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Welcome to our interim newsletter, which, as it is very much smaller than usual, I am bodging up on my computer at home. So if you find more than the average number of mistakes you can take it out on me.

The season will be upon us in the next couple of weeks and it appears to have come round quicker than usual. However the close season has seen a few departures from Molineux, some of which I feel are detrimental to the Club, and one which directly involves ourselves.

I feel that Steve Bull should have been retained as some kind of role-model for up and coming players, instead of which, he has joined Hereford, and our old friend Graham Turner, the guy who brought him to Molineux in the first place. Grahams' gain I think!

Secondly, I was sad to hear of the departure from the position of Managing Director of our President, John Richards

John tried some innovative ideas, and always tried to involve the supporters. He asked our opinions at his regular meetings with supporters club chairmen, and was also WWLSC's go between on many occasions, and I personally shall miss them at Wolves.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all the best in the future, Steve at Hereford, and John in whatever he decides to do next.

During the summer the Annual General Meeting was held, and on a most atrocious night weatherwise, we attained the lowest turnout for some years, but a productive meeting was still forthcoming, with long and varied discussions, particularly regarding the membership subscription and the newsletter.

The minutes of the meeting will be published in full in the next issue, but a major point of interest is that the annual membership subscription has had to be raised to £15.

Not having changed for some years, Treasurer, Dave Hodges, stated that to sustain the newsletter in its present format and not have the travelling members subsidising the non-travellers to cover the cost of publication, the fee would have to rise.

After a lengthy and lively discussion, the members agreed.

I'm sure we all wish the team well over the coming months, in whatever format they turn out in, so enjoy the new season, and I look forward to seeing you, either on the trip or at matches during the new term.

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APR 18 Charlton's Matty Holmes ready to step up his campaign for compensation against Kevin Muscat after being forced to quit football.

Wolves Easter Monday game at Bolton is postponed until May 3rd, because of international calls.

Joleon Lescott handed his first England U18 call up.

Wolves have won their long fight to achieve FA Youth Academy status.

Keith Curle is reportedly still a target for Sheffield United, who want him as player-coach.

APR 19 Allan Nielsen is recalled to the Danish squad.

APR 21 Wolves confirm that George Ndah will not play again this season.

APR 24 Wolves extend Allan Nielsen's loan spell at Molineux until the end of the season.

APR 26 Allan Nielsen is ruled out of an international comeback because of injury.

APR 27 Wolves are set to be boosted by the return of Lee Naylor after his speedy recovery from a fractured eye socket.

APR 28 Wolves have given the go-ahead for work on the Molineux pitch to start during the summer. The club have decided not to completely dig up the surface, but will instead dig up parts of the pitch to ease drainage problems.

APR 30 Ludovic Pollet is voted Wolves player of the year. Neil Emblen comes second in the fans poll.

MAY 1 Wolves transfer list Haavard Flo.

MAY 2 Colin Lee is to urge the board to offer a lucrative new deal to Steve Sedgley who's contract expires at the end of June.

MAY 4 Colin Lee maintains he did nothing wrong when he was ordered from the bench by referee Kevin Lynch at the Reebok Stadium last night, after Wolves had a strong penalty appeal rejected.

MAY 6 John Richards reveals that Colin Lee, John Ward and Terry Connor are to be offered contract extensions.

MAY 8 Stoke chief executive Jez Moxey is appointed Wolves new Chief Executive, after today resigning his post at the Britannia Stadium.

MAY 9 Charlton are reportedly set to make a move for the Keith Curle, while Sheffield United are also renewing their interest.

MAY 10 Mark Jones is to be handed a free transfer, but Wolves are planning to give him a three-month contract to enable him to get fit following the knee surgery he had earlier this year.

Youngsters Keith Andrews, Seamus Crowe, Colin Larkin, Jermaine Easter, Paul Loughlin and JJ Melligan are all handed new contracts.

Keith Curle says he's happy to stay at the club despite being linked with a summer exit from Molineux.

Colin Lee has revealed that he has already targeted the four players he feels he needs to win promotion next season.

Carl Robinson has been called into Welsh squad for friendlies v Brazil in Cardiff to May 23rd, and away to Portugal on June 3rd.

MAY 11 Colin Lee has come down hard on Haavard Flo after learning of the striker's reluctance to leave Molineux this summer. The player has been told that he will be playing reserve football if he's still a Wolves player after the close season.

Paul Simpson has been transfer-listed and will be allowed to leave for free if he can sort out a new club.

Colin Lee is put on a misconduct charge as a result of his sending-off from the dug-out in last week's controversial defeat at Bolton. He has 14 days in which to state his case and say whether he wants a personal hearing.

Ryan Green has been selected to play for the Welsh Under 21's in a

mini tournament in Northern Ireland from May 28th to June 3rd.

