot	Gms	Ave
Dave Kitson	Reading	11	4	0	15	22	0.68
Cameron Jerome	Cardiff	12	1	1	14	30	0.47
Ade Akinbiyi	Burnley	12	2	0	14	32	0.44
Marlon King	Watford	12	0	0	12	26	0.46
Kevin Doyle	Reading	11	0	1	12	31	0.39
Dean Ashton	Norwich	10	1	0	11	29	0.38
Andy Johnson	Palace	9	0	1	10	18	0.56
Steven Kabba	Sheff Utd	9	0	1	10	23	0.43
Ashley Young	Watford	9	1	0	10	24	0.42
Rob Hulse	Leeds	9	0	1	10	26	0.38
Gary McSheffrey	Coventry	8	1	1	10	30	0.33
Carl Cort	Wolves	9	0	0	9	15	0.60
Neil Shipperley	Sheff Utd	9	0	0	9	26	0.35
Steve Howard	Luton	8	0	1	9	27	0.33
Mark De Vries	Leicester	6	2	1	9	31	0.29

Championship records

Highest Attendance	30,558.....	Sheff Utd v Sheff Wed
Lowest Attendance	5,687.....	Crewe v QPR
Average Gate	17,347	
Aggregate Attendance	5,759,166	
Biggest Home Win	Cardiff 6-1 Crewe, Reading 5-0 Millwall	
Biggest Away Win	Ipwich 0-4 Preston, Millwall 0-4 Sheff Utd, Crewe 0-4 Wolves	
Biggest Aggregate Score	Cardiff 6-1 Crewe, Crewe 3-4 QPR, Southampton 3-4 Leeds	
Total Games	332	
Home Wins	134 (40%)	
Away Wins	92 (28%)	
Draws	106 (32%)	
I-1 Draws	52 (16%)	
0-0 Draws	31 (9%)	
Total Cards	Yellow 1,032.....	Red 71

Football League Championship fixtures and results grid

Away ↓ Home	Football League Championship fixtures and results grid																					
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Brighton	31.1	1-2	2-2	2-2	3-0	0-0	2-1	1-1	14.1	11.2	25.3	1-2	1-3	2-0	11.3	1-0	0-2	0-1	17.4	8.4	30.4	18.2
Burnley	3-3	4-0	3-0	17.4	2-2	1-0	3-0	1-2	0-0	30.4	2-1	25.3	4.2	21.1	8.4	4.3	1-2	1-2	18.2	1-0	4-1	14.2
Cardiff	1-1	14.1	0-0	6-1	1-0	0-0	18.2	2-1	2-1	1-0	1-2	31.1	22.4	0-2	2-2	25.3	8.4	15.4	4.3	2-1	1-2	1-3
Coventry	4.2	25.2	30.4	2-1	1-1	4-0	21.1	0-2	1-1	18.3	17.4	1-0	1-0	2-0	3-1	1.4	3-0	1-1	11.3	15.2	1-2	3-1
Crewe	25.2	2-1	17.4	25.3	2-2	1-1	2-2	1-2	4.2	10-0	3-1	30.4	1-2	3-4	2-0	1-2	1-3	8.4	0-0	4-0	2-1	0-0
Crystal Palace	0-1	2-0	4.2	2-0	15.4	2-0	2-0	17.4	3-3	11.2	1-0	1-2	25.2	1-0	1-1	14.2	21.1	2-3	2-0	22.4	2-0	1-1</td



