



Wolverhampton Wanderers LONDON SUPPORTERS CLUB founded 1966

NEWSLETTER



From the chair

Firstly, let me thank the membership for their overwhelming support of The Committee in the recent troubled times, in fact there were only nine members who voted against the Committee, strange, in that more than fifty signed the original petition for an EGM.

A full and frank "From The Chair" is on pages two and three of this issue, and hopefully we can, soon, put an end to this unpleasant saga (yes, several of us are over fifty now) very soon.

It was with sadness that we noted the passing of Emlyn Hughes earlier this week, and there is a tribute included inside.

Also, since our last edition, Wolves have, as you know, parted company with Team Manager David Jones. Whilst it became more apparent that a change at the helm was required, we at London Wolves were always afforded time by David, and he was more than willing to bring the whole team along to our "Meet The Players" events, for which we should be more than grateful in these days where the man on the street means very little to most Football clubs.

On a happier note, we are progressing well with the preparations for the 40th Anniversary "do," so bear this forthcoming event in mind for 2006. It will be something special, with surprise guests, who I think will go down well with the membership.

As a bit of fun, let's have a competition to see who can come up with the best name (in the Committee's opinion) for any newly emerging fan clubs. For example, if someone should base their club in south London or Kent, South London UnderGround Supporters. Entries to me please.

Finally, it's that time again, and how quickly it has come around this year. Have a great Christmas. Up The Wolves. Long live London Wolves.

Stuart

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RUMOURS? OUR SIDE OF THE STORY

In the 38 years since I formed this Club of ours, I have never known a situation such as the one in which we find ourselves in now. I most certainly agree with those vociferous members who say that our current state of affairs is scandalous, but with all the facts to hand, I speak from a completely different viewpoint from that of the tiny minority. If ever there was a situation of the tail trying to wag the dog, it is this one. Never, in its 38 year history, has the Committee of Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club sought to seek the support of the membership for actions that it has taken outside of the Annual General Meeting and, in accordance with our Rules, empowered to take. Seeking support on the issue in question, shows the level of democracy with which this Club is governed and The Committee and I were delighted that, from a membership of just over 300, only 9 votes were cast against our actions. Truly, many thanks for your positive support.

With reference to the Special Committee Meeting of the 6th September 2004, the Committee and I make no apologies for the length of the minutes you all received. After much sniping and miss-information from Mr Baker since the 2003 Annual General Meeting, when he ripped up and threw a copy of his magazine, London Underground Wolves, towards the top table, it was the first opportunity that we had to fully state 'our' version of events. Mr Baker and his supporters had claimed many times that we would not meet with him, that we were against his magazine, that I was abusing my position as Chairman for my own benefit, that the Committee were autocratic, that we no longer had the support of the membership, and that, generally, we were acting in a manner which did not benefit the membership. On the contrary. Mr Baker's absence from a meeting called specially to address these matters, together with his letter of 3rd September 2004 to the Committee, showed the contempt he has for the Club's management structure and myself. But not only that, he and his supporters fail to grasp the fact that the Committee of WWLSC is elected annually by the membership to act on behalf of all the members, not just the minority that are regularly seen.

Since Mr Baker's expulsion from the Club, other matters have come to light about him. Despite his pronounced allegiance to WWLSC, what reason could he have for forming an 'independent Wolves supporter's club' within our own Club? Please check this one out for yourselves; hit on to www.wolves.co.uk website, click on 'Fans', and then click on to 'Fan Clubs' - and there it is for all to see... London Underground Wolves - Barry Baker! As he has his club already set up, why are he and his supporters advocating sedition within our ranks? If they are so unhappy with us, surely they have a ready-made club to go to. Secondly, with regard to the assault on him at the AGM, because Stef Leonard and his 17-year-old schoolboy son, Jack, state that they saw Mr Baker making obscene gestures, Mr Baker has sent them both threatening letters to retract what they actually saw! Nice one! Our Rules state, and your votes support this, ...'that the decision of the Committee is final', meaning that Mr Baker will not be re-admitted into our Club.

If you have heard that there is a meeting in The City Bar in Wolverhampton, at 1.30pm on Saturday 4th December, please note that it has **NOT** been organised by your Committee, but by Mr Baker.

Because there have been so many rumours flying about, I have had to write to Wolves, as the stories are beginning to be heard in the area.

Regarding our management structure, this has, more or less, remained unchanged since the Club's inception, because from the outset it was set up correctly and has worked well ever since. The old adage...'if it ain't broke, don't fix it'... comes to mind. That is not to say that it is cast in stone. The structure, and the make-up of the Committee personnel, apart from those members holding key positions, has changed as and when needs arose, and all changes have taken place at an AGM. I have to say that over the years, the Club have been fortunate to have talented people on its Committee which, again, I must add, include the present incumbents. And, of course, as in any management structure, committee stability and continuity are the key for successful management.

I can assure you, the members, that the Committee and I will do all within our power, sanctioned by your vote and in accordance with our Rules, to preserve the Wolverhampton Wanderers London Supporters Club.

Stuart

from the Chair



I have selected 3 letters from members who kindly took the time to express their opinion of recent events based on their overall experience of being involved with the WWLSC. I can't include any critical letters because: a) I haven't received any; and b) they have their own magazine to express their opinions. *Ed.*

"Not being an active member I do not know any of the people involved personally.... and also I was not at the AGM. However I did read the minutes of the meeting that were forwarded previously.... and at that time felt unsettled by the undercurrent of disruption which seemed to stem from the member who has been subsequently excluded. I felt sad at the time that an organisation set up to celebrate our common love and support for Wolves should be disrupted in such a way from that common aim.

"Of course I respect fellow members rights to have different opinions and have the right to express those.... however equally I expect those members to go about that process in a reasonable manner.... respecting the rules of the club and also respecting their fellow members. Demonstrably.... based on further information received about the activities during and following the AGM... I do not think that this member has done this.... and therefore I feel that the action which has been taken is correct.

"I hope matters are soon resolved.... and that WWLSC will continue to do the excellent job which they achieve in arranging social activities and travel to Wolves matches for those that wish to take part in the right spirit."

FROM TONY HUGHES, Kent.

"As you will appreciate, not being present at the meeting it is very difficult to form a judgement on the incident. However we wish to cast our vote for the continuation of the Club and it's elected officers who must deal with it as they see fit.

"WE would expect that this heated incident should be dealt with under the Club's constitution and should not effect the functioning of London Wolves or the status of it's officers whom we hope should be there until the next AGM. We feel the banning of both members is the correct path."

FROM P & J LOFTEN, Essex.

"Dear Members,

"I was hoping that my antipodean slumber would have been woken by writing an article on the passing of the doyens of British football Brian Clough and Bill Michelson. However my hand has been forced by the events surrounding the 2004 AGM.

