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Runners-up: 1937/38, 1938/39, 1949/50, 1954/55, 1959/60
Championship Champions: 2008/09
Second Division Champions: 1931/32, 1976/77
Runners-up: 1966/67, 1982/83
Division Three Champions: 1923/24 (north), 1988/89
Division Four Champions: 1987/88

FA Cup winners: 1893, 1908, 1949, 1960
Runners-up: 1889, 1896, 1921, 1939
Football League Cup winners: 1974, 1980
Charity Shield winners: 1959. Shared 1949, 1954, 1960
Sherpa Van Trophy winners: 1988
Texaco Cup winners: 1971

Participated in:
European Cup: 1958/59, 1959/60
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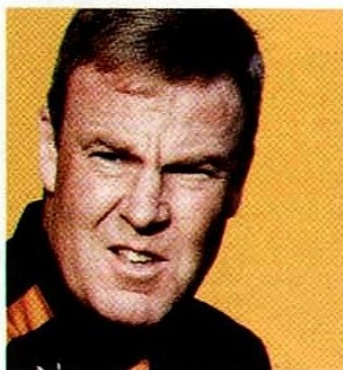


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GAFFER

KENNY JACKETT

After our Johnstone's Paint Trophy victory over Walsall, it's back to League business as we welcome Swindon Town to Molineux. Town featured on live television last weekend and they showed that they are a force to be reckoned with by holding MK Dons and playing almost half of the game with ten men after having a player sent off at stadiummk.

The game against Walsall turned out much as I expected it to with a tight contest that swung one way and then another. We started brightly and young Liam McAlinden showed his potential by giving us an early lead. Liam had scored a hat-trick for the under 21s at Fulham four days earlier and he carried his good form into the cup tie against the Saddlers.

Liam was one of three players making his full first team debut that night with Jack Price and Aaron McCarey both displaying no sign of 'first night nerves' as they got stuck into the task. Walsall drew level shortly after the interval and after Bakary Sako had put us back in front, I thought that we would hold on for the win. But we began to tire a little

and a terrific strike gave Walsall the chance to take the game to a penalty shoot-out which is where Aaron grabbed the plaudits. His saves from the first two spot kicks were superb and it will doubtless have boosted the confidence of the lads who stepped up to take our four kicks.

Björn Sigurdarson, Bakary, Matt Doherty and David Davis all took excellent kicks leaving Walsall's keeper with little chance and our reward is another home tie in the second round with another Midlands derby as we take on Notts County.

Considering there was a smaller than usual crowd for the Walsall match, I felt that the atmosphere was very good and I'm sure that it will be even better when they return to Molineux on Tuesday evening in front of what will be a much bigger crowd.

Away from games, the transfer window came to a close last week and I would like to say that I have been pleased with our dealings in the market. Over the summer, we have brought in three senior players and several top quality

youngsters that are, hopefully, going to grow into the club.

And, of course, we have retained the services of Kevin Doyle and Bakary who did attract interest but remain here at Wolves. We all know that they are quality players and they both seem happy to stay and play a part in getting Wolves on the promotion trail. I, for one, am delighted to have them both available.

I'd also like to add my congratulations to Matt Doherty who has signed a contract extension that will keep him at the club until 2016. He has been defensively sound this season and has also supported the attack well at every given opportunity.

Finally, welcome to Swindon manager Mark Cooper and his players this afternoon. I've already mentioned Swindon's performance against MK Dons and if that is anything to go by, we are going to have to have our wits about us this afternoon if we are to take anything from the game.

Enjoy the game.

