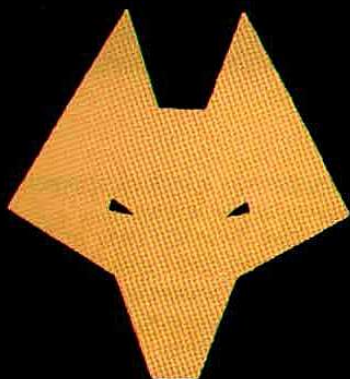


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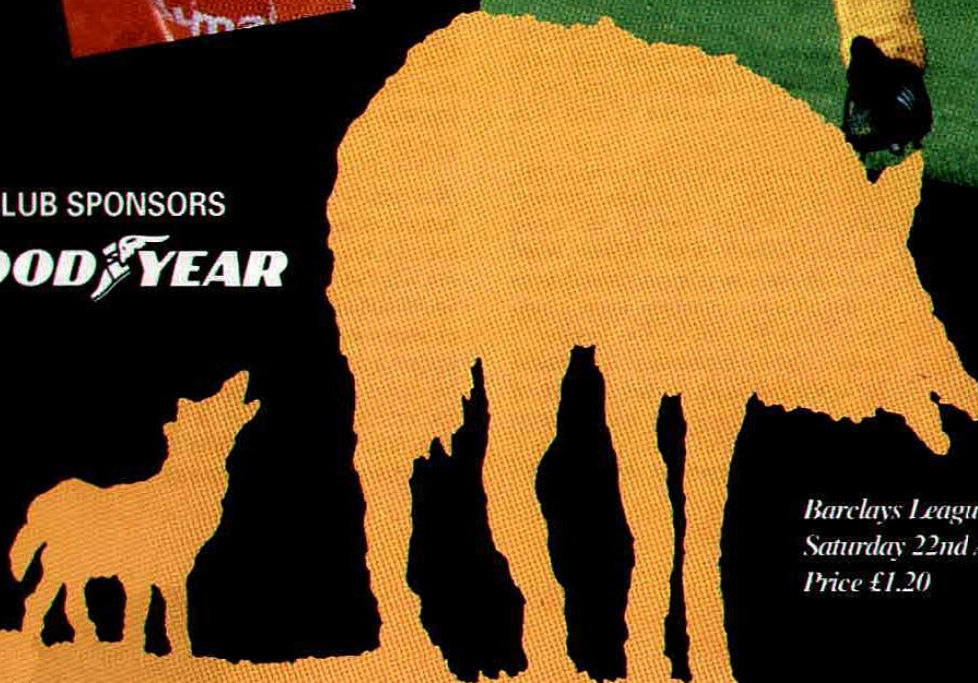


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# WOLVES THE • M A

**I** thought the game against Leicester City was highly entertaining. You may not be aware of the fact that goal difference isn't used to divide teams now, it's simply goals scored. Whether it is that fact, or the back pass law changes, but there are a lot more chances being created.

I was extremely apprehensive about the law change, but what it has meant is that defenders are holding back a little bit more, because they don't want to be turned, and that has opened the game up in midfield. The outcome will probably be a lot more goals.

I thought it was the wrong way to try and stop time wasting, but, from a spectator point of view, I would say it's certainly going to make the game more entertaining – and that's what it's about. Incredibly, if that change was designed to prevent time wasting, we're now allowing goal-keepers to take goal kicks from either side of their area. The question is, how long do they get to do that? On Wednesday I saw a keeper booked for time wasting when, completely within the laws of the game, he jogged across from where the ball went out of play, to the other side of the goal put it down, stepped back to take it and was booked.

On Tuesday night the old chestnut of 'when is a player interfering with play reared its head again, when Phil Gee went through as Ian Ormondroyd was yards offside returning from chasing a through ball to the keeper. I think the linesman, because Ormondroyd was so far ahead of the play, just hadn't seen him, and we could have gone behind from what I

thought was a lack of appreciation of the situation by the linesman.

I saw Swindon play at Bristol Rovers on Wednesday and I was very impressed. Twerton Park is always a difficult place to go to and win. Rovers, if nothing else, are always fired up and they work ever so hard. I saw Swindon open them up quite easily, go three goals ahead and lead 4-1. They did concede two late goals, but it looked almost academic. They've got that ability to pass the ball short, and then open up the game with long telling passes and that's something we'll have to be very wary of.

You've got to show sides respect, but we've got to worry about our own form and what we can do. From what I've seen so far I've been quite pleased. However, you've only got to look at the Premier League table to know that you have to keep your feet on the floor at this stage. I just hope that we can carry on and play the sort of exciting football we did against Leicester.

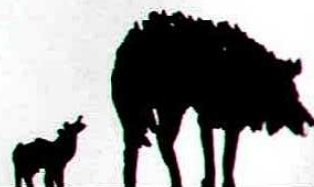
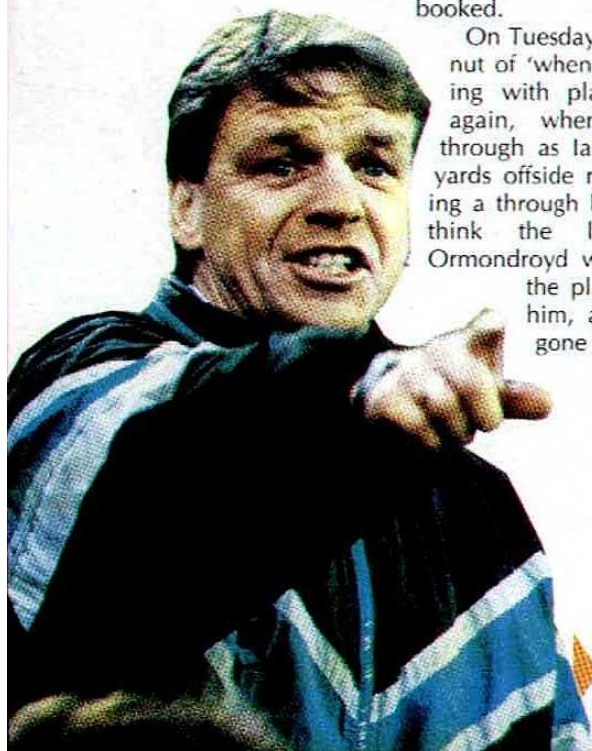
On the injury front, Mark Venus, Mark Rankine and Tim Steele will all be out for a while yet. Derek Mountfield's suspension ends after Saturday so we want to get him back fully fit as soon as possible. Lawrie Madden had ninety minutes against Aston Villa's reserves, while Tom Bennett played for an hour. They need some more football, but they're coming on.

We want them all fit as quickly as possible in order to exert some pressure on the lads in the side. They've started ever so well, but I want to keep the pressure on them so that they can't afford to relax, knowing that there's other people ready to take their places.

Finally, I must pay tribute to Steve Bull. 200 goals in 294 games is an incredible record. I'm sure he'd want to pay tribute to the players around him, but equally, the players who've played with him over the past six years would marvel at the way he puts his chances in the back of the net. His ratio has improved tremendously since he came here. He used to take six chances to score a goal, now you might see him have one chance and put it away.

**'... I just hope that we can carry on and play the sort of exciting football we did against Leicester ...'**

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WELCOME • TO • THE • H O

“ It has been a ‘Beauty and the Beast’ start to the season for Swindon Town, says player manager Glenn Hoddle.

Their opening match, at home to Sunderland last Saturday, was a neat footballing contest which Swindon won 1-0 thanks to a quite superb goal by Hoddle himself.

In sharp contrast, Wednesday evening’s 4-3 victory at Bristol Rovers was a scrap from start to finish.

Though Hoddle is a master craftsman who will never betray his footballing principles, he was nevertheless satisfied that his team was able to come out on top in a tough battle as well as in the more refined atmosphere of the match against Sunderland.

He said: “Saturday was the beauty - and the beast came out at Bristol Rovers.

“We have already proved we can beat teams with fluid, creative football. Now we’ve shown we can mix it and still come up with three points, which bodes well for the rest of the campaign.”

Hoddle is pleased with the way his side has shaped up in the opening games and particularly with the way in which new boys Craig Maskell and John Moncur have settled in.

Striker Maskell, signed from Reading in a £250,000 deal which saw Tom Jones moving in the opposite direction, was only denied his first Swindon goal by a crunching tackle which led to a penalty in the Bristol Rovers match.

Moncur, an £80,000 capture from Hoddle’s old club Tottenham Hotspur on transfer deadline day last season, has looked very impressive in midfield.

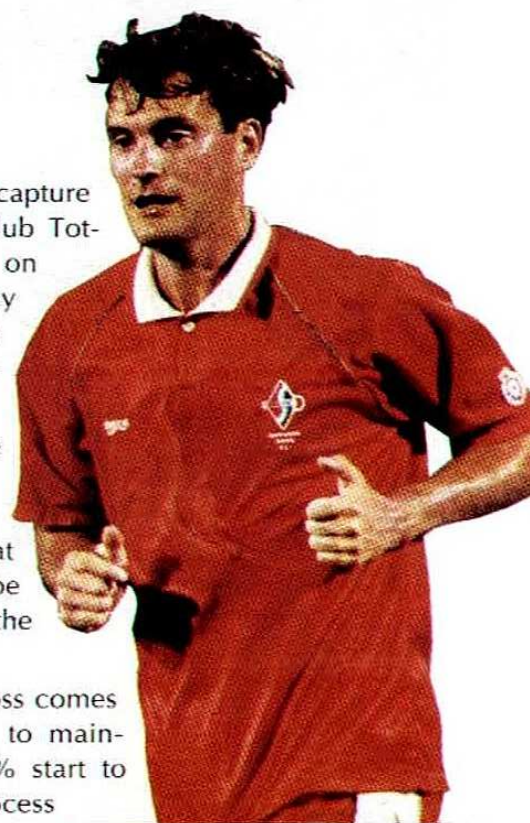
He was so impressive against Sunderland, in fact, that Hoddle later said: “ at £80,000 he could be one of the steals of the season.”

Now the Swindon boss comes to Molineux aiming to maintain his team’s 100% start to the season, in the process ruining Wolves’ perfect start and avenging last season’s 2-1 defeat here.

Hoddle’s assistant manager, John Gorman, watched our 3-0 win against Leicester City on Tuesday evening and is looking forward with relish to this afternoon’s encounter.

He said: “Molineux is always a great place to go, but it’s even better now with the new stand. I really enjoyed the atmosphere on Tuesday night.

“The pitch looked great as well, and that should help us to produce a very exciting match.”



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## A ROOM WITH A VIEW

During the summer three major appointments were made at the club. Keith Pearson, 15 years as Club Secretary and accountant joined the Board of Directors. Keith is a true professional who has seen the highs and lows of the club. He is held in the highest esteem within the game and will be a great asset on the Board.