"I have read the minutes of the Special Committee Meeting (6/9/2004) and I find that they state a clear and unbiased record of the events at the AGM. I can say this because, although I was not there I have 38 years experience of the majority of the members of the committee and I am well aware of how they react to the circumstances as stated in the minutes.

"I therefore have no hesitation in giving my 100% support to them in these matters. I find it particularly interesting to read about Mr Baker's behaviour when attending games and other members' reactions to him. Surely this a clear indication that this gentleman almost definitely has a problem fitting into the team atmosphere that is required by all members to enjoy a successful supporters club."

Martin Rutherford, Australia

Dave Jones...



So farewell then Dave Jones.

For so long it had looked like a match made in heaven. And indeed, for a time, that's exactly how it transpired. Dave Jones, a man with so much to prove, and Wolves, a club on the wane but still with so much to offer. When the former Southampton boss breezed into Molineux in the January of 2001, it would have taken the hardest of hearts to not have been touched by his personal and professional integrity. This was a man who had seen his livelihood torn away by a combination of unscrupulous criminals and - in his opinion - the dangerous inadequacies of the Crown Prosecution Service. And a man who still blames being wrongly charged with child abuse for the death of his father. Within days of the collapse of his Crown Court trial Jones, the football manager, was much in demand. And Wolves - not so much a sleeping giant as approaching comatose - fitted the bill like a glove.

Despite going through several rough spells during life at the Molineux helm, Jones always baulked at the question of the pressures of management, sometimes making reference to that well-documented court case.

"You call this pressure?" he would exclaim. "I nearly lost my family."

And so, when a first full season in the hotseat imploded into acrimony after the Devon Loch promotion surrender to Albion, Jones simply kept his own counsel, embarked on a Captain Scott style retreat and vowed to return bigger and stronger.

And when, a few short months later, then chairman Sir Jack Hayward delivered his infamous 'Christmas message' - a withering broadside on the club's early season malaise, Jones kept his response to off-the-record indignation at precisely just what his paymaster was trying to achieve.

A far more tangible response emerged from Jones via his team, who embarked on a spectacular run of results to reach the play-offs, culminating in that truly wonderful day out in Cardiff.

Wolves fans, hardened to failure in recent years, could not believe their eyes as their super-confident heroes - goalkeeping hero Matt Murray later said he scented victory was a formality from the moment they met for breakfast - destroyed Sheffield United amid a blistering swathe of deadly attacking football.

And the man who - whether in response to his previous ordeal - has always kept things very close to his chest, dropped his guard once again in an emotional on-pitch interview.

"Those people who tried to finish me," he screamed above the din.

"Well they couldn't do it."

But if Jones, his players and the fans thought the end of 19 years of top flight exile would be the flashpoint for the light at the end of the rainbow then sadly it wasn't the case.

The Molineux rollercoaster ride was simply weaving its way towards another spectacular dip. Because it was after Cardiff that the problems really began.

There was much work to be done to transform a team that finished fifth in the First Division to one capable of holding its own in the Premiership. And a frustrated Jones will forever believe he was never handed the right tools necessary to carry out the job.

Expecting a healthy war chest with which to improve his squad, Jones was instead forced to deal in the relative bargain basement as opposed to an illustrious department store. Pushed into the sort of transfer market gambles which would even cause consternation among Las Vegas's finest, it should perhaps come as no surprise that none of Jones's acquisitions that summer were in the side which started at Gillingham on Saturday.

While the manager will argue the task was too great, the Wolves board might point to the example of Harry Redknapp at Portsmouth, who spent much less and stayed up. And that is where perhaps they might also bring the question of Jones's man-management under closer scrutiny.

Very much a cheque-book manager, Jones's ideal was to go out, buy quality players and let them do the rest.

Indeed he spent £27m, and recouped just £4m, during his nigh four years in charge. Rarely would he take training sessions, and - even in the pomp

of the season Wolves were flying before being overhauled by Albion - he questioned the importance of working on set plays. "We don't need to score from set pieces because we score enough goals from elsewhere," was the comment made at a fans forum that February. There were other matters which raised eyebrows among his squad. "Play well and keep the shirt" was his oft-quoted motto to determine his first choice eleven. In direct confrontation of this, Michael Oakes's reward for helping Wolves to a four-point haul against Manchester United and Liverpool in January was to be dropped in favour of new signing Paul Jones.

Elsewhere, his dependence on the tried-and-trusted often stood in front of giving the chances to the club's younger players with many - Murray being the prime example - only given their chance when no other option was available.

Yet despite that stubbornness, which in reverse could even be perceived as the quality of loyalty, the legacy of the Jones years should be viewed fondly.

His unswerving belief in attacking free-flowing football provided Wolves fans with comfortably the best entertainment since the Steve Bull-inspired lower league days of the late 1980's. There were times, especially in the First Division, and just like the play-off final, when Wolves' demolition of their opponents was as ruthless as it was deliciously awesome. And even when out of their depth in the Premiership, having manfully tried to tread water for so long, Wolves checked out in a blaze of relative glory thanks in no small part to the attacking edge of Henri Camara and Carl Cort. Camara's bitter departure this summer was probably the first notch on the bedpost towards sealing Jones's fate. Wolves' main threat, their main spark, trooped off North of the Border with his tail between his legs and leaving his unfortunate manager shorn of his chief weapon and with little time to find a replacement.

Early season injuries didn't help, but even then the lacklustre and tired-looking displays from a squad of players who should be doing much, much better suggested their manager's time was up. With no recriminations and no rancour, Jones had simply taken his players as far as they could and recovering from last season's disappointment just proved a bridge too far.

Like the trio before him - Messrs Taylor, McGhee and Lee - Jones's time will come again and in all probability he will once again taste success.

As a thoroughly decent and hardworking man, that would be no more than he deserves. Wolves, while forever in his debt, must now move on...

Paul Berry - Evening Mail

travel



Travel Details December 2004 - February 2005

Provisional travel arrangements for matches during December, January and February are:-

Meeting place:

Euston Station concourse outside main ticket office, at least 20 minutes before train departure.

Fare : Members £16; Guests £19

Sat 4/12/04 v Reading Kick off 15:00
Outward - Depart Euston 10:15 - Arrive Wolves 12.35
Return - Depart Wolves 17:36 - Arrive Euston 19:53

Tue 7/12/04 v Millwall Kick off 19:45
Outward - Depart Euston 14.36 - Arrive Wolves 16.35
Return - Depart Wolves 22.39 - Arrive Euston 01.22

Sat 18/12/04 v Crewe Kick off 15:00
Outward - Depart Euston 09:55 - Arrive Wolves 12.07
Return - Depart Wolves 17:36 - Arrive Euston 19:48

Sat 28/12/04 v Brighton Kick off 15:00
Outward - Depart Euston 09:17 - Arrive Wolves 11:52
Return - Depart Wolves 17:49 - Arrive Euston 20:18

(The return journey involves a change of train at Birmingham New Street station.)