Kenny



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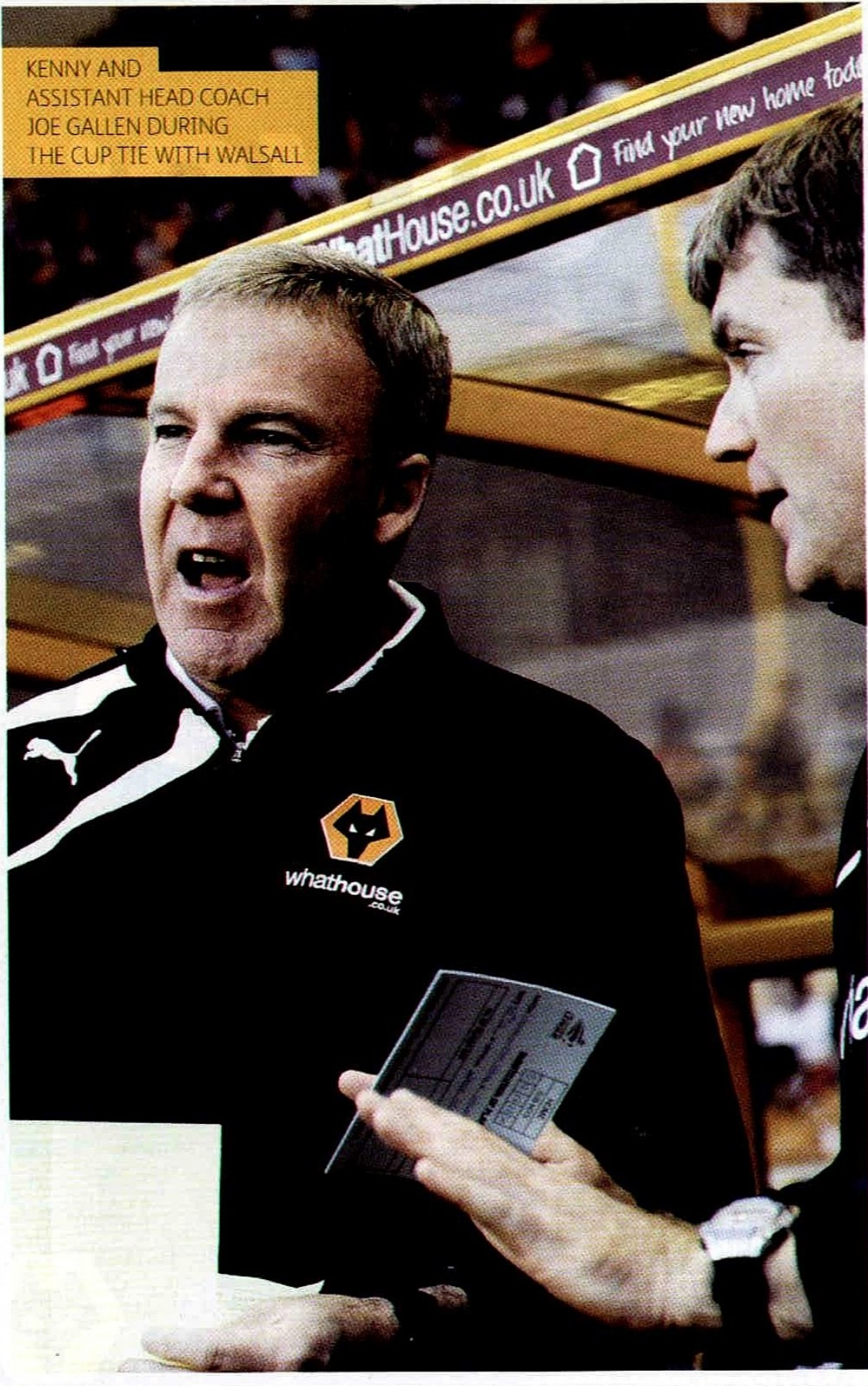


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JEZ MOXEY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Welcome to Molineux for this afternoon's Sky Bet League One game with Swindon Town.

We return to action following the international break a fortnight on from our last league action at Port Vale but having enjoyed a dramatic penalty shootout success against close neighbours Walsall in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. It was another exciting 90 minutes – in particular the few minutes extra! – in front of a very good crowd for the first round of the competition and built on the early season Molineux momentum which Kenny and the players will be looking to continue this afternoon.

It had been talked about a lot going into this season that our status as one of the favourites for promotion would make us a big scalp for opposing teams, particularly on home soil, and whether that would add further pressure onto the players. But it has certainly been 'so far so good' in terms of responding to that pressure and expectation in playing at Molineux, and credit for that must go not only to the coaching staff and players but also our supporters.

You have turned up in large numbers for all the fixtures so far, and have got right behind the team from start to finish which has had a really positive effect and has contributed to the unbeaten opening to the season. We will face another difficult contest today – Swindon have made an encouraging start to the season themselves – but hopefully with a continuation both of the good football seen so far and support from the stands we can maintain our unbeaten start and add more points to the tally.