MAY 12 Adrian Williams is having talks with Reading over a permanent move.

Haavard Flo says he will see out the remaining year of his contract at Wolves - despite being slapped on the transfer list.

Colin Lee has vowed to fight the charge of misconduct slapped on him after his banishment from the dugout at Bolton.

MAY 13 Lee Naylor misses out on a place in the England squad for this summer's European Under-21 Championships.

Colin Lee has confirmed the club's pre-season tour of Ireland from July 15-22. Wolves will play Waterford on July 17th, Cork on 19th and Kilkenny on the 21st.

MAY 16 Wolves today announced a £1 increase in adult match-day admission virtually everywhere in Molineux for next season - but pegged and even reduced prices for young fans. Season ticket prices have been cut, although the two free cup-ties are no longer included.

Colin Lee is confident that he will emerge the winner in his appeal to the FA against his misconduct charge. He is still waiting for a date for his appeal to be heard.

MAY 17 Colin Lee will seek permission from the board to make four close season signings. Two are Steve Sedgley and Scott Taylor, the others are Bosman free-transfers.

MAY 18 Wolves are set to make Coventry's Paul Williams and David Burrows summer Bosman targets.

Wolves have received a new bid for transfer listed striker Haavard Flo, thought to have come from Dundee United.

Paul Simpson has been linked with a move to Walsall.

MAY 19 Colin Lee is being kept waiting for an answer on what money he has to spend.

Colin Lee says Wolves have now

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received four offers for transfer listed Haavard Flo.

MAY 23 Sir Jack Hayward has reassured Colin Lee that the door is not closed on close-season new signings.

Despite Sir Jack's re-statement of his ambitions, Colin Lee insists he has been blocked from re-signing Scott Taylor and Steve Sedgley.

MAY 24 Sir Jack Hayward insists Colin Lee has not been blocked from signing new players during the summer months.

MAY 25 Wolves fans are calling on Sir Jack Hayward to explain the decision to deny Colin Lee any summer signings.

Wolves under-fire board have hit back strongly at recent criticism. After three days of intense supporter discontent, the directors have hinted that there will still be new signings this summer.

Allan Nielsen has been named in Denmark's Euro 2000 squad.

John Ward linked with the vacant manager's job at Notts County.

MAY 26 Sir Jack Hayward explains that Wolves had pulled out of a deal for Paul Williams, because of the player's wage demands.

Sir Jack said he was appalled at some of this week's criticism, although he conceded his board should have stated their case earlier and pre-empted the discontent now being felt by Colin Lee and John Ward.

Wolves have arranged further pre-season friendlies at home to Coventry and Southampton.

Mike Stowell's testimonial game against Aston Villa could be in danger, because of Aston Villa's involvement in the Inter Toto Cup. Keith Curle looks certain to tell Wolves in the next 48 hours that he is leaving Molineux.

The Wolves board have hit back at criticism from supporters by asking for patience until Jez Moxey takes up his position.

MAY 30 Villa have confirmed that they will provide the opposition in

Mike Stowell's testimonial game.

Scott Taylor has criticised the board after a two-year contract offer was withdrawn. Taylor has claimed that he was offered the deal by boss Colin Lee two months ago, but the package has been overruled at boardroom level despite terms being agreed.

MAY 31 Colin Lee says he has not given up hope of re-signing Scott Taylor.

Keith Curle has been told by Sheffield United boss Neil Warnock to lower his wage demands if he wants to secure a move to Bramall Lane.

Villa have confirmed they will still take part in Mike Stowell's testimonial.

JUN 2 Former Birmingham full-back Simon Charlton, is being linked with a move to Molineux.

JUN 3 Colin Lee is given a glowing endorsement and a promise of funds by the Hayward family.

JUN 6 Colin Lee is awaiting a date for the FA hearing, arising from his 'sending off' during the May clash with Bolton.

Former Northampton Town striker Carlo Corazzin has emerged as a possible transfer target for Wolves.

Mark McGhee is reported to be one of the names on the list of applicants Bristol City intend to interview.

JUN 8 Paul Simpson is attracting interest from Reading and his former club Oxford.

Sheffield United are still waiting to receive a decision from Keith Curle over a possible switch to Bramall Lane.

JUN 9 Wolves announce season ticket sales are substantially up on the same stage of last year.

Colin Lee remains optimistic that he will retain the services of Keith Curle. Portsmouth and Bolton are also said to be interested in signing the player.

JUN 13 Jez Moxey today pledged

strong leadership and direction when he takes over as Wolves chief executive.

Colin Lee has made it clear that Ade Akinbiyi is not for sale and laughs off reports that Portsmouth are preparing a £2.5million bid.

Colin Lee says offers are pouring into Molineux for Haavard Flo.

JUN 14 John Richards announces that he is to leave the club at the end of the week.