Sat 1/1/05 v Plymouth Kick off 15:00
Outward - Depart Euston 09:55 - Arrive Wolves 12.07
Return - Depart Wolves 17:36 - Arrive Euston 19:48

Sat 15/1/05 v West Ham Kick off 15:00
Outward - Depart Euston 09:55 - Arrive Wolves 12.07
Return - Depart Wolves 17:36 - Arrive Euston 19:48

Fri 4/2/05 v Sunderland Kick off 19:45
Outward - Depart Euston 14.36 - Arrive Wolves 16.35
Return - Depart Wolves 22.39 - Arrive Euston 01.22

Sat 19/2/05 v Gillingham Kick off 15:00
Outward - Depart Euston 09:55 - Arrive Wolves 12.07
Return - Depart Wolves 17:36 - Arrive Euston 19:48

Sat 26/2/05 v Watford Kick off 15:00
Outward - Depart Euston 09:55 - Arrive Wolves 12.07
Return - Depart Wolves 17:36 - Arrive Euston 19:48

AWAY MATCHES

The following times are provisional.

Please contact the Travel Secretary for confirmation of travel arrangements. Please also note that the majority of away matches are likely to be all-ticket for Wolves fans.

Sat 27/11/04 v Sheffield Utd Kick off 15:00 Fare TBA
ALL-TICKET MATCH
Outward - Depart St Pancras 09.25 - Arrive Sheffield 11.47
Return - Depart Sheffield 17.27 - Arrive St Pancras 19.47

Sat 11/12/04 v Watford Kick off 15:00 No travel arranged
ALL-TICKET MATCH
No official club trip arranged. Nearest Railway stations
Watford Junction 1.2 miles from ground. Journey time from Euston approx 25 mins.
Watford High St 15mins walk (Stopping train from Euston)
Watford Underground (Metropolitan Line) is 1 mile from ground.

Sun 26/12/04 v Cardiff City Kick off 13:00 No travel arranged
ALL-TICKET MATCH
No travel has been arranged for this match, **due to no trains running on Boxing Day!** Any member wishing to travel to this match please contact the travel secretary

Tue 4/1/05 v Wigan Kick off 20:00 travel tba
ALL-TICKET MATCH

No travel has yet been arranged for this match as no travel details are available yet. Any member wishing to travel to this match please contact the travel secretary

Sat 22/1/05 v Millwall Kick off 15:00 no travel arranged
ALL-TICKET MATCH

No official club trip arranged, nearest railway stations South Bermondsey - travel time from London Bridge 5mins: Route: exit station down pathway and turn left into Ilderton Road. Zampa Road is the first turning left.
Nearest Underground - Surrey Quays (East London Line)

Sat 12/2/05 v Derby County Kick off 15:00 Fare TBA
ALL-TICKET MATCH

Outward: Depart St Pancras 10:25 arrive Derby 12:05
Return: Depart Derby 18:01 - Arrive St Pancras 19:47

Tue 22/2/05 v QPR Kick off 19:45 no travel arranged
ALL-TICKET MATCH

No official club trip arranged, nearest railway stations White City/Shepherd's Bush (Central Line) Shepherd's Bush (Hammersmith & City Line) (10mins) Kensington Olympia (25mins)
All are a short walking distance to the ground

FA CUP DATES

3rd Round: 8th January 2005
4th Round: 29th January 2005
5th Round: 19th February 2005

Any member wishing to book a train ticket for travel to home or away matches from Euston, must now contact the Travel Secretary AT LEAST 9 DAYS prior to the match. Bookings for travel with other train operators, must be made 3-4 weeks before the match. This is because early booking is essential in order to obtain the cheapest tickets. Fares will be collected on the outward journey. Payments in advance are accepted. Cheques/P.O.'s payable to WWLSC.

Any member booking a train ticket, who subsequently cannot travel, must contact the Travel Secretary at least 9 days before the match to cancel, or they will have to pay for the ticket. This also applies to members who book a ticket and fail to show up on the day, as the train companies will not offer any refunds on unsold tickets, except in exceptional circumstances.

Members requiring match tickets for HOME matches please contact Travel Secretary AT LEAST 16 DAYS prior to match. Please enclose s.a.e. with postal applications.

Please note that for all-ticket away matches where Wolves allocation is limited, ONLY AWAY SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CAN BE GUARANTEED A MATCH TICKET. Tickets for every away match go on sale 21 days before the match to away season ticket holders & also to home season ticket holders, unless Wolves have a limited allocation. Home season ticket holders can apply for away tickets, by ringing the ticket office on 0870 442 0123 between 9 am - 5 pm, and giving their Supporter Number.

There are 7 club season tickets available to members on a match to match basis. Full match day price will be charged. Members must travel on the official club trip for the particular game for which the ticket is required.

Please also note that dates and times of matches are likely to be changed because of live TV coverage by Sky Sports.

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editorial



Such a lot has happened since the last issue that I hardly know where to start. The sacking of Dave Jones is probably the biggest so I'll start there. Regardless of the disappointments of this season so far, every supporter should have a fond memory of Dave as the man who took Wolves back to the top flight of football for the first time in 20 years. Ok - he brought us straight back down again and some will argue that we should have been promoted the season before but nonetheless he achieved a task where others had failed.

As Stuart has pointed out on the front page, Dave was always willing to meet the fans and I remember several occasions where I had the chance to ask questions along with many other members. So I'll say thank you Dave for getting us to the Premiership - sorry it didn't last. I've included an article from Paul Berry writing for the Evening Mail which I thought was an excellent tribute.

There is much speculation about a replacement for Dave and I was hoping that I'd be able to write a review of the new manager but, as of today, Wolves have still not appointed. The clear favourite at the moment is Harry Redknapp who walked out on Portsmouth earlier in the week. Harry has been quoted as saying "Wolves have got great support and a great stadium and it's a great job for somebody.". The only doubt, in my mind, is that he hasn't managed a club further North than West Ham and he still lived in Bournemouth when he was there. It would be a hard job to persuade him to commute to Wolves every day - a round trip of some 500 miles.

Second favourite is Gary Megson, the former WBA boss, and there has already been some backlash amongst fans over his potential appointment. It could be a very brave move to bring him in but he wouldn't be the first former Baggie recruited by Wolves and there is one all-time hero of recent years who made a very successful transition. However, it seems that Gary has ruled himself out of the job with his observation that "I lost my first 3 matches at West Brom, if I did that at Wolves the fans would be burning the stands down."