David Clayton has joined us as Director of Marketing and Public Affairs. David was one of many professional people at Goodyear. It is Goodyear's supreme perfection that we want to capture here at Wolves. David also has a very important job of maximising the potential earning of the new stadium and we all wish him a very happy career at Molineux.

Gary Leaver has moved from an assistant in the Commercial Department to Commercial Manager. When the post was advertised Gary received tremendous support from the local business community. Thank you for writing in and I look forward to you all continuing to support Gary in his new job.

Dotted all over the country are glossy development proposals stacked on boardroom tables. Molineux is one of the few stadiums where everyone can see the exciting developments from the pitch! We are a very lucky generation to have these new facilities, but let us make sure we look after Molineux for the generations to come.



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**Jonathan Hayward**  
Chairman

## Stan Cullis Stand

The first phase of the Molineux re-development is now complete and in use.

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## ON THE BOX

Wolves are set to hit the small screen in a big way in the coming weeks.

Four of our early-season matches are to be televised live as part of the new ITV contract to cover Football League matches.

The away game with Tuesday's opponents Leicester City starts the ball rolling on September 13 and Central TV will be present again for the local derby at Birmingham City a fortnight later.

The Birmingham-based station send their cameras to Molineux on October 4 when relegated West Ham United are our visitors and, finally for the time being, our game at Southend United a week later will be shown too - although maybe only in the south-east.

All four games have consequently been moved from Saturdays to Sundays, but, while recognising the prestige and financial benefit of attracting live coverage, the club do have some reservations.

Both chairman Jonathan Hayward and secretary-director Keith Pearson have expressed concern that the demands of TV should not override consideration for the paying Wolves fans. Clearly, they and their counterparts at other Football League clubs will pay close attention to ensuring there's no TV takeover of the long-established habits of loyal supporters.

And manager Graham Turner will second that after speaking out about the problems he could face in preparing the lads for a Tuesday night game if, because of TV, they have played only a couple of days previously.

It was interesting to hear that Birmingham officials estimate that the crowd of 10,614 at their televised game with Notts County last Sunday was about 5,000 down on what they would have expected on a normal first day.

As Blues manager Terry Cooper said: "Will the thousands who stayed away return when the cameras aren't here?" That might mean long after the club have spent the reported £24,000 they received for the live screening.

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

If you see anyone causing damage to the stand please let us know and we will take the appropriate action. I can assure you anyone causing any damage to the stand will be banned from it.

Remember we have all waited a long time for the redevelopment to take place. Now sit back and savour the atmosphere and imagine how things will be in two years time when we have completed the whole of Molineux Stadium.

## FLYING VISIT



Wolves President Sir Jack Hayward is back in Britain after a flying visit to the Falkland Islands.

Sir Jack, who helped finance the building of a new hospital in the South Atlantic some years ago, flew with his daughter by RAF plane to attend a celebration of the 400th anniversary of the sighting of the Falklands.

## OLD PALS

For the second successive summer, Wolves gave neighbours Aston Villa a fright when the two sides clashed in the Stan Cullis testimonial a fortnight ago.

Last year, we ran out 3-2 Friday night winners at Villa Park in the Paul Birch benefit game. This time, we drew 2-2 at Molineux as Bully treated the occupants of the new stand to an exhibition of his explosive finishing power.

But it was a big game, too, for Andy Mutch. The match gave the striker the opportunity to cross swords again with Villa defender Shaun Teale - one of his best pals.

The two combatants have known each other from junior football since they were six and then played in the same Southport side more than a decade later.

## BABY BOOM

Molineux is alive with the patter of tiny feet - and we're not referring to Andy Thompson setting off on the overlap! Following on from the arrival of Rebecca Mountfield, Connor Venus, Liam Cook, Chad Ashley and Jack Bull at the end of last season, may we now welcome little Charlotte to this world as the new addition to the Mike Stowell household. Our best wishes go to the 'new signings' and to their proud parents.

## PONTINS LEAGUE MATCHES

Would supporters please note that only the John Ireland Stand upper tier will be open for Pontins League division one fixtures this coming season.

Price of admission £2.

Season ticket holders for the Stan Cullis stand, Family Enclosure and South Bank terrace will, of course, be admitted free on production of their season ticket book, as will season ticket holders for the upper tier of the John Ireland stand.

## NEW ROLES

Derek Mountfield took on a new role in our opening-day game at Brentford. Forced on to the sidelines by his suspension held over from last season, Derek took it upon himself to chauffeur some of the other absentees to watch the game at Griffin Park.

And it was at the same game that the lads displayed the new club blazers they will now wear on match-days. The new attire, which replaces the track-suits worn in the past, applies to club staff and directors as well as players.

But there was one first-day casualty. Secretary and newly-appointed director Keith Pearson became so excited at the sight of one of Wolves' goals that one of the shiny silver buttons was pulled from its thread.

Luckily, Keith was able to retrieve the said item from the main stand at Griffin Park and hand it in for a spot of tailoring.



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# WELCOME



**T**he County Ground at Swindon has certainly been an interesting place to be over the past few seasons. The Robins have rarely been out of the news.

Under Lou Macari, Town were promoted from Division Four to Division Two in successive seasons. When Ossie Ardiles took over he led them into the old First Division for the first time in their history, or so it was thought, by defeating Sunderland in a play-off final at Wembley. However, Swindon's joy was short-lived as the results of an inquiry into the club's finances became known. The irregularities which occurred during the reign of Chairman Brian Hillier and manager Lou Macari forced the club to remain in the Second Division with Sunderland gaining a place in the elite.

Ossie Ardiles eventually moved on to manage Newcastle United having introduced Robins' fans to the attractive passing game



which has been carried on by his successor and former colleague Glenn Hoddle.

Swindon is Hoddle's first job in management, after an illustrious playing career during which he represented Spurs and England with terrific style. From White Hart Lane he moved on to Monaco where towards the end of his stay there his career was threatened by serious injury. Fortunately, this has cleared sufficiently for him to resume his playing career with Swindon. Last season Hoddle led the Robins to the brink of the promotion play-offs and this term will be hoping to maintain their push towards the Premier League right up until the seasons' end.

There has not been much activity in the transfer market in the summer at the County Ground. The only major deal involves striker Craig Maskell's move to the Robins from Reading, in a move that sent long-serving midfielder Tom Jones in the opposite direction.

The departure of Duncan Shearer will obviously prove a blow in the coming season. The burly striker had a prolific season in 1991-92 until his transfer to Blackburn Rovers just before the transfer deadline. Hoddle will be looking to Maskell to provide some of Shearer's missing goals. The experienced Steve White and former Chelsea man David



**Martin Ling**

Mitchell were also in contention for places up front last season.

The midfield skills of ex-Spurs man Micky Hazard were very influential last year and were at the hub of Swindon's passing game. However, one of his midfield partners, the exciting Fitzroy Simpson was transferred to Manchester City for £500,000 towards the end of the season.

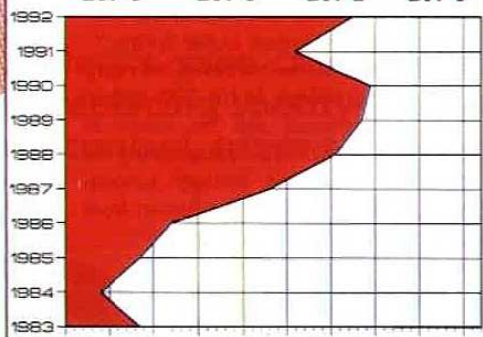
Defender Ross Maclaren was another who showed great skill on the ball last season whether in midfield or in defence. Shaun Taylor proved an inspired signing from Exeter and earned great praise from his manager.

In goal Fraser Digby and Nicky Hammond both proved themselves excellent keepers during the season and it will be interesting to see who occupies the No 1 jersey at the start of the current campaign.

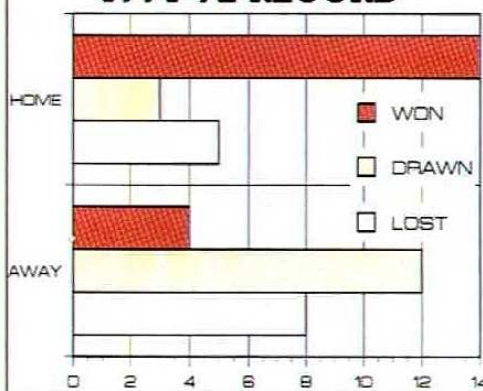
There is unlikely to be any real change in Swindon's approach to the game this season as they seek a place in the new Premier League. The departure of Duncan Shearer will be a major blow to their hopes. However, much could depend on whether Glenn Hoddle will be able to stay fit through the whole season and organise the side from the sweeper position. Only time will tell. One thing is sure though, Swindon will remain an attractive side to watch throughout the season.

### TEN YEAR RECORD

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### 1991-92 RECORD



### THE LAST 10 GAMES

Southend U	H	3-1
Portsmouth	A	1-1
Port Vale	H	1-0
Millwall	A	1-1
Bristol R	A	1-1
Watford	A	0-0
Plymouth A	H	1-0
Derby Co	A	1-2
Sunderland	H	1-0
Bristol R	A	4-3

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## THE PLAYERS

### **Glenn Hoddle (Manager)**

Appointed at the beginning of April last year. In his playing career Glenn won F.A. Cup winners medals while at Tottenham Hotspur and helped Spurs with their UEFA Cup win in 1984. Glenn won fifty three England caps before a move to top French outfit Monaco. A serious knee injury threatened to wreck his career and he was subsequently released from his contract last December. Glenn admits that the chance to manage Swindon Town came at the right time for him.

### **Paul Bodin (Defender)**

Born Cardiff. Now in his second spell with the Club, Welsh International Bodin started his career with Newport County. Swindon signed Bodin in March 1988 and he played 93 League games before a £550,000 move took him to Crystal Palace. Unable to retain a first team place Bodin returned to Swindon just ten months later.

### **Colin Calderwood (Defender)**

Born Glasgow. The only surviving member of the Town's Fourth Division Championship-winning side of 1985-86. He was restricted to 23 games last season when he suffered a knee ligament injury in mid-September.

### **Shaun Close (Striker)**

Born Islington, London. Signed for £70,000 from AFC Bournemouth almost three years ago and has scored just once for the Club. Shaun went to Dean Court in March 1989 from Tottenham, where he began his career as a trainee.

### **Fraser Digby (Goalkeeper)**

Born Sheffield. The former England Under-21 keeper has missed just

a handful of games for Swindon in the last three seasons and passed the 200-appearance milestone in the Spring.

