

# WOLVERHAMPTON

## WANDERERS F. C.



# LONDON

## SUPPORTERS CLUB.

Hon. President : DEREK DOUGAN.

***monthly newsletter***

EDITORIAL.

Again we have to apologise for the delay in the newsletter but this is a double edition with two month's match reports. Double pen-pictures and an article which we are very grateful for - from our President Derek Dougan.

In future the newsletter will be published not as a monthly newsletter but as a numbered edition which will be published approximately every five weeks.

The supporters club football team practices every Sunday afternoon in Hyde Park and anyone is invited to join them. At the moment they are looking for a goalkeeper and anyone interested should contact S. Earl.

Raffles are now being run every week on the coach and the first and second prizes are cash. Please support these schemes to keep the coach running at 'break-even'.

Well we hope you enjoy this newsletter as much as the others and also that there is not such a long delay for the next issue.

C.S.

Editor.

COACH PAGE.

Full coaches on the trips to home matches: Liverpool, West Ham and Chelsea and the 'regulars' every week have managed to make the trips run without loss.

Coaches for home games now pick up passengers at Hendon Underground Station at 10.00am. as stated in the last newsletter. If you wish to pick up there please notify S. Earl in due time.

With all bookings please enclose an S.A.E. for a reply (if one is needed).

FUTURE COACHES.

Sat	Nov. 23rd	Newcastle Home	leaving 9.30am	15/-
Sat	Nov. 30th	Man. Utd Away	leaving 8.30am	25/-
				approx.
Sat	Dec. 7th	Tottenham Home	leaving 9.30am	15/-
Sat	Dec. 14th	Chelsea Away	No coach necessary.	
Sat	Dec. 21st	Sheff. Wed. Home	leaving 9.30am	15/-

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

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Wolverhampton.

It gives me great pleasure to contribute an article for the London Supporters Club Programme.

While I write, I am thinking of what topic I should talk about, should it be of anything in particular, I think not.

Firstly I must say, and I can only say without redress, how important supporters are to a Football Club, whether it is Manchester United or Bradford when I refer to these two clubs there is of no significance, at the moment they are miles apart one in the first div, the other in the fourth div.

I think it is irrelevant ( and if I was a footballer supporter and one day when I retire I will inevitably favour some team more than others) his task must be to support his team through, good times, and bad times.

When I signed for the Wolves I thought I had experienced everything in connection with the game, the only exceptions being, of not having a league championship medal, or F.A. cup winners medal, (which I hope is not to late even for me).

That I was to come across something new, and was supporters who travel from London week after week to see the Wolves play. I don't know how it all started but in time I shall find out, I must say and I know I am speaking on behalf of the officials and the players "We Are Impressed".

When I refer to the good times and the bad times along the way, the Wolves have had some wonderful good times and then came a rough spell, when they were relegated to the second division and there is no supporter in the game who likes this to happen to his or her team no matter what division they are playing in.

One day I seemed very content playing for Leicester City in the first division. Out of the blue the Manager sent for me and asked me would I like to join Wolves. I can honestly say at first I was completely flabbergasted, I think I was so pleased about the thought of this great club wanting to buy me, I would have been happy to join them even if they had been in the fourth division. My transfer took place and we gained promotion from the second division not because of me, the main reason being that they were too good for the second division.

Our first year was up and down. Just what you would expect of a newly promoted side. This year up to the time of writing we seem to be following the same trend. But all of us at Molineux hope that this will soon be

put right and the good times of yesterday will be back. I do hope the London Supporters Club will be following us up and down the country for many years to come

Best wishes to you all for the future.

"Doog"

PEN PICS.

No. 3. Bobby Thomson.

Bobby is the perfect example of a good club-man. He turned professional in 1961 and has played over 260 times for the first team. He has been with Wolves all his career and has been the regular left-back, excepting injury, since he made his first team debut against W.B.A. in the F.A. Cup January 1962/3 season.

He has gained eight full international caps and several under-23 caps. He has also captained the under-23 side.

Bobby delights in overlapping to come up with the attack and has, with his crosses made many a goal.

WANTED:

The following last seasons programmes. Wolves home v Leeds, Leicester, Fulham, Everton, W.H.U., Sunderland, Sheff. Utd., away v Everton, Man. City, Leeds, Leicester, Burnley, Stoke, Sunderland. Will pay face value.

Also wanted Wolves v Darlington. F.A.Cup 5th Round 1957/58. Will pay 5/- for this.

Alan Taylor, 40, Pinehurst Cottis, Farnborough, Hants.

### THE LEAGUE CUP.

Wolves had three comparatively easy draws in the League Cup this season.