I mentioned the closure of the transfer window in my notes for the Walsall game, but at that stage there were still a few hours

remaining before the 11pm deadline. Thankfully, as I wrote at the time, we were able to hang on to the players we wanted to hang on to, although there were sizeable bids which came in for Bakary Sako with just hours remaining. To have accepted a bid would have left us with very little time to have brought one of our contingencies into play, and so it was a unanimous decision made from Steve and the Board through to Kenny and myself, to reject the offers.

We are delighted for Bakary to remain a Wolves player, particularly given his form in the early part of the season, and it was great to see him back with a bang in the following night's cup tie. Long may that continue! I think it is also worth mentioning that despite the interest for his services from a team in a higher division with Premier League aspirations this season, Bakary readily accepted the situation and has promised he will do everything in his power to make Wolves successful. That doesn't mean he doesn't want to play Premier League football as soon as possible, he joined us with that in mind, but he understands that the offer simply wasn't right for Wolves. Bakary's empathy is appreciated by us, especially in a football world where player self-interest is rife. The same can be said of Kevin Doyle who had interest from other clubs as well but even though we didn't have too much to consider, he has always pledged his commitment to the Wolves cause. These are the kind of people we want to have at Wolves - top players and top personalities as well.

We have also been pleased to agree a new contract with Matt Doherty which will see the defender's future at Wolves secured until at least the summer of 2016. Matt has made a firm start to the season and has been rewarded for his continuing progress with the new deal.

Away from the pitch, I am pleased to welcome Tipton & Coseley Building Society as Main Match Sponsors today. Tipton & Coseley are the providers of our new Wolves Saver account, which is being officially launched today with staff on hand by the Megastore to pass on all the relevant information. Fans opening an account can benefit from one of the best saving rates in football accounts as well as prizes and rewards for hitting savings targets. For the first time ever we also have a junior account available for our younger fans. Fans can open an account at any one of the four branches at Tipton, Coseley, Bilston and Sedgley, or for more information call 0121 557 2551 or visit www.thetipton.co.uk

I would also like to welcome to Molineux representatives from the Wolverhampton Business Champions group, whom we are hosting at today's game. The organisation involves officials from some of the leading businesses within Wolverhampton, who give of their time to get together and generate ideas as to how best to promote the interest of the City and also generate investment. We are pleased that Wolves are able to play a part in such an influential group and offer a further example of the importance of the football club within the community at large.

And last but certainly by no means least I would like to welcome a very special fan to today's game. Evelyn Barnett is a mere 102 years young, but continues to follow the team's fortunes very closely and I am sure has many stories to tell over her lifetime of support. Enjoy the game Evelyn – and bring us some luck for the result today!

Welcome to everyone from Swindon here at Molineux today.



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Following his playing career, Pearce went on to manage Manchester City, the England under-21 national side, and led Team GB in to the London 2012 Olympics.

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THE CAPTAIN

SAMUEL RICKETTS

It was a great honour for me to pick up my 50th senior cap for Wales in the game against Macedonia although obviously very disappointing to lose after what was a generally good performance.

I picked up a slight knee injury in that game which ruled me out of Tuesday's fixture with Serbia.

Hopefully I will have been fit for today's fixture, which will be another tough one against a Swindon side in decent form this season under new manager Mark Cooper.

Staying on the subject of the internationals, it was good to see Lee Evans join Jake Cassidy in the Wales-Under-21s side, earning his first cap at that level, in the game at San Marino.

Evo has made an impressive start to the season in the midfield at Wolves, and has all the qualities needed to be an important player for the club over the coming years.

The lads who were on international duty obviously missed our last game, the Johnstone Paint's Trophy win against Walsall, in which a few more of the younger players such as Aaron McCarey, Jack

Price and Liam McAlinden made good impressions on their first starts for the club.

Aaron saved two penalties in the shoot-out and Jack was involved in the opening goal which saw Liam join the list of Wolves players to have scored on their full debuts.

Hopefully we can continue that winning feeling at Molineux this afternoon.

Be Loud and Proud.

**Your captain....
Samuel Ricketts**

Good afternoon and welcome to Molineux as we try and continue our good start to the season against Swindon.

The pause in games for the internationals makes it feel like a long time since our last league match, which was the victory at Port Vale a fortnight ago.

That was another great result for us, where after a tight first half our front players showed their quality in the second and we were able to run out 3-1 winners.

The away support was again incredible, and it was fitting that all of our goals were scored in front of the packed following. Griff has obviously been doing his research, and his celebration went down well with the travelling fans.