### **Ross McClaren (Midfield/Defender)**

Born Edinburgh. In his 12th season as a professional and his fourth at Swindon. Absent only once during the last two campaigns, through suspension, Ross normally plays just in front or just behind the back four.

### **David Mitchell (Striker)**

Born Glasgow. Capped 37 times for Australia, David was signed in July from Chelsea for a nominal fee. Made just one appearance last season for the London club, which he joined from Feyenoord for £200,000 in December 1988. Previously with Rangers.

### **John Moncur (Midfield)**

Born Stepney. An £80,000 signing from Tottenham Hotspur. He made his League debut for the White Hart Lane club in 1987. He played on loan for Doncaster Rovers, Cambridge, Portsmouth, Brentford and Ipswich.

### **Nicky Summerbee (Striker)**

Born Altrincham. Started a game for the first time in the Town's final fixture of 1990/91, at Port Vale and made seven earlier appearances as a substitute. Nicky has a good football pedigree, as his father, grandfather and great uncle all had careers in the Football League.

### **Shaun Taylor (Defender)**

Born Plymouth. A £200,000 signing from Exeter. Came into League Football late, being 23 when he arrived at St. James Park. Strong and durable defender who has missed just two games in the last three seasons.

### **Adrian Viveash (Defender)**

Born Swindon. Progressed through

the ranks at the County Ground, starting his career as a winger. He has slotted into a back four position and featured at left back in the latter part of last season.

### **Steve White (Striker)**

Born Chipping Sodbury, Glos. Now approaching the veteran stage, Steve was a free transfer signing five years ago from Bristol Rovers, where he began his League career in 1977.

### **Micky Hazard (Midfield)**

Born Sunderland. Signed from Portsmouth for £130,000 in September 1990. Made 38 League and Cup appearances, scoring 8 goals - his best tally since 1981/82 when he was at White Hart Lane. He won both F.A. Cup and UEFA Cup medals with Tottenham before joining Chelsea.

### **Craig Maskell (Striker)**

£195,000 Summer buy from Reading which took Tom Jones to Elm Park. Started his career as an apprentice at Southampton and spent a short time on loan at Swindon before moving to Huddersfield where in two years he scored 53 goals in 106 appearances.

### **David Kerslake (Midfield/Defender)**

Born Stepney, London. A £110,000 signing from QPR in November 1989. He made his first team debut there in a UEFA Cup tie against Partizan Belgrade in 1984. Gained England honours at Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 levels.

### **Martin Ling (Midfield)**

Born West Ham, London. Slightly built midfielder now in his second spell at The County Ground, having rejoined the Town from Southend United for a small fee during the Summer. Began his career with Exeter.

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# COUNTRYWIDE

Wolves are one of only six First Division clubs to have completed two games. Having scored five goals, it is likely that we would still be heading the table had all the other clubs played this week. As it was, apart from our game with Leicester City on Tuesday evening, the only other matches were Cambridge v Charlton and Bristol Rovers v Swindon.

John Beck's much maligned Cambridge team slipped up at home when Pardew got a second half winner for Charlton to give the Londoners two wins out of two. United lie pointless and goalless at the foot of the table.

Joining Wolves and Charlton on six points are Glenn Hoddle's Swindon Town. They followed up their win over Sunderland last weekend with a 4-3 win over Bristol Rovers at Twerton Park. Town led 3-0 and then 4-1 before Rovers staged a late fightback with the Swindon goals coming from Bodin (pen), Mitchell (2) and Taylor.

The first round, first leg games, in the Coca Cola Cup, provided little in the way of shocks although Huddersfield's 3-2 victory at Roker Park deserves a mention. Starbuck, Parsley and Roberts were the scorers for the Terriers whilst former England star, and Coventry City



**Peter Shilton**

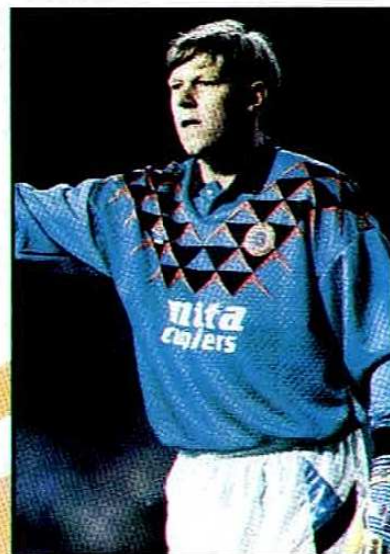
manager, Terry Butcher, got onto the scoresheet for Sunderland. Cardiff take a goal advantage to Ashton Gate after a Dale goal gave them victory over Bristol City and Carlisle must have surprised themselves when they hit Burnley for four. The newly promoted Clarets could only respond once in the game at Brunton Park.

Doncaster Rovers look to be in for a bleak season. They lost in the league to Bury last Saturday then crashed again in Tuesday's cup tie with Lincoln. Both matches were at Doncaster's Belle Vue home and the Lincoln scorers in a 3-0 victory were Finney, Bressington and Carmichael. Brentford recovered from their defeat at our hands last weekend, when they travelled to neighbours Fulham and won 2-0 with Booker and Blissett the scorers.

Locally, West Bromwich Albion overcame Peter Shilton's Plymouth, although, they would have hoped for more than Bob Taylor's goal in the kitty for the trek to the south coast. Ian Hamilton's late penalty miss for the Baggies could prove costly.

Wayne Clarke beat another ex-Wolf at the Bescot Stadium when he poked the ball past Vince Bartram in Bournemouth's goal. But Walsall couldn't hold on to their advantage and Morris levelled things when he scored for the Cherries four minutes after the break.

In the Premier League the form book continues to be upset. Up at the top are Norwich City, who followed up their demolition of Arsenal with a 2-1 victory over Chelsea, who took the lead, at Carrow Road through Graham Stuart. Dave Phillips and Mark Robins got the second half goals that sent the Canaries flying to the top. Second, only on goal difference, are Coventry City. The Sky Blues travelled to



**Nigel Spink**

White Hart Lane and won 2-0 thanks to a first half brace from former postman and Cradley Town striker, John Williams who also scored on his debut at Highfield Road last Saturday. Spurs have yet to score this season.

At the bottom are Manchester United who crashed 3-0 in an Old Trafford encounter with Everton whose goals came from Peter Beardsley, Robert Warzycha and Mo Johnston. After tossing the title away at the end of last season, it would appear that the Reds still have a massive hangover as an air of gloom seems to be hanging over them. Things aren't much better at Highbury. After being humiliated by Norwich, the Gunners went down to big spending Blackburn who won 1-0 thanks to a Alan Shearer cracker which took a deflection off the hapless Tony Adams on its way to the net.

Aston Villa got their second one all draw of the campaign on Wednesday. After putting Champions Leeds under the cosh for much of the game, they finally took the lead 13 minutes from time through Dalian Atkinson. But Leeds fought back and snatched a point when Gary Speed's shot went through Nigel Spink's legs for the equaliser



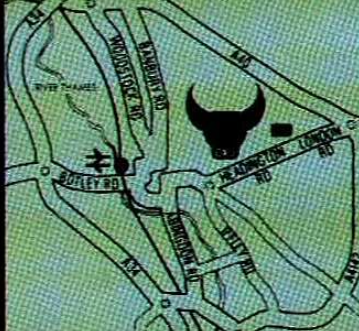
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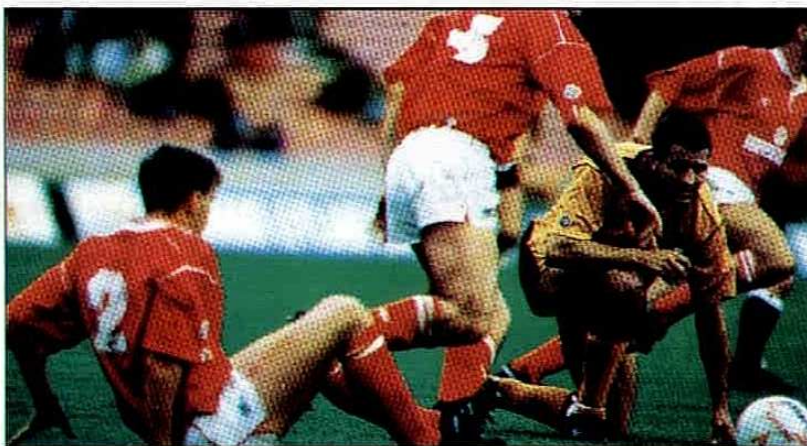
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**v Oxford United**  
**29th August 1992**  
**Kick Off 3.00pm**

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- **From East:** M40 and A40 to roundabout, follow A540 to Headington and North directions.
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- **Nearest Station:** Oxford.
- **Parking:** Street parking.

## NEXT HOME

**v Peterborough United**  
**5th September 1992**  
**Kick Off 3.00pm**



**I**n this afternoon's column we will look forward to the games at Barnsley on September 1st and at home to Peterborough four days later.

Perhaps we should at this point publicly thank the Football League computer for giving us a nice trip such as Oakwell on a Tuesday night. It's just a pity that the computer couldn't have added the proverbial icing on the cake by fixing the game for the middle of January. With long, awkward journeys such as Leicester and Birmingham originally scheduled for Saturdays, it just shows the degree of logic present in Lytham St Annes.

Following our game at Oxford on Saturday, Barnsley will be something of a contrast for those Wanderers Supporters who enjoy looking round town before the game. We first played at Oakwell on December 1st 1906 and managed to win 1-0. The ground remains a traditional, old style enclosure where you expect Woodbines to be sold in the club shop. On all our visits since 1906 we have failed to record a league victory and this seasons' game will not be easier as Mel Machin has assembled a useful side which could make a strong bid for promotion. Why not make the journey and see if we can ruin Michael Parkinson's night?

The following Saturday sees the visit of Peterborough United to Molineux for a First Division fixture:- now that's a statement that would have surprised our grandfathers. Elected to the league in 1960 the nearest Posh came to progressing beyond the Third Division was in 1978, when on the final day of the season they lost 4-3 at Chester and Preston drew 2-2 at home to Shrewsbury, which meant that the Lancashire side went up on goal difference. However under Chris Turner's management they climbed out of Division Four in 1991 and then last season beat Stockport in the play-off final at Wembley to reach the Second (or First) Division at long last.

Peterborough is now a City and certainly the club have potential. They are unfortunately one of those clubs caught in something of a no-man's land (East Midlands? East Anglia?) and any club who can spend an entire summer drooling at the prospect of playing Cambridge United must be regarded with an air of suspicion! Talking of air - and this is a truly terrible link - who can forget that Sherpa Van Trophy game here on February 9th, 1988 when in gale-force conditions Wolves beat Posh 4-0. Messrs Mutch, Dennison and Bull (2) did the damage but a battered crowd of 6,155 were glad to get home to their fires that night.