Match Statistics

Season 2005/06



Complete Stats 2005-06

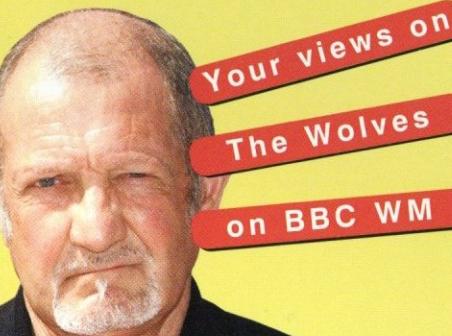
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SAT 6 AUG	SOUTHAMPTON	A	24,061	0-0	17th	Oakes	McNamara	Naylor	Ince
TUE 9 AUG	CRYSTAL PALACE	H	24,745	2-1	7th	Oakes	McNamara	Naylor	Olofinjana
SAT 13 AUG	HULL CITY	H	24,333	1-0	3rd	Oakes	McNamara	Naylor	Ince
SAT 20 AUG	LEEDS UNITED	A	21,229	0-2	10th	Oakes	McNamara	Naylor	Olofinjana
TUE 23 AUG	CHESTER CITY	C1	H 9,518	5-1	-	Ikeme	Edwards	Kennedy	Anderton
SAT 27 AUG	CARDIFF CITY	A	11,502	2-2	10th	Oakes	McNamara	Kennedy	Anderton
TUE 30 AUG	QPR	H	22,426	3-1	6th	Oakes	McNamara	Naylor	Anderton (5)
SAT 10 SEP	LUTON TOWN	A	10,248	1-1	6th	Oakes	Gyepes	Naylor	Anderton (2)
TUE 13 SEP	MILLWALL	H	21,897	1-2	8th	Oakes	McNamara	Naylor	Kennedy
SAT 17 SEP	LEICESTER CITY	H	24,726	0-0	5th	Oakes	McNamara	Naylor	Kennedy
TUE 20 SEP	WATFORD	C2	A 9,296	1-2	-	Postma	Edwards	Naylor	Davies
SAT 24 SEP	STOKE CITY	A	18,183	3-1	5th	Oakes	Edwards	Naylor 1	Ricketts
TUE 27 SEP	CREWE	A	7,471	4-0	4th	Oakes	Edwards	Naylor	Ricketts
FRI 30 SEP	BURNLEY	H	21,747	0-1	4th	Oakes	Edwards	Naylor	Ricketts (5)
SAT 15 OCT	SHEFFIELD UNITED	A	25,533	0-1	6th	Oakes	Edwards	Naylor	Olofinjana (2)
TUE 18 OCT	DERBY COUNTY	H	22,914	1-1	6th	Oakes	Edwards	Naylor	Anderton (2)
SAT 22 OCT	PRESTON NE	H	22,802	1-1	10th	Oakes	Edwards	Naylor	Anderton (2)
SAT 29 OCT	WATFORD	A	14,561	1-3	10th	Oakes	Edwards	Naylor	Anderton (2)
TUE 1 NOV	BRIGHTON & H	A	6,642	1-1	10th	Postma	Edwards	Naylor	Anderton (5)
SAT 5 NOV	NORWICH CITY	H	23,808	2-0	8th	Postma	Edwards	Naylor	Cameron
FRI 18 NOV	DERBY COUNTY	A	22,869	3-0	5th	Postma	Edwards	Naylor	Cameron
TUE 22 NOV	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	24,240	0-0	7th	Postma	Edwards (3)	Naylor	Cameron (5)
SAT 26 NOV	SOUTHAMPTON	H	24,628	0-0	10th	Postma	Edwards	Naylor	Cameron (4)
SAT 3 DEC	IPSWICH TOWN	A	23,564	1-1	10th	Postma	Edwards	Naylor	Cameron
SAT 10 DEC	CRYSTAL PALACE	A	19,385	1-1	10th	Postma	Edwards	Naylor	Anderton
SAT 17 DEC	LEEDS UNITED	H	26,821	1-0	6th	Postma	Edwards	Naylor	Anderton (2)
MON 26 DEC	READING	H	27,980	0-2	8th	Postma	Edwards	Naylor	Anderton (2)
WED 28 DEC	SHEFFIELD WED	A	24,295	2-0	6th	Postma	Edwards	Naylor (5)	Anderton (3)
SAT 31 DEC	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	22,790	1-1	6th	Postma	Ross (2)	Gyepes	Huddlestone
MON 2 JAN	COVENTRY CITY	A	26,851	0-2	7th	Postma	Edwards	Gyepes	Huddlestone
SAT 7 JAN	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	11,041	1-0	-	Postma	Ross	Kennedy	Ince
FRI 13 JAN	LUTON TOWN	H	7.45PM	KICK OFF – LIVE ON SKY					
SAT 21 JAN	MILLWALL	A							
SUN 29 JAN	MAN UTD OR BURTON	H	FA CUP 4	4PM KICK OFF – LIVE ON SKY					
TUE 31 JAN	STOKE CITY	H							
SAT 4 FEB	LEICESTER CITY	A							
SAT 11 FEB	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H							
TUE 14 FEB	BURNLEY	A							
SAT 18 FEB	IPSWICH TOWN	H	FA CUP 5						
SAT 25 MAR	SHEFFIELD WED	H	FA CUP 6						
SAT 1 APR	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	A							
SAT 8 APR	COVENTRY CITY	H							
SAT 15 APR	WATFORD	H							
MON 17 APR	PRESTON NE	A							
SAT 22 APR	BRIGHTON & H	H	FA CUP SEMI FINAL						
SUN 30 APR	NORWICH CITY	A							
SAT 13 MAY			FA CUP FINAL						