Other names in the frame are: Sir Bobby Robson - an interesting choice and presumably a short-term move to help groom a younger manager to take over, perhaps this is the plan for Paul Ince!; Ian Holloway - currently on a month-to-month contract with Queens Park Rangers, has no experience of the Premiership but has a good record of getting teams promoted; John Gregory and Mickey Adams are outsiders but who knows what's going to happen. I just hope we get someone soon and that they do a good job.

Part of the reason for Dave Jones dismissal was the poor start to the season and the financial implications of not getting back to the Premiership soon. The club benefit to the tune of £9million this season and next in the form of parachute payments to "soften the blow" of being relegated. There doesn't appear to be any new money coming into the club at the moment and the Haywoods have closed their wallets so there is an apparent desperation to get back into the Premiership before the current squad is dismantled and we start the arduous trek back from near oblivion - will we find another Steve Bull to help us next time? Let's hope it doesn't come to that, it may be sheer blind optimism but when you look at the league table it is still possible to see that Wolves are not out of it yet. However, they need to start consistently winning from now and the players need to look as though they believe it is still possible. I for one am keeping my fingers crossed.

Good news from Wolves on the training ground front. A massive investment in the facilities at Compton will hopefully help remedy

some of the problems Wolves have had in getting big names to come to the club and with injuries incurred in training.

Wolves are still plagued by injuries - George Ndah just doesn't seem to be able to train for any longer than a day before breaking down again and is now on his way to Germany to see if a specialist there can cure his thigh problems. Vio Ganea was ruled out for the whole season but this seems to be shortening by the month and there is a strong possibility he will be training again by February and available for selection soon afterwards. Matt Murray is getting good reviews in the reserve matches but Michael Oakes is having a good run as first choice keeper and is keeping the Number 1 jersey on merit.

Paul Ince has been out with another in-growing toe-nail operation but should be available for the Reading match. Whether he gets selected or not is another matter but there have been several games recently where Wolves could have done with his passion and commitment on the pitch.

Mikkel Bishoff, our loan-signing from Man City was, in my opinion, an excellent player. He teamed up wonderfully with Joleon Lescott and they started to look like a formidable partnership. Unfortunately, Bishoff was injured in the Rotherham match and looks unlikely to play for Wolves again within the loan period. Presumably we have to appoint a new manager before signing any players but I hope that Bischoff's name appears high on the list of new recruits when the manager is recruited.

The only thing left for me to say is I hope you continue to enjoy the newsletter. If you have any articles you would like published then send them through and I'll try to find space for them. Wishing you all a happy Christmas a successful New Year and 15 points between now and then.

PHIL.

Note to Members:

The Committee have added the following by-law to the rules of the Club and in accordance with Club Rule 24 are obliged to report this "in the next edition of the newsletter".

The new by-law states that:
The Committee can conduct a ballot of the full membership of the W.W.L.S.C. on matters it deems appropriate. This will include the right to seek proxy votes from members whenever necessary so the view of the whole membership is represented.

Rule 24

The Committee shall have the power to make such by-laws as it may consider necessary for the good government of W.W.L.S.C., and a copy of all such by-laws shall be published in the next edition of the newsletter.

match reports



WOLVES ADD INSULT TO INJURIES

WOLVES 1-1 LEICESTER CITY

28th August 2004

Thank goodness for the Dave Jones half time talk!

For the sixth match running, what remains of this injury-ridden squad failed miserably to deliver in the first period, and were rewarded after just four minutes, when slack defending (what else?), allowed Leicester to take the lead.

Connolly set free the almost unmarked Scowcroft, and the former Ipswich man slotted the ball through the legs of the advancing Paul Jones.

Lescott, returning after more than a year away with injury, was looking particularly ring rusty, and had City accepted the chances that fell their way Wolves would have had no way back.

Cue: half time chat.

A totally different side emerged for the second half, and within seven minutes, Miller scored a super solo goal to put Wolves level. Somebody has re-written the script as the home side bombarded the visitors' goal and only great saves from Walker and a couple of goal-line clearances deny Wolves their first victory.

Opinion: Lets have ninety minutes, not forty-five.

Man of the match: Cameron.

Team rating: 6/10

Attendance: 27,550

Team: Jones; Clyde, Naylor, Olofinjana, Lescott, Craddock, Newton, Ince, Miller, Cameron (Cooper 78), Clarke

Unused subs: Oakes, Andrews, Lowe, Sturridge

Bookings: Ince (75-Ungentlemanly Conduct), Clarke (87 - persistent fouling)



WOLVES FALL TO SUFFOLK PUNCH

IPSWICH TOWN 2-1 WOLVES

30th August 2004

Despite putting in one of the best performances of the season, Wolves fell to what was, if we are honest, the better side.

Wolves started brightly enough and Olofinjana, at last, started to put some passes together. But having given Ipswich a couple of frights, Wolves went the obligatory goal down just before the half hour.

Magilton sent over a speculative right wing centre, and as the Wolves' defence ignored it, the ball went in off the shoulder of Bent.

Wolves promptly looked as if they would fold, and had Kuqi not missed a sitter, then hit a post, and another shot cannon onto the bar, bounce onto the line, and then be hacked away, Wolves could have been at least four down by the break.

Lescott was adjudged to have pulled back Kuqi in the area just after the break, and Miller put the resultant penalty in for a two goal Ipswich advantage.

Olofinjana reduced the arrears within minutes, as he dived to head home a long free kick, and Wolves seemed to get a scent of a result, but it was not to be.

Opinion: A more spirited performance.

Man of the match: Lescott.

Team rating: 6/10

Attendance: 24,590

Team: Jones; Naylor (Andrews 85), Clyde (Sturridge 68), Olofinjana, Lescott, Craddock, Newton, Ince, Miller, Cameron (Cooper 45), Clarke

Unused subs: Oakes, Lowe

Bookings: Ince (56-Foul)

ON A WIGAN A PRAYER

WOLVES 3-3 WIGAN ATHLETIC

11th September 2004

Yet another penalty miss appeared to have doomed Wolves to another home defeat, but Cameron, taking advantage of poor defending, saved the day with the equaliser, minutes after coming off of the bench.

Wolves had taken the game to the leaders, and Miller gave them the lead after fifteen minutes, but, as often before this season, the visitors went in for the break ahead 2-1, thanks to Jackson's header, and a long-range strike from Ellington and Wolves were fortunate to only trail by the odd goal, as the visitors turned up the heat.

Wigan struck the post twice in the second half, before former Wolf Roberts put his penalty past Jones to give the visitors the advantage after being tripped by Lescott.

Opinion: Must get the act together soon.

Man of the match: Miller. Two well-taken goals.