Lee Evans





Molineux Stadium

Ref: D. Deadman

Wolves 2

(McAlinden 5, Sako 63)

Walsall 2

(Hemmings 53, Hewitt 85)

Wolves win penalty shoot-out 4-2

WALSALL

MATCH ACTION



Tuesday 3rd September 2013 : 7.45pm : Attendance: 13,481

Liam McAlinden celebrated making his full debut by giving Wolves a fifth minute lead. Matt Doherty took a perfectly weighted return pass from Jack Price before crossing low from the right for McAlinden to steer the ball home from six yards.

There was chance when Bakary Sako raced into the Walsall half and fed McAlinden on the left but the young striker's return pass was too heavy and Saddlers keeper Richard O'Donnell ran out to claim.

A low Björn Sigurdarson cross was easily claimed by O'Donnell but the keeper had to be at his best to turn away a McAlinden volley at the far post after Sigurdarson had supplied the cross.

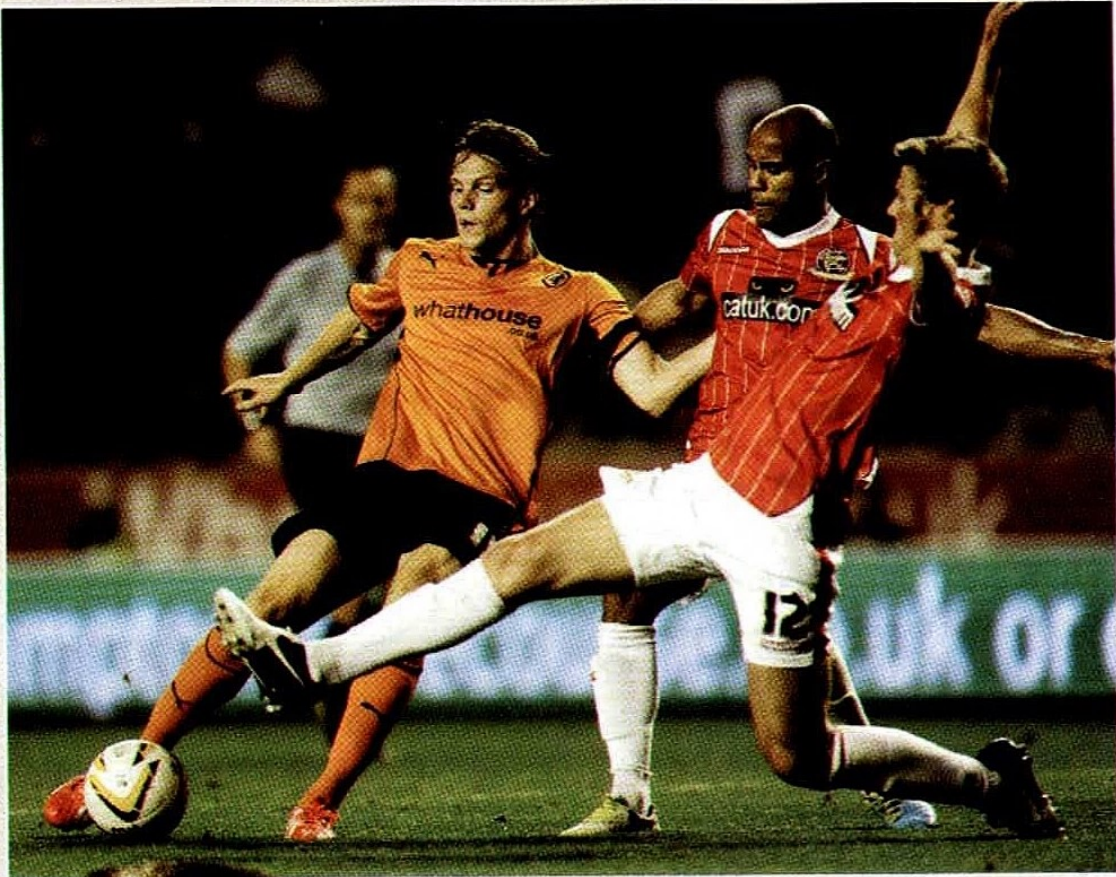
A brief spell of Walsall pressure ended when Danny Bath blocked a fierce effort from Romaine Sawyers and, at the other end, McAlinden fired into the side netting after being put through by David Davis.