Surely a Saturday afternoon in September can't be as cold - can it?

TICKET LINE 0898 121823

# PACK FOLLOWERS

## Wolverhampton Wanderers Official Supporters Club

### Away Travel

**Oxford Utd v Wolves Sat. Aug. 29th K.O. 3pm**

Coaches leave North Bank Car Park 10am

Coaches leave Dudley (Stafford St Car Park) 9.30am

Executive coaches Adults £8.00 Jun/OAP-S. Citizens £7.50

**Barnsley v Wolves Tues. Sept 1st K.O. 7.30pm**

Coaches leave North Bank Car Park 4.00pm

Coaches leave Dudley (Stafford St Car Park) 3.30pm

### W'ton Coaches

Nigel Musgrove - W'ton 344621 Tony Pugh - W'ton 458539

### Dudley Coaches

Ron Westwood - Sedgley 661039

### Dudley Pick Up Points

Stafford Street Car Park, Green Dragon, Sedgley.

Membership Cards must be carried at all times. Card checks will be in progress. If found with no membership card you will have to have a card done before you go, the security camera will be available to have your membership renewed, and lost cards re-issued.

All members who travel on the coaches are insured from the time they get on the coach to the time they get off, even at home and away grounds themselves.

### Premises

The hut has well and truly gone. We are now in the Stan Cullis Stand (old North Bank) to the right of the club shop by the turnstiles. We shall be open on matchdays (Sat 10am), (Tues 2pm), also twice a week, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons for all your bookings and enquiries.

Come and see all your old friends, and chat about the game, problems etc, we are here to listen and help you.

### Summer Activities

#### Miss Football Queen

Again a load of supporters went over to Walsall to cheer our Miss Wolves Julie Moores, in the final of the Miss Football Queen. Although Julie didn't win she did us all proud by coming third to Miss Walsall (1st) and Miss Leicester (2nd). After a good meal and plenty to drink, the band playing music for everyone to enjoy. A good night was had by all.

#### A.G.M. & Player of the Year

At the A.G.M. Tom Bennett was announced Player of the Year.

Lawrie Madden & Paul Birch came joint 2nd. We are all very pleased that Tom won, he deserved the votes. Official presentation disco will be announced shortly.

### Officers elected

Albert Bates - Chairman, Frank Beebe - Vice Chairman, Nigel Musgrove - Secretary, Muriel Bates - Treasurer

### Committee

Steve Pugh, Tony Pugh, Paul Gardner, John Blower, Glyn Jones, Alison Hughes, Karen Musgrove, Carol Loftus & Bill Stephens.

### Air Wolf 92

We are again air lifting the fans to Newcastle on Boxing Day. Lets see if we can beat the record of last time. You can solve your headache of Christmas presents. Go on, treat the hardened Wolves fan to a day to remember.

Contact Muriel Bates on 330322 or Nigel Musgrove on 344621 for details. Start paying instalments now, by Christmas you'll have nothing to pay.

### 300 Club

Again we are running this popular draw for £1,000. All monies raised are for Wolves Youth team. All you lucky winners from last time, have another go and see if lady luck is on your side. Ask inside supporters club room for details.

### Membership

The cost of joining the family supporters club is £5.00 (full members), £2.50 (Juniors and Senior Citizens). Photographs are taken in the club room with a security camera at every home and away game, so for just two minutes of your time you can become a member of the Official Supporters Club. Ring Albert on W'ton (0902) 330322 for details.

### Wolves Golden Greats

Special offer volumes 1, 2 & 3 for £7.50 instead of £9.75, other books etc all in the club room.

### Videos

Over 300 videos to choose from. If you have missed a game give Glyn or Alison a ring on 021-522-2986 to order what you want, or pop in the club room to make your selection. Postal service to supporters club members only.

### Telford Wolves (Affiliated to Official Supporters Club)

Coaches run to all away games. Next away games, Oxford Sat Aug 29th & Barnsley Tues Sept 1st. Picking up points - Newport, Donnington, Wellington, Madeley & Shifnal. Please ring Doreen Moscrop on Telford 604485 or Dave Smith on Telford 52761 to reserve your seat.

### Malvern Wolves (Affiliated to Official Supporters Club)

Steve is organising trips to Wolves home and away games. Anyone in the Malvern and Worcester area who would like to use this facility please give Steve a ring on Worcester 356784 or Steve on Tewkesbury 294029. Picking up points - Tewkesbury, Malvern or Worcester.

### Evesham Wolves (Affiliated to Official Supporters Club)

Evesham Wolves are organising coaches to all Wolves home and away games. Anyone living in the area who would wish to use this facility please ring Elaine on 0386 40722 for details. Picking up points at Redditch and Bromsgrove.

### London Wolves (Affiliated to Official Supporters Club)

Membership Subscription for 1992-93 £8.50, overseas £9.50.

Train information for home games: London Wolves leave Euston by train at 10.30am (Saturday) and 15.40 (midweek) arriving back in London by 8.00pm & 00.13 respectively. The return fare is £13.50. Away trips are also organised except in the South. Membership is £7 for the season. Enquiries to Dave Sape, 26 Brockenhurst Way, London SW16 4UD.

### Northern Ireland Wolves

#### Affiliated to Official Supporters Club

Anyone in Northern Ireland who wishes to join this club. Please contact M. Davison, 7 Craigarusilly Road, Killinchy, Co. Down, BT23 6QS. Tel: 0238-542303.

### Daventry Wolves (Affiliated to Official Supporters Club)

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

### Ludlow Wolves (Affiliated to Official Supporters Club)

Ludlow Wolves would like to thank their members for their support during the last season.

Home game travel - For the Swindon home game on Saturday 22/8/92 and for subsequent home games, we will be running a coach. Pick ups will be as follows: Ludlow 12pm (Railway Station & The Raven, members £3.50, £2.50 juniors, non members £4 and £3 juniors), Bewdley 12.30pm (Police Station, Texaco Garage, members £2.50, £1.50 juniors, non members £3, £2 juniors), and Kidderminster 12.40pm (The Riverboat, Blackfriars Street, prices as for Bewdley). This service will only continue for as long as it at least breaks even.

Coaches will continue to be run as last season. Contact Dave Brown 0584 890403 for bookings or Stephen Pearson 0584 876795.

### Plymouth Wolves (Affiliated to Official Supporters Club)

All Wolves fans in Devon and Cornwall areas who travel to Wolves home and away games ring Dave Benton (0752) 664026 or Sid Lawrence (0752) 766646 with a view to arranging travel.

### Cannock Wolves Supporters Club (Founded 1977)

will be continuing to run Executive coaches to all Wolves away games this season; Oxford, depart Cannock 11.00am, fare £6.00 (Juniors £4.00); Barnsley, 5.00pm, £5.50 (£3.50); Leicester, 1.00pm, £5.00 (£3.00). It is the times for Cannock bus station that are shown but we also pick up at Rugeley bus station (15 minutes before Cannock), Plough & Harrow, Hill Top, Hedgesford (10 minutes before), Coniston Hall, Chadsmoor (5 minutes before) and the Royal Oak in Great Wyrley (10 minutes after Cannock). Other pick ups which are not too inconvenient for us can also be arranged on request. We will be holding one of our regular pre-home-match get-togethers before the Peterborough match on the 5th September. For coach bookings ring Graham Heathcote on (0889) 579805. Please make your calls in the evenings between 6.00pm and 9.00pm. New members are always welcome. This will be our sixteenth season in existence and membership fees - at just £1.00 - are the same this season as they were in 1977.

### Penn Mitre Wolves

#### Away Travel Information

29/8/92 Oxford. Depart 12.00 noon. Fare: £5 members, £6 non-members. For further details ring The Mitre on W'ton 331657.



# ONE WAY OUT

**G**ary Lineker has reservations, Mike Stowell definitely doesn't like it, nor does Graham Turner. It will give defenders palpitations and their managers a few more grey hairs but football is a-changing and no longer can defending teams resort to the back-pass as a reliable means of using up a few precious seconds.

FIFA, in their wisdom, have deemed it illegal for a goal-keeper to pick up a pass made with the boot of a team-mate - and defenders everywhere are coming to terms with what to do about it.

Lineker, now an articulate voice on BBC's revived Match of the Day and on Radio Five, expresses concern that the new law will encourage ugly 'route one' football, with teams pumping the ball forward and forcing defenders into less-than-subtle clearances into Row G of all-seater stands.

The view from the Molineux management is that the radical change wasn't necessary here because the worst excesses of time-wasting are confined to the Italian and Spanish leagues.

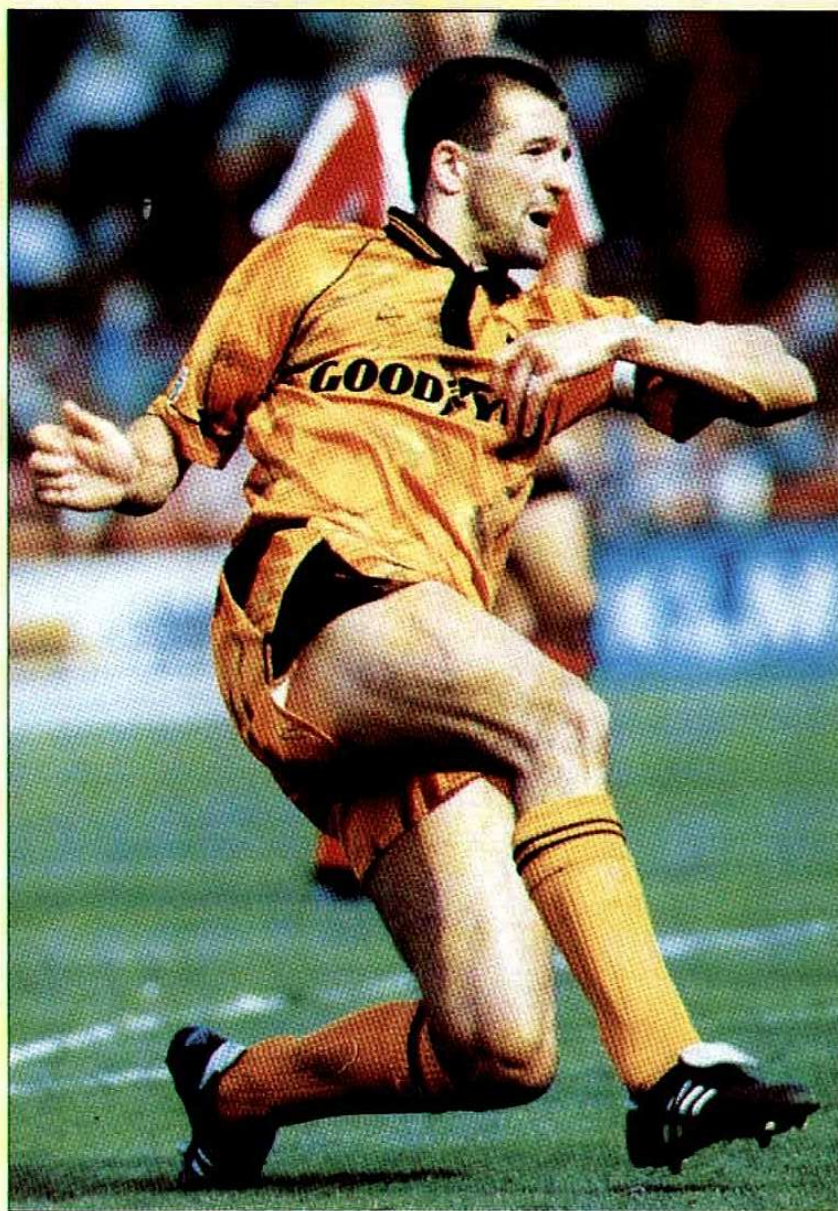
But 'the gaffer' recognised that the curbs on the back-pass would, as we saw in last weekend's televised matches, create more mistakes, more excitement and more goals.