Team rating: 7/10

Attendance: 26,790

Team: Jones; Naylor (Cooper 59), Clyde, Olofinjana (Cameron 85), Lescott, Craddock, Newton, Ince, Miller, Seol (Sturridge 85), Cort

Unused subs: Oakes, Clarke

Bookings: None



OH! I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE

BRIGHTON AND HOVE ALBION 0-1 WOLVES

14th September 2004

So, the first victory of the campaign is in the bag. And about time! Former Wolves' manager McGhee must have been disappointed as his side dominated for long periods only to be denied by desperate defending and good work in goal by Jones.

Miller headed home in the twenty-second minute, from a deep cross from Olofinjana to give Wolves the points.

Opinion: At last, three points.

Man of the match: Jones.

Team rating: 6/10

Attendance: 26,790

Team: Jones; Clyde, Naylor, Olofinjana, Lescott, Craddock, Newton, Ince, Miller, Seol (Cooper 78), Cort

Unused subs: Oakes, Cameron, Andrews, Clarke

Bookings: Clyde (77-Foul)



IT MUST BE THE SEA AIR

PLYMOUTH ARGYLLE 1-2 WOLVES

18th September 2004

Wolves turned this match around with only twenty minutes remaining, as Plymouth, leading with a 60th minute Frilio headed goal crumbled to the late, but inspired, substitutions of Cameron and Sturridge.

Firstly, after seventy-seven minutes, Cooper was upended by Gilbert. Cort hammered home the spot-kick past a bemused Larrieu. This was closely followed, two minutes later, by a badly mis-timed tackle from Cooper who was shown the red card.

The ten men battled on gamely and Cort flicked on a header into the path of Sturridge and the Wolves man thundered his shot home from twenty yards.

Wotton hit the post for Plymouth in the dying minutes, but Wolves held out to claim their second haul of three points in four days.

Opinion: Good fighting performance.

Man of the match: Lescott.

Team rating: 6/10

Attendance: 18,635 (1,718 Wolves)

Team: Jones; Clyde, Naylor, Olofinjana, Lescott, Craddock, Newton, Ince, Miller (Sturridge 68; Andrews 90) Seol (Cooper 68), Cort

Unused subs: Oakes, Cameron

Bookings: Miller (30-dissent)

Sending-Off: Cooper (79-Serious foul play)

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IS THERE A PENALTY CLAUSE?

BURNLEY 1-1 WOLVES
(Burnley win 4-2 on penalties)
Football League Cup 2nd round
21st September 2004

This game was there for the taking, as with the scores level, Wolves were awarded TWO penalties with only minutes left on the clock and missed them both. They then had another penalty appeal waved away right on time.

Wolves had gone ahead right on the break, when Seol scored his first Wolves goal, firing home a cross from Newton only to see this cancelled out by Blake, turning in a cross from former Wolves man Camara.

Then came the two saves from Jensen saving first from Cort, and then Andrews, to keep the home side in the tie.

The big Dutchman then broke Wolves hearts as, after a goaleless extra period, he turned Olofinjana's shoot-out penalty effort around the post to turf Wolves out of the League Cup for another season.

Opinion: Never had so many penalties awarded, time we learnt to put them away!
Man of the match: Anyone who didn't take a penalty
Team rating: 5/10
Attendance: 5,013
Team: Oakes; Clyde, Naylor, Olofinjana, Lescott, Craddock, Newton, Seol, Cameron (Clarke 27), Cort, Bjorklund (Lowe 59), Andrews
Unused subs: Murray, Clingan, Gubern
Bookings: Clyde (67-foul), Seol (91-foul)



BOTTOMS UP

WOLVES 2-3 CARDIFF CITY
25th September 2004

The 1st placed side in The Championship surely offered Wolves the chance to record their first home victory. No they didn't.

The Welshmen went ahead when Lowe deflected a Parry shot past Jones, but straight from the re-start, Wolves were level, as Seol picked out Cort, and he thumped the ball home.

Wolves then had the ball in the net again, but a linesman ruled Miller's effort off-side, much to the anger of those who were level with the action. And so the scores remained level at the break.

Cardiff were ahead again two minutes after the restart, as almost unchallenged, Thorne headed them back in front, and the game looked lost as Cavanagh hit a third after fiftyeight minutes.

Wolves huffed and puffed without looking too threatening, but Ince did pull one back with six minutes left, to set up a fierce finale, but Cardiff held out for the win that takes them above Wolves.

Opinion: Aaaaaaarrrrrrgggggghhh!!!
Man of the match: Ince
Team rating: 3/10
Attendance: 27,896
Team: Jones, Lowe (Cameron 64), Naylor, Olofinjana, Craddock, Clyde (Bjorklund 31), Newton, Ince, Miller, Seol, Cort
Unused subs: Oakes, Andrews, Clarke
Bookings: Naylor (19-Foul), Craddock (89-Foul)



TEDDY BARES HIS TEETH

West Ham United 1-0 Wolves
2nd October 2004

Whether the barracking got to him, or whether he just had an off day, Paul Ince had a bad game by any standards let alone his own lofty ones, is up to speculation, but he did not play well, and nor did the rest of the team.

Oakes, in for his first league outing of the season, rarely looked like being beaten and with one outstanding save, tipping over a fierce Davenport header from just under the bar, it looked as if the defence would hold firm.

Ince had the major opportunity for Wolves firing over with a fierce drive from the edge of the area, but in truth they rarely troubled a home defence well marshalled by Davenport who was winning everything in the air at both ends.

Then, when we were all settling for a point, Wolves' best defender Lescott, made the error that left them just above the relegation zone.

With little looking to threaten him, the ball appeared to bounce off Lescott's shin and into the path of substitute Sherringham who advanced on the area and with Oakes attempting to close him down, curled the ball into the right hand corner of the net.

Opinion: Ince off day = Wolves off day
Man of the match: Oakes
Team rating: 4/10
Attendance: 29,585
Team: Oakes, Clyde, Naylor (Clarke 82), Olofinjana (Andrews 86), Ince, Lescott, Craddock, Newton, Miller, Cort, Seol (Cameron 65)
Unused subs: Jones, Bischoff
Bookings: None

REID ALL ABOUT IT!

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1-0 WOLVES
15th October 2004

What's occurring? In a season where the referees have given more penalties than the Arsenal crowd have appealed for, Wolves manage to miss yet another. This time Newton fires low to the keeper's right and Gerrard guesses correctly to make a fantastic save, making it eight misses from eleven penalties awarded.

Miller had the chance to put Wolves ahead before there were even ten minutes on the clock, but instead of blasing home, he allowed Gerrard to save, and then, Miller again should have given Wolves the advantage after thirty minutes, but this time Gerrard saved well, beating down the fierce drive.