Half-Time: Wolves 1 Walsall 0



"Who needs finger nails anyway?!! Still hate penalties!" @wolveskaren3







WALSALL

MATCH ACTION

Wolves should have been two up in the 48th minute. Kevin McDonald freed Doherty on the overlap and after the defender's initial cross was cleared back to him, he drove the ball across the Walsall goalmouth with McAlinden failing to get the touch that was needed.

The Walsall fans were celebrating in the 53rd minute as one time Molineux Academy graduate Ashley Hemmings sent a powerful header past Aaron McCarey after Craig Westcarr had supplied the cross. Seconds later James Baxendale was close to a second with a looping header after a centre from Hemmings.

Wolves won four consecutive corners, all of which were taken by Sako. From the last, Paul Downing appeared to drag Bath to the floor and the referee pointed straight to the spot. Downing was booked and although O'Donnell beat away Sako's spot kick, the winger followed up to convert the rebound.

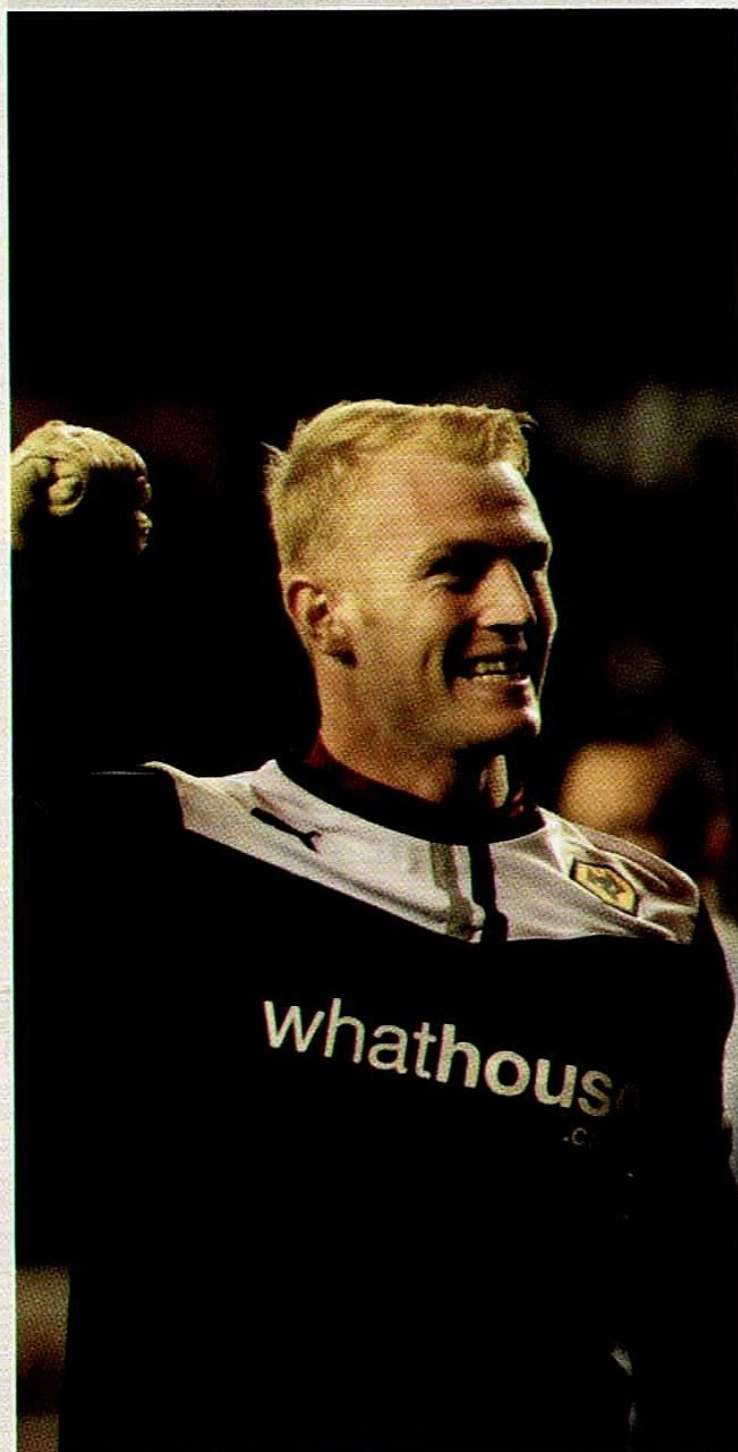
Sako almost found the net again with a low shot from fully 40-yards out that whistled inches off target before an effort from Sawyers ballooned wide after hitting Richard Stearman.