*More problems for defenders*

And that is where the new law will gain much of its support from fans frustrated at the sight of defenders taking the easy option whenever there's a goal-hungry striker breathing down their neck.

It won't always be pretty, but, as spectators will already have



*More chances for strikers*

noticed, it will be an added dimension to the entertainment package. The game will be more 'live' simply because the ball will spend less time 'dead'.

I don't envy the goalkeepers, our own Mike Stowell included, who will sometimes find themselves kicking a ball under pressure when they would prefer to pick it up or dive on it.

But, for these so-called mad-men of the game, can it really be more dangerous than plunging at the studded size nines of someone who doesn't know the meaning of the word restraint?

One would think the rule change can only help Steve Bull and Andy Mutch - and England. Our hyper-active game has been nullified by the keep-ball Continentals over the years, so this could be seen as a slight tipping of the scales.

And, just maybe, future generations of defenders will try something other than to kick the skin off the ball when under pressure and with the route to their keeper cut off. Perhaps they will become educated to put their foot on it and 'football' their way out of trouble.

One thing's for sure - I bet Bruce Grobbelaar is licking his lips at the prospect of having even greater scope for his eccentric sorties outside the area!

Other significant law changes enable goalkeepers to take goal-kicks from either side of their six-yard area; referees can insist on walls retreating 10 yards immediately at free-kicks; and compel referees to show a red and a yellow card to a player being dismissed for two bookable offences.



*More work for 'keepers*

1. Ouch - Steve Walsh feels Bully's boot.
  2. Double Ouch - The defenders revenge.
  3. 3-0 Birchy picks his spot.
- Main pic. Captain fantastic Bully scores his 200th goal in a Wolves shirt.

Pictures by David Bagnall,  
Express & Star

# ACTION



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# M A T C H M E M O R

Wolves' first two matches of the 1972/3 campaign had both been away from home and had both resulted in defeats. The reverses, which took place at Newcastle and Arsenal, had supporters looking somewhat pessimistically at the season that lay ahead. But by the time Wolves faced Stoke on the last day of September, the team had gotten their act together, winning five out of eight games, and they lay just two points off the top of the table. Stoke, although unbeaten at home at this time, had failed to pick up a point from their five away trips and they had only managed to score one goal. The match did go to form, but few who attended that day could have expected to see such a tremendous game, one crammed full of action and goals.

Centre forward for City was England's hero of '66, Geoff Hurst, and in only the third minute he was facing Phil Parkes with the ball placed on the penalty spot. Hurst always hit his penalties with unerring power and few keepers stood any chance of saving them. Lofty Parkes was no exception, and Wolves were one down. This only served to sting Wolves into life and they started a bombardment of the Stoke goal which was rewarded ten minutes later when John Richards tapped in an easy goal. In the 24th minute, Derek Dougan, with a typical effort, gave Wolves a lead that was to last for only 60 seconds. A cross into the Wolves area was deflected to the feet of Jimmy



*The all action style of John Richards*

Greenhoff who had the easiest of tasks to slip the ball past Parkes. The rest of the half saw Wolves constantly attacking with Richards and Dougan giving Denis Smith and his defence a torrid time. Sir Alf Ramsey, much to the dismay of the Molineux faithful, had left Richards out of his squad for the International with Yugoslavia, but had he been at Molineux that afternoon he surely would have had to admit the error of his ways. Richards'

form in the first half of the match had been good, his showing in the second was of World class.

It wasn't until the 67th minute that Wolves gained the upper hand once more, when Richards hit a fine shot past John Farmer in the Stoke goal after good work from Dave Wagstaffe. But the Potteries side refused to lie down and soon levelled again, this time through Alan Bloor who scored with a spectacular volley which

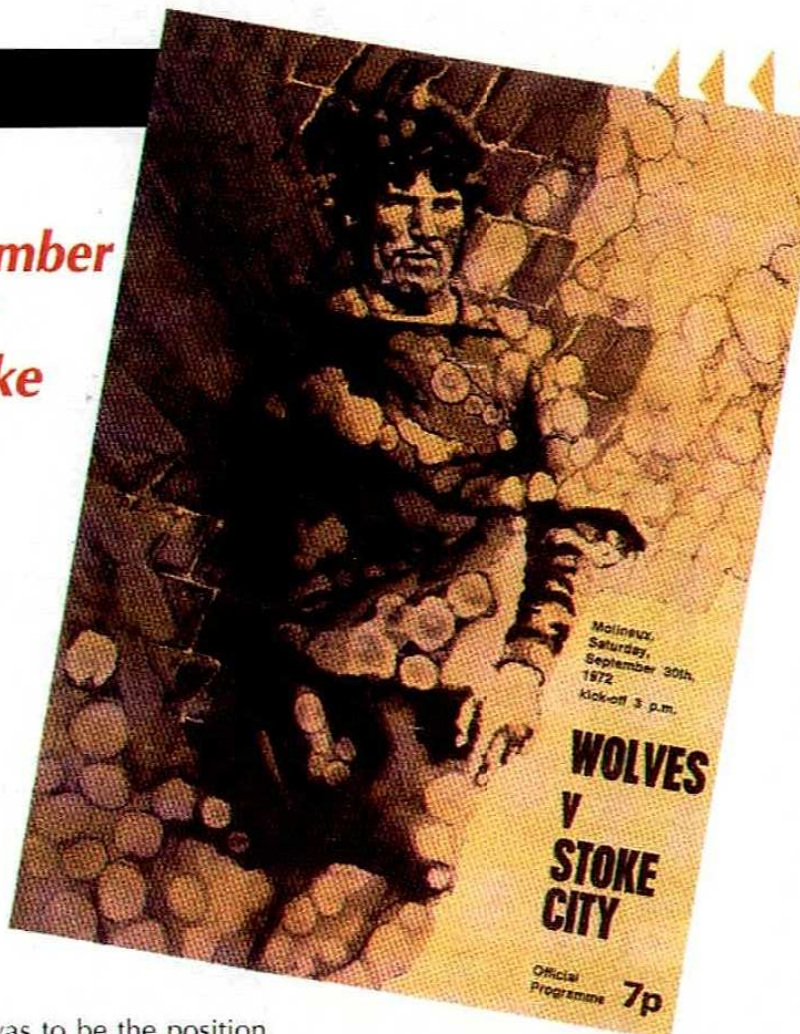
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easily beat Parkes. That was one of only two shots that City had on the Wolves goal in the second half such was the Molineux men's superiority. With Wagstaffe providing endless accurate crosses from the left, and Mike Bailey, Danny Hegan and Kenny Hibbitt in total control of midfield, it was obvious that the scoring wasn't yet finished. With eight minutes left Danny Hegan put Wolves back in front and as the game entered the final sixty seconds it seemed that a one goal winning margin would be enough, although the scoreline gave a totally false reading of the control and possession that Wolves had had in the game. But John Richards wasn't to be denied his first hat trick for the club, although, when Wagstaffe's through ball found him, he was heavily marked and a goal looked most unlikely. But with skills that belied his tender years, he sent the experienced Stoke defensive pairing of Mike Pejic and John Marsh the wrong way, and hit a beauty between Farmer and his far post. The goal had come out of nothing and it oozed with the class which Richards was to use to good effect over the next decade for Wolves. It was his 13th goal in 14 league and cup games and the crowd gave him a tremendous ovation as he ran happily from the field.

## IN THE NEWS

Wolves were in fifth position in Division One after the game

### 30th September 1972 v Stoke City



and that was to be the position that they finished the season. The economic climate at the time, as it always seems to be, was pretty bleak and Ted Heath had imposed a £2 a week limit on pay rises which, amongst others, didn't please the miners who were holding out for £7. A series of crashes on the M6 were blamed by police on drivers going too fast and too close to the car in front. Again, sadly, little has changed there either. Wolves were negotiating with Ipswich that weekend for the signature of Derek Jefferson and he duly signed for Wolves on the following Monday afternoon for a fee of £88,000. His career at Wolves wasn't, to say the least, a successful one and he only took part in 52 games before moving on.

But for 21 year old John

Richards as he made his way home clutching the matchball that autumnal afternoon, it had been an unforgettable day, not only for him, but for the Wolves fans lucky enough to have been there.

**Wolves:** Parkes, Shaw, Taylor, Bailey, Munro, McAlle, Hegan, Hibbitt, Richards, Dougan, Wagstaffe. Sub. Kindon

**Scorers:** Richards(3), Dougan, Hegan

**Stoke City:** Farmer, Marsh, Pejic, Skeels, Smith, Bloor, Robertson, Greenhoff, Hurst, Mahoney, Conroy. Sub. Jump

**Scorers:** Hurst(Pen), Greenhoff, Bloor

**Attendance:** 24,133

# WOLVES CLUB SHOP



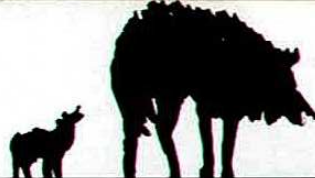
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## LET'S DO BUSINESS TOGETHER

**W**ith football now under-way it is time to start thinking about doing business with Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club this season. That is the message being directed at local businesses to bring the club and the local community closer together, in the mutual interest of both parties.

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In the meantime listed below are some of the areas being covered this season.

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5. Presentation of a signed football by a Wolves player.
6. Photographs taken and sent to you as a memento of the day.

On another note I would like to

welcome back Banks's who now, by popular demand, supply Molineux with their fine traditional beers.

Whilst their motto is "Unspoilt By Progress", we hope to spoil you, the supporters, with our progress both on and off the field.