Oakes saved well at the other end but then the price was paid for earlier misses, when Reid cut inside from the left and fired a curling shot into the top corner of the net with Oakes well beaten.

Reid then became the villain. He felled Miller blatantly as the Wolves man twisted into the area and was promptly shown the red card.

The extra man never really showed as Wolves rarely troubled Forest so thirty minutes with the man advantage was totally wasted.

Opinion: I'm taking the next one.
Man of the match: Naylor
Team rating: 4/10
Attendance: 21,865 (1,790 Wolves)
Team: Oakes, Lowe (Seol 65), Kennedy, Andrews, Lescott, Bischoff, Ince (Cameron 45), Newton, Miller, Cort, Cooper
Unused Subs: Naylor, Olofinjana, Jones
Bookings: None



COOPERMAN TO THE RESCUE

WOLVES 2-0 DERBY COUNTY
19th October 2004

The national rags drooled over it. Wolves had scored from the spot at last.

With Ince for some reason omitted, Wolves took the game to Derby, and looked as if they could break the visitors down at will, and yet again, they were up against ten men, as Camp was dismissed after nineteen minutes.

The Derby keeper brought down Cameron, as the later stormed into the area, latching onto a long ball, and rounding the keeper, who promptly took his legs.

With a long delay while Derby substituted their reserve keeper for an outfielder, nerves were

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jangling, but Cooper stepped up to blast the spot kick home at long last.

Wolves tested and retested the new keeper, and rattled the woodwork, but nothing seemed to be getting through. Then, five minutes into the second period, up stepped Cooper again. From at least twentyfive yards out, the midfielder blasted home a left footed free-kick, which curled into the top left hand corner of the net, with Grant well beaten.

Miller or Cort should have scored, but each left the ball for the other, and a superb chance was wasted.

Grant then produced a class save, palming away a fierce effort from Cameron and Wolves had to settle for a two goal margin as they claimed their first home victory of the season.

A measure of Wolves superiority (or Derby's inferiority) was the fact that the visitors managed only one half-hearted shot and one header during the whole of the match.

Opinion: We must make superiority count.
Man of the match: Cooper for his goals, but Lowe is worth a mention.

Team rating: 6/10
Attendance: 26,465
Team: Oakes, Lowe, Kennedy, Cameron, Craddock, Bischoff, Seol (Newton 69), Olofinjana, Miller, Cooper, Cort (Clarke 79)

Unused Subs: Murray, Naylor, Andrews
Bookings: Seol (45-foul)



RANGERS ARE CORT SHORT **WOLVES 2-1 QUEENS PARK RANGERS** 23rd October 2004

If the manager had called for effort, then the team had certainly listened, as, with the visitors, they produced the most entertaining match so far.

Rangers could have taken the lead as early as the second minute, as a shot rattled against the post, but Wolves went straight to the other end, and constantly worried Day in the visitors goal.

These hit and run tactics paid off just after twenty minutes, when mid-week hero Cooper picked the ball up near the centre line and raced away down the right before producing a marvellous cross, and Cort, out-jumping defenders by a good foot, headed down and past Day for a classic opener.

Shortly afterwards, Cort had the ball in the net again, only for the linesman to flag for offside.

The game looked over and done when, twenty minutes from time, Olofinjana slipped a beauty of a pass into the path of Cort, who scored with some

finesse. However, Miller had other ideas, and came to Rangers' assistance by getting himself sent off, for needlessly collecting a second booking, after following the referee around, and giving his version of a diabolical "play on" situation.

The visitors needed no further invitation, and promptly set the stage for a tense finale, when Gallen cleverly lobbed the ball over a stranded Oakes.

Opinion: Best performance of the season.
Man of the match: Cort. A classic centre forward display.

Team rating: 8/10
Attendance: 21,865
Team: Oakes, Lowe, Kennedy, Cameron, Lescott, Bischoff, Seol (Newton 71), Olofinjana, Miller, Cort, Cooper

Unused Subs: Murray, Ince, Craddock, Clarke
Bookings: Cameron (31-foul), Miller (35-handling the ball), Kennedy (62-shirt pulling)

Sending-off: Miller (73-dissent (2nd yellow))



JONES COX IT UP! **GILLINGHAM 1-0 WOLVES** 30th October 2004

If ever a side put in a performance to assist their under fire manager Wolves could be relied upon NOT to be the one.

From just after the quarter of an hour mark they managed just two shots on target, one from the free kick that was the result of The Gills being reduced to ten men and one from the ineffective Kennedy two minutes from time.

Manager Jones applauded the fans at the end, but you suspected that he knew the fate that was awaiting him as his team did not just under achieve they simply failed to turn up.

Jarvis punished a defensive lapse with a shot which went under the diving Oakes, and Wolves just never looked likely to beat the team propping up the rest of the division.

Opinion: Disgraceful.

Man of the match: Me.
Team rating: 0/10.
Attendance: 9,112
Team: Oakes, Lowe (Sturridge 45), Kennedy, Cameron (Ince 90), Lescott, Bischoff (Craddock 61), Cooper, Olofinjana, Seol, Cort, Miller

Unused Subs: Murray, Clarke
Bookings: Sturridge (77-foul), Ince (90-foul)

NO LUCKY BLACK CATS HERE

SUNDERLAND 3-1 WOLVES

2nd November 2004

Wolves turned in a performance at The Stadium of Light, and looked capable of holding onto their early lead, scored by Miller, turning and firing home, following good work by Bischoff and Newton.

Capable, that is, until twelve minutes into the second half, when, after controlling most of the match, they were stunned by Lawrence, who thundered a thirty shot past a grasping Oakes, for an undeserved equaliser. As if that wasn't enough, another goal, worthy of "Goal of the month, this time from Elliott, was volleyed home via the underside of the bar.

To round it all off Lawrence, again, hit yet another volley from a cross by Arca, to leave Wolves with ziltch, when a victory looked quite possible.

Opinion: You can't legislate for goals like that.

Man of the match: Bischoff.
Team rating: 6/10
Attendance: 23,925
Team: Oakes, Lowe, Kennedy, Cameron (Ince 83), Lescott, Bischoff, Cooper (Sturridge 76), Olofinjana, Miller, Cort, Newton

Unused Subs: Murray, Naylor, Craddock
Bookings: Newton (79-foul)



KEY IN THE NICK OF TIME

ROTHERHAM UTD 1-2 WOLVES

11th November 2004

It looked for long periods of this match as if Wolves were to succumb, yet again, to the side propping up the rest. But, after falling behind to McIntosh's goal ten minutes before the break, Wolves gradually worked their way back into this tussle. With Cooper probing in mid-field, they produced a workmanlike effort, to haul themselves back into it.