On Sept. 4th they played a 2nd round tie against Fourth Division Southend United at Molineux, Southend won the hearts of the Wolves fans with a fighting, spirited performance. Admittedly Wolves played extremely badly but they did not penetrate Southend's defence until the 89th minute when John Farrington hit a good shot from the edge of the box. Southend's players wept with disappointment but the whole ground applauded Southend off the pitch at the end with the North Bank chanting "Southend, Southend" for fully two minutes.

In the 3rd round Wolves were fortunate in having a home draw with Second Division leaders Millwall. Wolves turned on a sparkling performance, Dougan scored with a spectacular diving header almost straight from kick-off and that remained the score until half-time.

Millwall equalized ten minutes after the re-start but Wolves replied immediately when Munro scored after Bailey's long throw was backheaded across the goal. Kenning scored Wolves third from the spot after Parkin, who was surely man of the match, was up-ended in the area. Two fine goals (a header and a shot) from Farrington finished the goal spree giving Wolves a 5-1 win.

Blackpool was the next trip for Wolves and their supporters in the 4th round. Blackpool, rated by many the best side in division two, started confidently but Wolves should have been leading at half-time when Dougan and Wignall should have scored. The teams however, went off level 0-0 at the interval.



Suddick scored Blackpool's first from a well taken corner. Wagstaffe replied for Wolves with a swerving left foot shot but joy was short lived when Marsden "cashed in" on Williams mistake to put Blackpool into the draw for the 5th round and Wolves out for another year.

Well there is always the F.A. Cup!

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#### PEN PICS.

##### No. 4. Mike Bailey.

Mike joined Wolves for an estimated £45,000 in March 1966 from Charlton Athletic. He has played two full internationals and the way he is playing he will surely be in line for more.

He is club captain and who else better for the job - a driving inspiration to any team. His control of midfield, his strong tackling and ability to shoot with both feet makes him the back bone of the team.

Last year he was voted 'Midlands Footballer of the Year' which he thoroughly deserved. His main ambitions are to lead Wolves back into Europe as all ardent Wolves fans want him to do.

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#### SOUVENIRS.

Car Stickers, Pennants, Badges, Programmes Boxes etc., can all be obtained from Dave Bell at 29, Gaunlett Court, Wembley, Middlesex.

Also write for details of the L.S.C. programme service.

Dave Grafton still would like more members for the Wolves' Pool. Write to him for details at 20, St. Margaret's Grove, S.E. 18.

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If you've anything interesting to say about the Newsletter or the Wolves or any adverts to insert send them to C. Stonell (address on back page) and a space will be found if possible.

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#### MATCH REPORTS.

Since the thrashing by Liverpool the Wolves have picked up some good away points and have certainly restored their morale. Their table over their past five away games reads as follows.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
5	2	2	1	3	2	6

Matching this with their last five home games (up and including W.H.U.) surely shows the inconsistency of the team at home.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
5	1	2	2	5	10	4

#### Leeds v Wolves (Elland Road Sept. 7th)

A bright start by Wolves brought a goal that shook Leeds as it did their supporters. Munro, with his back to the goal turned and hit a Dougan pass to the left of Spake to give Wolves a ninth minute lead. Leeds attacked strongly but Wolves held out till half-time. Dougan was booked but kept the Leeds defence on their toes.

H.T. Leeds 0 Wolves 1.



As in the first half Leeds dictated most of the play. Parkes was playing splendidly but he was unable to stop Leeds equalizer. Cooper being the scorer. Wolves defence was playing with determination and they looked like taking a point but Charlton denied them this by scoring a similar goal to their first with only four minutes left.

Result: Leeds 2 Wolves 1.

Wolves v Sunderland (Molineux Sept. 14th)

Wolves should have wrapped the game up by half time but they squandered chances and Sunderland cashed in by scoring through Hughes after a bad error by Boswell, playing his first game in the Wolves goal.

H.T. Wolves 0 Sunderland 1

Montgomery, in the Sunderland goal, was playing splendidly but he had no chance in the 83rd minute when Wignal turned on a long throw to hammer in a great shot from outside the box. Wolves continued the pressure but Sunderland held on for a point.

Result: Wolves 1 Sunderland 1

W.B.A. v Wolves (The Hawthornes Sept. 21st)

In a fast moving game Wolves were denied the services of Wagstaffe who, after only two minutes was carried off with an injured ankle after a vicious tackle, Ross substituted.

Wolves were trying to play good football but were unable to because of Albion's stupid fouling which resulted in three of their players being booked.

Both keepers played confidently and Osborne was often tested by Knowles - but when the final

whistle went the result was stalemate.