Enjoy the game.

**Gary Leaver**  
*Commercial Manager*



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# O N E

**R**obbie Dennison has started the season well - so well, in fact, that some fans have been comparing him to our former winger Dave Wagstaffe.

Robbie could have no finer accolade - 'Waggy' was one of the all-time great heroes of Molineux, a wing wizard with a dazzling array of skills and the man who provided so much ammunition for the deadly duo of Derek Dougan and John Richards.

Dave, now Club Steward of the Old Wulfrunians Club in Castlecroft, is still an occasional spectator at Wolves matches and admires the talents of our Northern Ireland international.

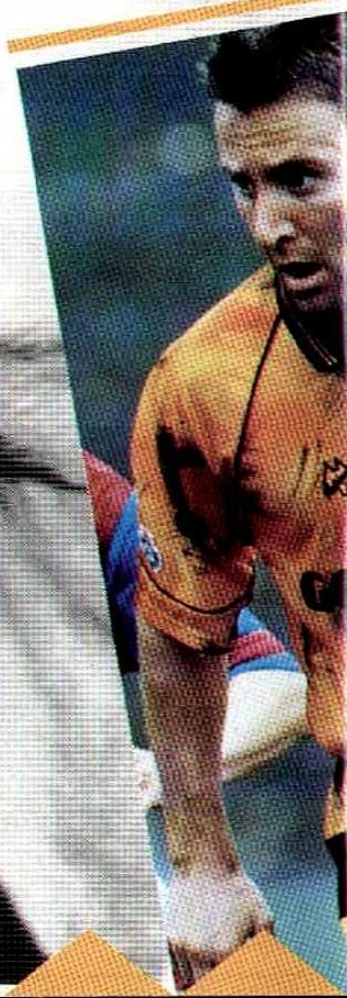
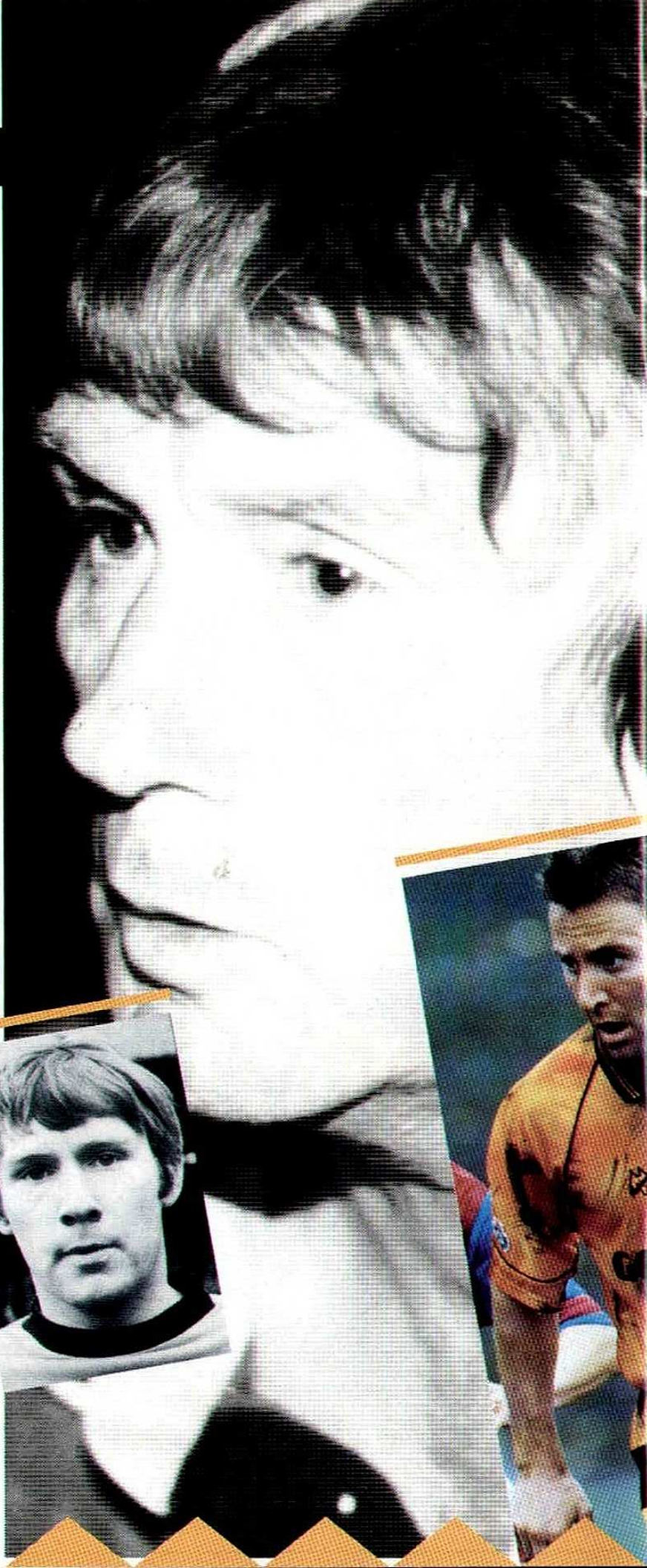
But he reckons that those talents are largely wasted in present day football.

Dave says: "I feel sorry for the lad. He's got the quality alright, you can tell that straight away. But he's not allowed to express it - his natural talents aren't allowed to come out.

"I'm not blaming Graham Turner for that. It's just the way of the modern game. Wingers aren't true wingers any more; they have so many other jobs to do, like tracking back, covering and getting in tackles in defensive situations.

"The way the game has developed in terms of pace, fitness levels and all-round mobility, it's more about speed and filling space than ball skills and the ability to take on people in one-on-one situations.

"But just think how effective Robbie could be if he was allowed free rein to concen-



trate on the attacking side of the winger's game - taking on the full back, getting to the bye-line and sending crosses into the danger area.

"How many more goals would Steve Bull be scoring if he was getting that sort of service on a regular basis?

"As it is, Bully isn't that strong on sticking those sort of chances away simply because he doesn't get many of them.

"Steve and Andy Mutch have always had the ball knocked up to them or over the top of the defence, and those are the sort of balls Robbie is expected to provide.

"So he tends to play deeper than he would if he were an out-and-out winger like I used to be.

"If Robbie had been playing in my era he would have been a star. He would have been one of those 'character' players, the skilful guys who were given their head and allowed to go out and express themselves.

"The wingers were often the stars - you've only got to think of Jimmy Mullen and Johnny Hancocks at Wolves. And great footballers like George Best and Rodney Marsh weren't told they had to conform to a team pattern. Where are those players now?

"So much quality seems to have gone out of the English game. The saddest thing for me about the European Championships wasn't that we got knocked out so early, but that we were bottom of the skill league.

"The change of emphasis from skill to speed and graft was starting to happen towards the end of my playing career.

"When I was playing for Bill McGarry at Wolves I was really inhibited. I had more defensive jobs to do than attacking ones.

"So I was delighted, when I went to Blackburn Rovers, to be told by Jim Smith that he just wanted me to go out and play the game as I saw it - to play it off the cuff.

"It worked out brilliantly for me - I ended up being voted 'Player of the Year' and we finished in the top six, which was quite a feat.

"It would be great to think that Robbie Dennison might get that same chance some day. But sadly for him - and for football - I don't think it will happen."

Robbie himself has mixed feelings about what Dave sees as the dying art of the winger.

He never got the chance to see Dave in action and indeed, as a youngster in Ireland, saw very few of the old style wingers displaying their repertoire of skills.

Robbie says: "I watched a lot of football on TV and enjoyed seeing the top wingers in action. They certainly got a freer role than we get these days, but I just accept jobs like

### HOW THEY COMPARE

WAGSTAFFE	DENNISON
Date of birth	Date of birth
5.4.43	30.4.63
Previous Club:	Previous Club:
Man City	West Brom
Wolves Debut:	Wolves Debut:
26.12.64	14.3.87
Home to Aston Villa	Home to Swansea
Appearances:	Appearances:
404	231 (15)
Goals:	Goals:
32	38
Strike Rate:	Strike Rate:
1:2.6	1:6.1

working back into midfield as part and parcel of the game.

"There are still one or two teams that use wingers in the more traditional style - Nottingham Forest are probably the best example - but 90 per cent of teams don't.

"I'm happy playing the role that I'm given at Molineux, and as long as I'm doing well enough to stay in the team I'll be more than satisfied."

**Tony Leighton**



# FAMILY PAGE

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Good afternoon one and all.

Welcome to the new season and let's hope for a highly successful one.

The Community Programme has been as busy as ever throughout the close season and we shall tell you what we have been up to over the coming weeks.

Firstly, let me draw your attention to the 1992/93 'Saturday Club' which will run throughout the season and starts today. The club is open to boys and girls aged 8 - 13 and consists of coaching, fun and games, ticket to the family enclosure and supervision throughout.

It starts at 11.00am and finishes at 5.00pm. Cost £6.00 or £4.00 for season ticket holders. It was extremely successful last season and I am sure that members of today's club will enjoy themselves tremendously.

Today we welcome the children, parents, and guardians

from one of our 'Summer Soccer Schools' held at Parkfields High School, Wolverhampton Road East. Courtesy of kind head-teacher Mr. Moore and P.E. teacher Mr. Webbin.

Pictured below with Mike Stowell are some of the children and coach Kelsey Phipps during the grand tour.

A special Birthday mention for one of our participants Christopher Hayward who is 12 years old today.

Our next soccer school will be held at Pendeford High School from Monday 26th - 30th October inclusive.

Application forms for both the Saturday Club and Soccer School are available from the main office or by sending a stamp addressed envelope to: Tony Evans, Community Development Officer, Molineux Stadium, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 1QR.

May I take this opportunity of thanking West Midlands Travel

for their immense kindness in sponsoring our Summer Soccer School Ground Tours.

They provided a bus to transport all our children throughout the summer, to and from the Molineux Stadium, free of charge. Thank you.

**Enjoy the game.**

**See you soon.**

**Tony Evans**

## PEN PALS REQUIRED

We have received a letter from a 16 year old girl who would like to hear from any Wolves' fans, male or female, aged between 15 and 17.

Hannah is a Luton supporter, and a member of The Junior Hatters. Apart from watching football, her hobbies include going to the cinema, ice-skating, ten-pin bowling and collecting autographs.

Get your pens out, and write to: Hannah O'Dell, 1, Kirton Way, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, LU5 5PZ.

30 year old Lloyd Broughton wrote to us from South Africa. He would like to correspond with Wolves' supporters who can help him keep up with the news at Molineux, and perhaps swap programmes, magazines, videos...

His address is: 19, Windsor Mews, Windsor Road, Vincent, 5247 East London, South Africa.