In fact it was Cooper who provided the springboard, firing a thirty yard thunderbolt, which Pollitt did not even move for. Cooper was everywhere, and he set up both Cort whose shot flew off a defender, and away to safety, and Cameron who fired just wide.

The comeback was complete when substitute Seol, cleverly making space on the left, crossed with ten minutes remaining, and Cort was in the right place at the right time to fire home the winner.

Opinion: A gritty fightback.
Man of the match: Cooper. Stood out by a mile.
Team rating: 6/10
Attendance: 6,693
Team: Oakes, Lowe, Naylor, Cameron, Lescott, Bischoff (Craddock 90), Cooper, Olofinjana, Cort, Miller (Clarke 84), Newton (Seol 54)

Unused Subs: Murray, Andrews
Bookings: None

Dave's diary

Continuing the 1966/67 season...



1/10/66: Wolves 1 (McIlmoyle) v Charlton Athletic 0

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Hawkins; Wharton; Knowles; McIlmoyle; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 5th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
10 3 2 1 15 5 2 1 1 7 4 13

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 6; Hunt 5; Wharton 4; Burnside 2; Buckley 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1, Wagstaffe 1.

5/10/66: Football League Cup 3rd Round: Fulham 5 (Earle, Clarke 2, Conway, Barrett) v Wolves 0

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Hawkins; Wharton; Knowles; McIlmoyle; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

FL Cup Goalscorers: Hatton; Wharton

6/10/66: Bobby Thomson selected for England Under 23 versus Wales to be played at Molineux.

8/10/66: Wolves 3 (Hatton, Hunt, Wharton) v Portsmouth 1 (McCann)

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Knighton; Bailey; Woodfield; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Hatton; Wagstaffe.

Position: 5th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
11 4 2 1 18 6 2 1 1 7 4 15

Goalscorers: Hunt 6; McIlmoyle 6; Wharton 5; Burnside 2; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1, Wagstaffe 1.

10/10/66: Professional Footballers Golf Tournament: Peter Broadbent hits a 75 to come 3rd and Ron Flowers 5th with a 78.

12/10/66: Bobby Thomson plays for England Under 23 versus Wales

15/10/66: Hull City 3 (Butler, Henderson, Chilton) v Wolves 1 (Bailey)

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Knighton; Bailey; Hawkins; Holsgrove; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Hatton; Wagstaffe.

Position: 5th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
12 4 2 1 18 6 2 1 2 8 7 15

Goalscorers: Hunt 6; McIlmoyle 6; Wharton 5; Burnside 2; Bailey 1; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1, Wagstaffe 1.
32,522 was the highest attendance in Division 2 this season.

22/10/66: Wolves 2 (Woodfield, Hunt) v Plymouth Argyle 1 (Piper)

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 5th P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
13 5 2 1 20 7 2 1 2 8 7 17

Goalscorers: Hunt 7; McIlmoyle 6; Wharton 5; Burnside 2; Bailey 1; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1; Wagstaffe 1; Woodfield 1.

29/10/66: Northampton Town 0 v Wolves 4 (Hunt 3, McIlmoyle)

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 2nd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
14 5 2 1 20 7 3 1 2 12 7 19

Goalscorers: Hunt 10; McIlmoyle 7; Wharton 5; Burnside 2; Bailey 1; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1; Wagstaffe 1; Woodfield 1.

5/11/66: Wolves 2 (McIlmoyle 2) v Millwall 0

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 2nd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
15 6 2 1 22 7 3 1 2 12 7 21

Goalscorers: Hunt 10; McIlmoyle 9; Wharton 5; Burnside 2; Bailey 1; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1; Wagstaffe 1; Woodfield 1.

12/11/66: Rotherham United 2 (Chappell, Galley) v Wolves 2 (McIlmoyle, Wagstaffe)

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 1st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
16 6 2 1 22 7 3 2 2 14 9 22

Goalscorers: Hunt 10; McIlmoyle 10; Wharton 5; Burnside 2; Wagstaffe 2; Bailey 1; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

19/11/66: Ken Knighton transferred to Oldham Athletic

20/11/66: Wolves 3 (Wharton 2 (1 pen), McIlmoyle) v Preston North End 2 (Lee, Hannigan)

Team:- Parkes; Wilson J; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 1st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
17 7 2 1 25 9 3 2 2 14 9 24

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 11; Hunt 10; Wharton 7; Burnside 2; Wagstaffe 2; Bailey 1; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

26/11/66: Bury 2 (Turner, Owen) v Wolves 1 (Hunt)

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 1st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
18 7 2 1 25 9 3 2 3 15 11 24

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 11; Hunt 10; Wharton 7; Burnside 2; Wagstaffe 2; Bailey 1; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

3/12/66: Wolves 1 (Burnside) v Coventry City 3 (Gibson, Key, Rees)

Team:- Davies; Wilson J; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; McIlmoyle; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 2nd P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
19 7 2 2 26 12 3 2 3 15 11 24

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 11; Hunt 10; Wharton 7; Burnside 3; Wagstaffe 2; Bailey 1; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Knowles 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

10/12/66: Norwich City 1 (Bolland) v Wolves 2 (Knowles, Wagstaffe)

Team:- Davies; Hawkins; Thomson; Bailey; Woodfield; Flowers; Wharton; Hunt; Knowles; Burnside; Wagstaffe.

Position: 1st P W D L F A W D L F A PTS
20 7 2 2 26 12 4 2 3 17 12 26

Goalscorers: McIlmoyle 11; Hunt 10; Wharton 7; Burnside 3; Wagstaffe 3; Knowles 2; Bailey 1; Buckley 1; Hatton 1; Holsgrove 1; Thomson 1; Woodfield 1.

Moving on through the 1966-67 season, I recall a young Alan Clarke featuring for Fulham in the League Cup prior to his Leeds United days. Also, before the Portsmouth match Wolves' Secretary, Jack Howley, gave his blessing to Stuart Earl and eleven others to form London Wolves. The first coach ran to the Plymouth Argyle match two weeks later.

Phil Parkes made his debut versus Preston North End, the first of 303 league appearances for Wolves.