Result: Albion 0 Wolves 0

Wolves v Liverpool (Molineux Sept. 28th)

The scoreline speaks for itself, Liverpool came to Molineux with the idea of playing fast, attacking football and striking from any position, it paid off, and Wolves had no answer. Hunt, Thompson and Evans scored good individual goals to give Liverpool a big lead at half time.

Large gaps opened in the Wolves defence every time Liverpool attacked and Evans, Thompson and Hunt got second half goals to finish the rout. Dejected Wolves supporters streamed from the ground with still twenty minutes to go.

Result: Wolves 0 Liverpool 6.

Coventry City v Wolves (Highfield Road Oct. 5th)

Wolves started brightly, trying to restore some confidence after their thrashing the week before. It was Coventry though who went close first. Hunt netted but was off-side, also hit the post and had a volley go close. A header from Hateley was well saved by Boswell to relieve pressure. Play swung from end to end and at half-time an interesting match was developing.

H.T. Coventry 0 Wolves 0

Again play was even and it seemed only one goal was needed to win the game. Knowles almost did this but his attempt to score was well saved by Glazier, playing a good game in the City goal. Dougan became menacing and Wolves steady attacking paid off when a brilliant diving header from Dougan found the back of the net. The Wolves defence held out for the first away win of the season.

Result: Coventry 0 Wolves 1

Leicester City v Wolves (Filbert Street Wed. Oct. 9th)

Quick short interpassing led to the downfall of Wolves, City took a disputed lead after only eight minutes. Thomson cleared a Stringfellow shot of the line but the referee ruled that all the ball had gone over the line. It was not long before Fern added their second goal.

Wolves forward line lacked bite and Leicester realizing this, were content to sit back and play on Wolves poor finishing. Their lead could easily have been increased in the second half but for equally bad finishing.

Shilton was forced to make a splendid save from Kenning's shot late in the game.

Result: Leicester 2 Wolves 0

Wolves v Chelsea (Molineux Oct. 12th)

Wolves, with wingers Wagstaffe and Farrington returning after injury, made most of the early running, Chelsea's goal was under constant pressure with all the Wolves' forwards going close but, as usual, Bonetti saved Chelsea with a string of fine saves. Chelsea were breaking out of defence quickly and had a few promising attacks. Wagstaffe's crosses caused no end of trouble, especially with Dougan in a menacing mood.

H.T. Wolves 0 Chelsea 0

The game continued as in the first half with Wolves having all the chances. Knowles hit a post and Dougan and Bailey went near.

But it was Chelsea who scored with only two minutes left. Tambling hit a fine shot past a helpless Boswell.

It looked like both points for Chelsea as there was so little time left but a long throw from Bailey found Dougan and his back header was powered in by Peter Knowles.

Result: Wolves 1 Chelsea 1

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Sheffield Wednesday v Wolves (Hillborough Oct. 19th)

This was surely Wolves finest performance of the season, to date, Wednesday's attack was kept quiet by a fine defence with Thomson outstanding.

Farrington could easily have given Wolves an early lead but Springett saved his shot. Knowles, however, gave Wolves the lead from the penalty spot after Dougan was clearly fouled in the area.

Shortly before half-time Dougan scored after Springett had dropped the ball at his feet from Wagstaffe's corner kick.

These goals gave Wolves another two points from a splendid performance. Dougan was outstanding in attack well backed up by Knowles and Wagstaffe.

Result: Sheff. Wed. 0 Wolves 2.

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Wolves v Everton (Molineux Oct. 26th)

Wolves had most of the early running against a high-riding Everton side but Everton took a strong grip on the game and were on top as the teams left the field at the interval. They led one - nil through Royle after a slip by Boswell.

H.T. Wolves 0 Everton 1

Wolves went all out for an equalizer and they got it through a great goal by Peter Knowles. This was undoubtedly the best goal seen at Molineux for a long time,

Wagstaffe took a free kick which was flicked back to Knowles via Bailey and a cracking volley bent past a helpless Gordon West.

Wolves kept pressing but Everton stole the points when Ball looked to take a 'dive' in the area and he converted the penalty himself.

Result: Wolves 1 Everton 2

Nottingham Forest v Wolves (The County Ground  
Nov. 2nd)

The windy, wet weather and a soft pitch played havoc but Peter Knowles mastered the conditions to put in a fine display in midfield.

Forest pressed hard but Wolves held them and in fact Wolves had the better chances. Farrington through inexperience missed three easy chances. The Forest keeper looked uncertain very often due to the swirling wind but Parkes mastered the conditions.

Dougan and Knowles, in the last five minutes could easily have collected both points which they would have fully deserved.

Result: Forest 0 Wolves 0

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