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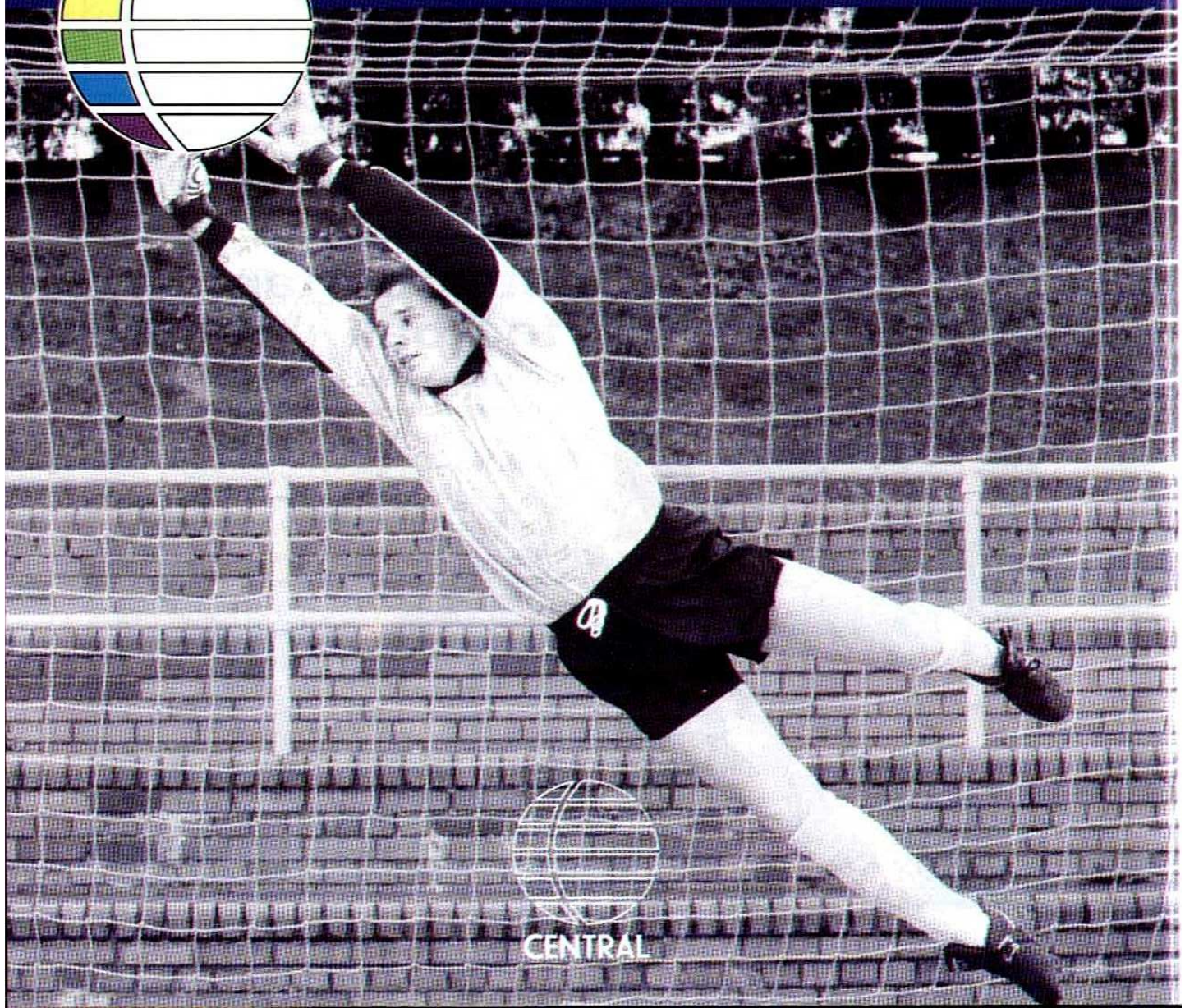
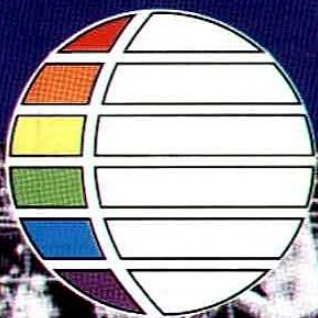
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# WORLD OF SOCCER



Milton Keynes ladies hardly set the Womens' National Football League on fire last season failing to pick up a single point and finishing with a goal difference of minus 114.

Somewhat surprisingly therefore the club has now signed a five year sponsorship deal with the makers of a well know lager worth £23,000 - the largest such deal in women's football.

I bet the executives at Carling Black Label had been drinking themselves when they dreamt up that little deal.



**John Aldridge**

*Tranmere's Chief Executive Frank Corfe came out with a somewhat worrying statement recently when commenting on speculation that John Aldridge is being watched by Aston Villa. "Every player has his price, but no one leaves Tranmere for less than £1 million." Remind me to steer clear of*

*Tranmere then. I didn't realise it cost that much to go through the Mersey Tunnel!*



**Paul Bodin**

Interesting resumé of the Swindon - Bristol Rovers match on Central's Wednesday night highlights package. At 3-0 down Rovers seemed to be "heading out of the Coca-Cola Cup". The "tie" was all but dead. Late goals, however gave Rovers hope of salvaging the tie we were told, although Swindon eventually ran out 4-3 winners. Only one problem boys - the game was actually a Barclay's League Division One match. Someone at Central obviously can't tell the difference between the real thing and other brands of football!

Opponents of the Premier League might be permitting themselves a wry smile at the early season plight of two of the clubs that were instrumental in its creation. Man-

*chester United and Arsenal - wallow in the depths of the new Super League without a point between them.*

Of course, such early season form does not necessarily presage a season of failure, but just suppose that United and the Gunners were in relegation slots in May, with the likelihood that they would be replaced with (and no offence to either team) 'crowd pullers' Cambridge, Swindon or the like. Would it be cynical to speculate as to whether Kelly's heroes would review the criteria governing promotion and relegation to and from the Premier League?

*Finally, sorry to see they are having trouble with their spot kicks at the Hawthorns. As far as the Albion are concerned at present, something is definitely mightier than their pens!*



**Pointless exercise for Alex?**

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EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1990

**USA 1, ENGLAND 0.**

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**WEST GERMANY 1 ALGERIA 2**

WORLD CUP FINALS 1982

**Arbroath 36, Bon Accord 0.**

SCOTTISH CUP 1885

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**BANGOR 2-NAPOLI 0**

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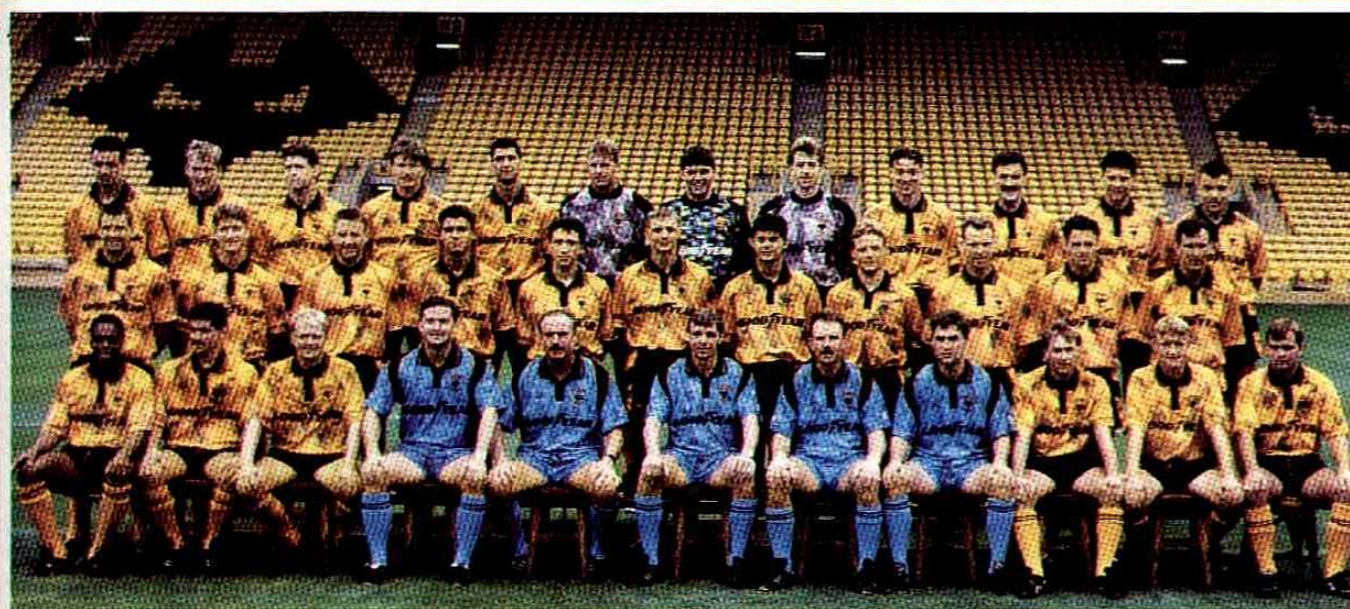
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# RESERVES & YOUTH

## FROM THE BENCH

Although I was obviously disappointed when we went down to Aston Villa last Monday, I still felt there were some creditable performances from some of the players. The 3-0 scoreline flattered Villa and had two of our efforts that hit the woodwork gone in then it could have been an entirely different story, but they didn't, and we went down. Some of the Villa players would have walked into most Premier League teams yet our youngsters refused to be overawed. James Kelly was neat and efficient and Darren Simkin did well at the back. Up front Darren Roberts and Colin Taylor both battled hard and were unlucky to come out of the game with no reward. Suffice to say that Roberts and Simkin did well enough to earn a place on the substitutes bench for the first team game with Leicester the following evening.

But now we must look forward to our first home game of the season which takes place on Thursday against Nottingham Forest. Brian Clough has a large first team squad and the reserves are bound to include some big name players. It will be another good test for our lads and hopefully we will have ironed out some of the mistakes that crept into our game against Villa. Try and make it for the game. You will enjoy the standard of football and the team appreciate and need your support.



Garry Pendrey

I was very pleased with the teams performance in our opening match against Notts County. We gained a creditable draw against one of the strongest sides in the league which shows in the fact that they have won it and been runners up in the last two years. This was a good test against a physical side and after conceding an early goal, I felt that we came back well and were unlucky not to be 3-1 up at the break after Alan Gregory, who was making his debut for us, had netted the equaliser. Kevin Bowers and Jason Barnett did well at the back and James Smith and Scott Voice also made major contributions in the game. In the end the one all scoreline was a pretty fair reflection of the play. The County coach, Russell Slade, told me at the final whistle that Wolves were now a team to be feared and that anyone who plays us knows that they are in for a tough game.