A couple of outstanding goals from this period were a Hugh McIlmoyle header from the edge of the penalty area versus Millwall and an acute angled shot from Peter Knowles at Norwich City.

player statistics



Wolves Player Statistics – Championship Season – 2004-2005

Up to and including Coventry City (H)

No.	Player name	Signed From	Date of Birth	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	% Goals per App	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	% Cautions per App
1	Michael Oakes	Aston Villa	30 Oct 1973	9 (0)	-	2 (0)	-	-	-	-	-
2	Mark Clyde	Youth	27 Dec 1982	11 (0)	-	2 (0)	-	-	2	-	15.4
3	Lee Naylor	Youth	19 Mar 1980	12 (1)	-	1 (0)	-	-	1	-	7.1
4	Seyi Olifinjana	Brann Bergen	30 Jun 1980	18 (0)	1	1 (1)	-	5.0	1	-	5.0
5	Joleon Lescott	Youth	16 Aug 1982	14 (0)	-	-	-	-	1	-	7.1
6	Jody Craddock	Sunderland	25 Jul 1975	13 (2)	-	2 (0)	-	-	1	-	5.9
7	Shaun Newton	Charlton	20 Aug 1975	17 (2)	1	2 (0)	-	4.8	1	-	4.8
8	Paul Ince	Middlesboro	21 Oct 1967	11 (2)	1	1 (0)	1	14.3	3	-	21.4
9	Vio Ganea	VfB Stuttgart	10 Aug 1973	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Colin Cameron	Hearts	23 Oct 1972	12 (5)	1	1 (0)	-	5.6	2	-	11.1
11	Mark Kennedy	Man City	15 May 1976	7 (1)	-	-	-	-	1	-	1.3
12	Rob Edwards	Villa	25 Dec 1982	3 (1)	-	1 (0)	-	-	-	-	-
13	Matthew Murray	Youth	2 May 1981	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Jorge Silas	Uniao Leiria	1 Sep 1976	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Kevin Cooper	Wimbledon	8 Feb 1975	8 (8)	4	1 (0)	-	23.5	-	1	29.4
16	Kenny Miller	Rangers	23 Dec 1979	18 (0)	7	1 (0)	1	42.1	4	1	47.3
18	George Ndah	Swindon	23 Dec 1974	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Ki-Hyeon Seol	Anderlecht	18 Jan 1979	8 (3)	-	1 (0)	1	8.3	1	-	8.3
20	Joachim Bjorklund	Sunderland	15 Mar 1971	2 (1)	-	1 (0)	-	-	-	-	-
21	Paul Jones	Southampton	18 April 1967	10 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Keith Andrews	Youth	13 Sept 1980	1 (5)	-	2 (0)	1	12.5	-	-	-
24	Henri Camara	Sedan	10 May 1977	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Mikkel Bischoff	Man City (L)	3 Feb 1982	7 (0)	1	-	-	14.3	-	-	-
27	Carl Cort	Newcastle	1 Nov 1977	13 (0)	5	1 (0)	-	35.7	-	-	-
29	Dean Sturridge	Leicester	27 Jul 1973	1 (6)	1	-	-	14.3	1	-	14.3
30	Carl Ikeme	Youth	8 June 1986	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32	Sammy Clingan	Youth	13 Jan 1984	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33	Leon Clarke	Youth	10 Feb 1985	5 (4)	1	1 (1)	1	18.2	3	-	27.3
34	Lewis Govern	Youth	28 Jan 1985	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Gary Mulligan	Youth	23 Apr 1985	0 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
40	Keith Lowe	Youth	13 Sept 1985	9 (0)	-	1 (1)	-	-	-	-	-

Players on Loan

No.	Player name	Loaned to:	Loan Completed	League Apps	League Goals	Cup Apps	Cup Goals	% Goals per App	Yellow Cards	Red Cards	% Cautions per App
14	Jorge Silas	Mauritimo	Season long	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?
24	Henri Camara	Celtic	Season long	11 (2)	7	4 (1)	-	38.9	1	-	5.6
30	Carl Ikeme	Accrington Stanley	Current	?	-	?	-	-	-	-	-
32	Sammy Clingan	Chesterfield	Current	7 (0)	2	-	-	28.5	1	-	14.3
34	Lewis Govern	Hartlepool	Current	1 (0)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Gary Mulligan	Rushden	Current	5 (1)	2	-	-	33.3	1	-	16.7

Not much to comment on here. Henri Camara seems to be continuing his goal scoring exploits of last season for Celtic which, on the basis he never wants to play for Wolves again, is a good thing. Why? Because Celtic will, hopefully, pay the £5.9million transfer fee agreed at the time of the loan deal.

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Emlyn Hughes 1947-2004



The football world lost another great on Tuesday (November 9) when it was announced that Emlyn Hughes had died from brain tumour at the age of just 57.

He was born in Barrow-in-Furness in 1947, the son of an international rugby league player. Hughes enjoyed a glittering football career, most notably at Anfield where he won almost every honour the game has to offer with the great Liverpool sides of the 1970's. He captained them to their first two European Cup victories in 1977 and 1978, and was also capped by England 63 times, captaining his country on 23 occasions.



It was the great Bill Shankly who took Hughes to Liverpool from Blackpool in 1967, when the player was just 19 years old. The Reds paid the then princely sum of 65,000 pounds for Hughes' services, with Shankly telling anyone who would listen that his new capture was destined to become a world beater. Shankly said that about most of his players, but with Hughes his words were proved right as the young defender developed into one of the most important figures of the Anfield revolution.

Blessed with no short amount of pace, skill and courage, it was Hughes' willingness and determination that allowed him to put these attributes to maximum use. His powerful displays from either full-back, centre-back or midfield earned him the nickname 'Crazy Horse' during his Liverpool career, which spanned 665 first team appearances.



He was unfortunate that his career co-incided with a relatively barren spell for the England national team, and despite making his debut against Holland in 1969, Hughes never got the opportunity to play in a World Cup for his country. He was a player who would have graced such an event, with his enthusiasm and infectiousness both on and off the field.

In 1977 Hughes was honoured with the Player of the Year title by the Football Writers Association and in 1980 he was awarded the OBE for services to football.

Hughes left Liverpool in 1979 when he realised his chances of completing the set of domestic trophies wouldn't be achieved with them. Wolves manager John Barnwell snapped him up for £90,000 and he duly added the League Cup to his list of honours in 1980 when Wolves ran out 1-0 winners over then European Champions Nottingham Forest. Sky TV pundit, Andy Gray, netting the winner with a tap-in from 34 inches after a blunder between Peter Shilton and David Needham from Peter Daniels through ball.



After spells at Hull City, Mansfield Town and Swansea City, he became manager of Rotherham United. Management turned out to be the one thing at which Hughes was relatively unsuccessful during his lifetime, and after his experience in South Yorkshire he turned to a career in television.



Hughes appeared on the popular and long-running BBC programme A Question Of Sport between 1984 and 1987, where he was a team captain opposite former England rugby union captain Bill Beaumont.

In all, Hughes won four League Championship medals, two European Cup winners medals, two Uefa Cup winners medals, an FA Cup winners medal and that League Cup winners medal with Wolves during his playing days.

He died at his home in Sheffield following a 15 month battle with his illness.

How the current Wolves side could do with someone with the enthusiasm, commitment and drive of Emlyn Hughes.