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Cort	Miller (5)	Olofinjana	Ikeme	Naylor	Gyepes	Ricketts	Clarke
Cort 3	Miller	Clarke (2)	Ikeme	Olofinjana	Gyepes	Davies	Ndah
Cort	Miller (5)	Seol (4)	Postma	Olofinjana	Craddock	Cameron	Clarke
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Cort	Ndah (3)	Cameron (4)	Postma	Ganea	Seol	Davies	Gyepes
Miller 1	Seol	Cameron (4)	Oakes	Lescott	Ndah	Ricketts	Clarke
Cort 1	Miller 1 (5)	Seol	Postma	Olofinjana	Craddock	Davies	Ndah
Cort 2 (5)	Miller 2	Seol	Postma	Olofinjana	Craddock	Davies	Clarké
Miller	Cort	Seol	Postma	Olofinjana	Craddock	Davies	Clarke
Miller (4)	Cort	Seol	Postma	Anderton	Davies	Ndah	Gyepes
Miller	Cort	Seol (3)	Postma	Clarke	Ganea	Cameron	Craddock
Miller	Ganea	Seol (4)	Postma	Olofinjana	Cameron	Clarke	Craddock
Huddlestone	Miller (4)	Clarke	Postma	Seol	Ross	Olofinjana	Cameron
Ganea	Olofinjana (2)	Clarke	Murray	Seol	Ross	Goben	Cameron
Ganea	Seol	Clarke (2)	Harrison	Goben	Gyepes	Olofinjana	Anderton
Ganea	Seol	Clarke (2)	Oakes	Ndah	Gyepes	Olofinjana	Anderton
Ganea	Seol	Ndah (2)	Oakes	Clarke	Gyepes	Olofinjana	Anderton
Ganea (2)	Anderton (3)	Ndah	Oakes	Clarke	Seol	Olofinjana	Ross
Ganea	Seol	Ndah (2)	Oakes	Clarke	Anderton	Olofinjana	Craddock
Ganea (2)	Seol	Miller	Oakes	Clarke	Ricketts	Olofinjana	Ross
Ganea	Seol	Miller	Oakes	Cameron	Clarke	Olofinjana	Ross
Ganea	Seol	Miller	Oakes	Ndah	Craddock	Cameron	Huddlestone
Ganea	Seol	Ndah (4)	Oakes	Ross	Ince	Miller	Huddlestone
Kennedy	Miller	Clarke (4)	Oakes	Seol	Ince	Ganea	Ricketts
Kennedy	Miller	Clarke	Oakes	Seol	Ince	Ganea	Rosa
Miller	Clarke	Davies	Rosa	Cort	Edwards	Anderton	Ganea

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Tonight's Squads

WOLVES

Manager GLENN HODDLE

No.	
01	Michael Oakes
02	Mark Clyde
03	Lee Naylor
04	Seyi Olofinjana
05	Joleon Lescott
06	Jody Craddock
07	Jackie McNamara
08	Paul Ince
09	Vio Ganea
10	Colin Cameron
11	Mark Kennedy
12	Rob Edwards
13	Paul Harrison
14	Darren Anderton
15	Denes Rosa
16	Kenny Miller
17	Maurice Ross ¹
18	George Nda
19	Seol Ki-Hyeon
20	Matt Murray
21	Paul Jones
22	Tom Huddlestone ²
24	Gabor Gyepes
25	Stefan Postma
27	Carl Cort
28	Rohan Ricketts
30	Carl Ikeme ³
32	Sammy Clingan ⁴
33	Leon Clarke
34	Lewis Gobern ⁵
37	Chris Cornes
39	Mark Davies
40	Keith Lowe

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² On loan from Tottenham Hotspur

³ On loan to Stockport

⁴ On loan to Chesterfield

⁵ On loan to Blackpool



LUTON TOWN

Manager MIKE NEWELL



No.	Played	Sub	Played	Sub
01	■	■	■	■
02	■	■	■	■
03	■	■	■	■
04	■	■	■	■
05	■	■	■	■
06	■	■	■	■
07	■	■	■	■
08	■	■	■	■
09	■	■	■	■
10	■	■	■	■
11	■	■	■	■
14	■	■	■	■
16	■	■	■	■
17	■	■	■	■
18	■	■	■	■
19	■	■	■	■
21	■	■	■	■
22	■	■	■	■
23	■	■	■	■
25	■	■	■	■
26	■	■	■	■
27	■	■	■	■
29	■	■	■	■
33	■	■	■	■
45	■	■	■	■
47	■	■	■	■

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Fourth Official: R. Olivier

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