The lads are tremendously fit having started their pre-season training a fortnight before everyone else and I think the extra fitness is showing in their play. It won't be long before this season's first Goodyear Young Wolf of the Month is announced and I will be looking not only at players' discipline on and off the field, but also the way that they do their jobs backstage. We will have played Birmingham this morning and our next game at Aldersley is next Saturday when we face the other Nottingham team, Forest. More and more people are coming to watch our youngsters. It's free and it's entertaining so why not come along and see some of the players that will help form Wolves' future. You won't be disappointed.

Chris Evans

**Tuesday 11th August 1992**  
**Pre-season friendly v Blakenhall**  
**Away Won 5-0**

**Team;** Jones, Simkin, Madden, Tom Bennett, Collier, Bellamy, Craig Bennett, Turner, Taylor, Roberts, Kelly.

**Subs;** De Bont (1), Shaw (3), Bradbury (4).

**Scorers;** Taylor 4, Roberts.

We sent a fairly strong squad to Blakenhall for this game which was arranged as part of the Darren Simkin signing last season. Included in our team was trialist Craig Bennett from Doncaster. The first half was fairly even, however we went in at the interval 1-0 to the good, courtesy of an excellent individual goal from Colin Taylor. After the break we scored four goals in the first quarter of an hour. Taylor scored the first straight from the kick-off – after his original shot had been well saved by their keeper, he forced the rebound home. Darren Roberts scored the third goal two minutes later when he was put through and he slotted the ball home. Colin completed his hat-trick ten minutes later when he confidently fired home. His fourth came a couple of minutes later when he headed home after a good run and chip from Roberts. Colin had the distinction of scoring in every pre-season friendly he had played in this season. That completed the scoring for the night, however the home side did create a couple of chances late on, but one shot hit the crossbar and another was well saved by Andy De Bont. Blakenhall are to be congratulated on producing an excellent matchday programme for the game. A nice blend of articles and adverts made it excellent value for 50p.

**Pontins League Division 1 1992/93**  
**Monday 17th August 1992**  
**v Aston Villa Away (at Walsall) Lost**  
**0-3 Attendance 924**

**Aston Villa:** Bosnich, Blake, Small, Crisp, Beeck, Cox, Berry, Breikreutz, McAvennie, Gillhaus, Beinlich.

**Subs;** Williams (2), Carruthers (11).

**Scorers;** Gillhaus 2, McAvennie.

**Wolves:** Jones, Simkin, Edwards, Bennett, Bellamy, Madden, Kelly, Turner, Taylor, Roberts, Burke.

**Subs;** Collier (3), James Smith (4).

The difference in the quality of players competing in the two divisions of the Pontins League was exemplified by the Villa side in this opening match of our division 1 campaign. Besides seeing again some of the players who turned out in the Stan Cullis Testimonial we were able to witness the talents of Dutch World

Cup player Hans Gillhaus who had been released by Aberdeen. At half-time we could feel fairly pleased with a 0-0 scoreline; in fact we might even have gone in a goal to the good, a Mark Burke free-kick striking the crossbar. Both sides had created chances with both keepers, Jones and Bosnich, being called upon to make good saves. After the interval the Villa stepped up a gear and scored after 5 minutes courtesy of a fine individual goal from Gillhaus. 15 minutes later Frank McAvennie made it 2-0 and right on the final whistle Gillhaus scored again. In between the goals we did play some good football but our ball control in the penalty area did not match that of the Villa. However we were unlucky again when a Darren Roberts shot came back off the crossbar. The 3-0 scoreline flattered the home side, but they just about deserved a victory.

**Pontins League 1992/3**

17/08 Aston Villa A L 0-3  
 (at Walsall)

27/08 Nottm Forest H

02/09 Leeds U A

09/09 Newcastle U H

17/09 Manchester U A

(at Bury)

23/09 Sheffield Wed H

30/09 Stoke City H

07/10 Sunderland A

13/10 Liverpool A

21/10 Sheffield U H

27/10 Notts County A

11/11 Manchester C H

16/11 Barnsley A

23/11 Leicester C A

02/12 Rotherham U H

09/12 Bolton W A

16/12 Blackburn R H

21/12 Barnsley H

29/12 Manchester C A

06/01 Manchester U H

12/01 Sheffield W A

20/01 Leeds U H

03/02 Nottm Forest A

10/02 Aston Villa H

17/02 Newcastle U A

25/02 Stoke C A

03/03 Sunderland H

16/03 Rotherham U A

31/03 Leicester C H

05/04 Blackburn R A

21/04 Bolton W H

28/04 Notts Co H

03/05 Sheffield U A

12/05 Liverpool H

**Midland Purity Youth League**

**Saturday 15th August 1992**

**v Notts County Home Drew 1-1**

**Team;** Innes, Humphrey, Shaw, Barnett, Bowers, James Smith, Jason

Smith, Walker, Voice, Gregory, Eades.

**Subs;** Macbeth (11), Hanbury (not used).

**Scorer:** Gregory.

This opening encounter in the Saturday morning Purity Youth League proved to be a very tight affair with a draw a fair reflection of the play. The visitors took an early lead when Wolves failed to clear a corner and the ball was headed in from close range. This stirred our lads into action and we began to exert pressure through some good midfield passing movements. However it wasn't until the 35th minute that we equalised. James Smith made a powerful run down the right wing and put in an excellent cross from the byline. This was met on the full by Scott Voice who was unlucky to see his shot charged down, however the ball ran free to Alan Gregory who slotted the ball home past their keeper. For the rest of the game both sides worked extremely hard but were unable to break down the opposing defences who were well marshalled by the respective number 5's.

**Midland Purity Youth League 1992/3**

15/08 Notts County H D 1-1

22/08 Birmingham C A

29/08 Nottm Forest H

05/09 Coventry City A

12/09 Peterborough UH

19/09 Derby County A

26/09 Port Vale H

03/10 Grimsby T A

10/10 Shrewsbury T H

17/10 Leicester C A

24/10 Leicester C (Cup) H

31/10 Lincoln C A

07/11 Peterboro U A

14/11 Walsall H

21/11 Mansfield T A

28/12 League Cup 2

12/12 Stoke City H

19/12 Aston Villa A

02/01 Aston Villa H

09/01 Notts County A

16/01 Birmingham C H

23/01 League Cup semi-finals

30/01 Nottm Forest A

06/02 Coventry C H

13/02 Derby County H

20/02 Port Vale A

27/02 Grimsby Town H

06/03 Shrewsbury T A

13/03 Albion H

20/03 Leicester City H

27/03 Stoke City A

03/04 Lincoln City H

10/04 Walsall A

17/04 Mansfield T H

24/04 Albion A

# Barclays League Division One

(up to and including 19/8/92)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	PT	GS
Wolves	2	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	5
Swindon T	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4	3	6	5
Charlton	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	4
Watford	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Newcastle	1	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Tranmere	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Oxford U	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Leicester C	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	3	2
Birmingham	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Peterbro'	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
West Ham	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1
Bristol R	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Portsmouth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3	1	3
Bristol R	2	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	1	1	2	0	4
Southend	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	2
Luton T	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1
Grimsby	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1
Millwall	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1
Barnsley	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derby Co	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Notts Co	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Sunderland	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Brentford	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cambridge	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0

## Division One Update

### Leading Scorers

Guy Whittingham	Portsmouth	3
Steve Bull	Wolves	2
J. Dziekanowski	Bristol C	2
David Mitchell	Swindon T	2

### Biggest Home Win

Wolves	3	Leicester C	0	18/8/92
Watford	3	Millwall	1	15/8/92
Charlton A	3	Grimsby T	1	15/8/92

### Biggest Away Win

Bristol R	3	Swindon T	4	19/8/92
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### Hat-trick Heroes

Guy Whittingham	3 (Portsmouth v Bristol C)	15/8/92
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### Highest Attendances

28,545	Newcastle U v Southend U	15/8/92
17,428	Leicester C v Luton T	15/8/92
15,821	Wolves v Leicester C	18/8/92
15,301	Bristol C v Portsmouth	15/8/92
11,094	Swindon T v Sunderland	15/8/92

### Lowest Attendances

4,823	Charlton A v Grimsby	15/8/92
5,094	Cambridge U v Charlton A	18/8/92
5,248	Tranmere R v Cambridge U	15/8/92

Date	Opponents	Attn	Score	Pos	1	2
<b>August</b>						
15	Brentford	9,069	2-0	—	Stowell	Ashley
18	Leicester City	15,821	3-0		Stowell	Ashley
22	Swindon Town					
29	Oxford United					
<b>September</b>						
1	Barnsley					
5	Peterborough United					
13	Leicester City					
19	Watford					
27	Birmingham City					
<b>October</b>						
4	West Ham United					
11	Southend United					
17	Portsmouth					
24	Millwall					
31	Derby Co					
<b>November</b>						
3	Sunderland					
7	Bristol Rovers					
14	Notts County					
21	Charlton Athletic					
28	Grimsby					
<b>December</b>						
5	Cambridge United					
12	Luton Town					
19	Tranmere Rovers					
26	Newcastle United					
28	Bristol City					
<b>January</b>						
9	Watford					
16	Birmingham City					
26	Barnsley					
30	Swindon Town					
<b>February</b>						
6	Brentford					
13	Peterborough United					
20	Oxford United					
27	Southend United					
<b>March</b>						
6	West Ham United					
9	Notts County					
13	Bristol Rovers					
20	Cambridge United					
23	Charlton Athletic					
27	Sunderland					
<b>April</b>						
3	Grimsby					
7	Luton Town					
10	Newcastle United					
12	Bristol City					
17	Tranmere Rovers					
24	Portsmouth					
<b>May</b>						
1	Millwall					
8	Derby County					
<b>Anglo-Italian Cup</b>						
<b>September</b>						
15	Tranmere Rovers (AIC)					
30	Peterborough United (AIC)					

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8. Paul COOK
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11. Robbie DENNISON
- 12.
- 14.

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2. Nicky SUMERBEE
3. Paul BODIN
4. Glenn HODDLE
5. Colin CALDERWOOD
6. Shaun TAYLOR
7. Micky HAZARD
8. John MONCUR
9. Craig MASKELL
10. Martin LING
11. David MITCHELL
- 12.
- 14.

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Luton v Bristol C  
Millwall v Oxford Utd  
Notts Co v Leicester C  
Portsmouth v Barnsley  
Southend v Peterborough  
Sunderland v Tranmere  
West Ham Utd v Charlton A

### Other Matches

Aston Villa v Southampton  
Blackburn R v Man City  
Man Utd v Ipswich T  
Middlesbrough v Leeds U  
Oldham A v Nottm Forest  
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