JUN 15 Wolves' in-coming chief executive Jez Moxey admits he was very disappointed by John Richards decision to resign as the club's managing director.

Sir Jack Hayward reveals that he tried hard to persuade John Richards not to resign.

JUN 16 Colin Lee has sent out a plea to the Molineux board to make money available for new players next season.

Northampton are being linked with a move for Paul Simpson.

Kevin Muscat is in the Australian squad for the Oceania Cup in Tahiti.

JUN 22 Wolves will be at home to Sheffield Wednesday in the opening match of next season.

JUN 23 Wolves reject Wigan's approach to speak to John Ward about their vacant managerial post.

JUN 25 Sheffield United want Keith Curle to be their No. 2.

Blackburn, Bolton and Reading are reported to have made firm enquiries for Scott Taylor, after his failure to sign a new deal. The player has indicated that he wants to stay at Molineux.

Steve Bull has been offered a coaching job at the club.

JUN 26 Wolves express surprise linking Lee Naylor with a £2m move to Liverpool.

Adrian Williams is joining his former club Reading on a three-year contract.

Jez Moxey is set to enter contract

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talks with Steve Sedgley and Scott Taylor.

Kevin Muscat is on target for Australia in their Oceania Nations Cup 6-0 defeat of the Solomon Islands.

JUN 30 Colin Lee is looking to complete the signing of former England star Tony Dorigo when he returns from a family holiday next week.

JUL 3 Wolves target David Burrows has signed for Birmingham.

JUL 6 Scott Taylor agrees a new 1-year deal with Wolves, with the club having a 1-year option.

Leicester boss Peter Taylor confirms he has made enquiries for Ade Akinbiyi.

Wolves linked with a move for Reading central defender Linvoy Primus.

JUL 10 Wolves players report back for training, with Leicester reportedly preparing a massive bid for Ade Akinbiyi.

Gordon Simms, Joleon Lescott and Ryan Green have been called up to the first team for Wolves pre-season tour to Ireland.

Sheffield Utd's Lee Sandford and Lee Briscoe of Sheff Wed are the latest names to be linked with a move to Wolves.

Another target, Tony Dorigo, agrees to join Stoke.

JUL 11 Scott Leitch, available on a free transfer from Swindon, given 2-week trial by Wolves.

JUL 12 Steve Sedgley signs a new one-year contract at Wolves, with the club having an option to extend the deal by another year.

French players Epepe Titi and Mohamed Camara, and Norwegian Egil Ulfstein are being given trials, and will travel with the squad to Ireland.

JUL 14 Reports emanating from Scotland indicate Rangers striker Jonatan Johansson is being lined up as a replacement for Ade Akinbiyi. Leicester are said to be ready to smash their transfer

record with a £4.6m move for Akinbiyi.

Mark Jones is poised to move to Hartlepool.

Steve Bull accepts Graham Turner's offer of a coaching job at Hereford. Bull will work at Hereford on a non-contract basis.

JUL 17 Leicester increase their bid for Ade Akinbiyi to £5 million. Wolves have put in bids for two unnamed players.

Waterford 0 Wolves 2 (Robinson, Titi)

JUL 18 Wolves accept Leicester's £5 million offer for Akinbiyi.

MATCH SUMMARY

APR 22 Barnsley (Home) 2-0 (Akinbiyi 2). Wolves secure their eighth win in nine home games, with a fine performance in terms of determination, ability and commitment.

APR 30 Fulham (Home) 3-0 (Nielsen, Muscat(Pen), Taylor). Wolves ninth win in ten home games, in as dominant a performance as they have produced all season, improving prospects of the club finishing in the top six.

MAY 3 Bolton (Away) 1-2 (Pollet). Wolves suffer a major blow to their play-off hopes, in a match which will be remembered for some controversial decisions by referee Kevin Lynch. Wolves now have to win at Port Vale on Sunday and hope that both Bolton and Huddersfield lose their final games.

MAY 7 Port Vale (Away) 1-0 (Robinson). Carl Robinson's late winner against relegated Port Vale is not enough to earn a play-off place. Final League position is 7th again.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In case you have not heard, John Richards today left his post at Molineux.

The Express and Star web page covers it extremely well with a lot of sentiment echoing our own.

It is not clear if he jumped or was pushed, but was one of us, and not one football's journeymen, or one of the anonymous faces left on the board.

There's very mixed reports on the new Chief Executive, but his background includes being a players agent prior to his position at Stoke.

John I imagine will be feeling very hurt by the events leading up to this announcement, we all feel at last that the club was starting to head in the right direction, but there has been chaos since the end of the season, with John seemingly out of the picture since Moxley's appointment.

Lets hope someone knows what they are doing and the size of the asset that has been lost.

Chris Cox, (DDCWWFC)