Walsall appeals for a penalty for handball against Stearman were ignored but Saddlers substitute Troy Hewitt notched a superb equaliser five minutes from time with a first time volley that left McCarey helpless.

The game went to a penalty shoot-out which went Wolves' way from the off as McCarey dived to his right and pushed away Westcarr's kick. Sigurdarson converted his penalty and then McCarey, with a brilliant save, turned Andy Taylor's kick onto the bar. O'Donnell was then booked for dissent.

Sako blasted home his penalty as did Sam Manton for Walsall and then Doherty made it 3-1 to Wolves. Downing needed to score his kick and although he was successful, Davis kept his nerve to beat O'Donnell and complete the victory.





Wolves:

McCarey,
Doherty,
Golbourne,
Davis,
Elokobi
(Stearman 56),
Batth (capt),
Price,
McDonald,
McAlinden
(Forde 76),
Sigurdarson,
Sako.

Unused subs:
Ikeme,
Ebanks-Landell,
Keita.

Walsall:

O'Donnell,
Taylor,
Butler (capt),
Featherstone,
A. Chambers,
Lalkovic
(Westcarr 45),
Hemmings
(Mantom 81),
Downing,
J. Chambers,
Baxendale
(Hewitt 76),
Sawyers.

Unused subs:
Purkiss,
Roberts.

Bookings:
Lalkovic (45
– retaliatory
challenge),
Downing (63 –
foul), O'Donnell
(shoot-out
– dissent).

ProZone Match Stats:

2	Goals	2
7	Shots On	10
499	Passes	486
88.4	% Pass Completion	83.5
11	Crosses	7
50	Final 3rd Entries	63
29	Pen Area Entries	21
5	Offsides	1
5	Fouls	8
0	Bookings	3
51.3	% Possession	48.7

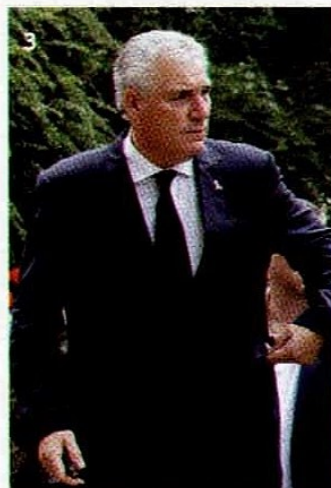


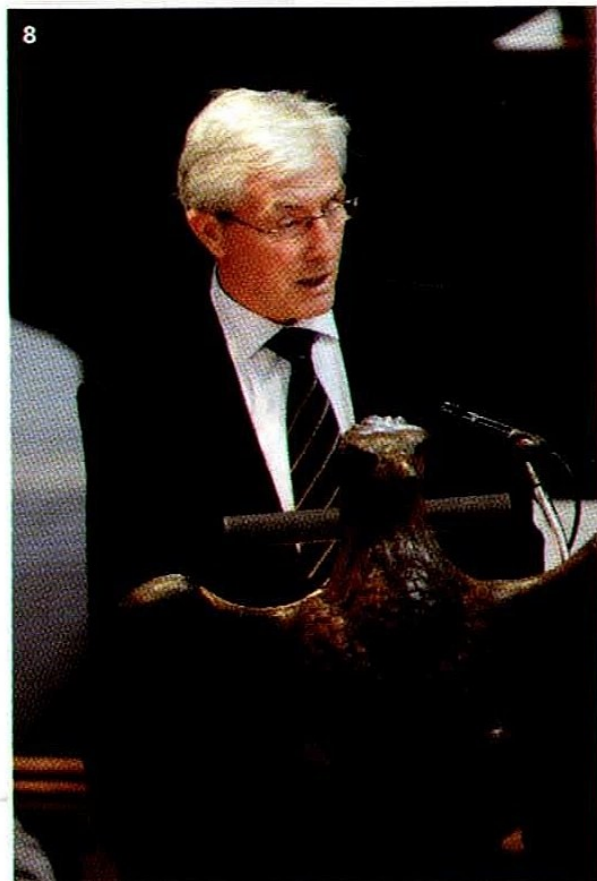
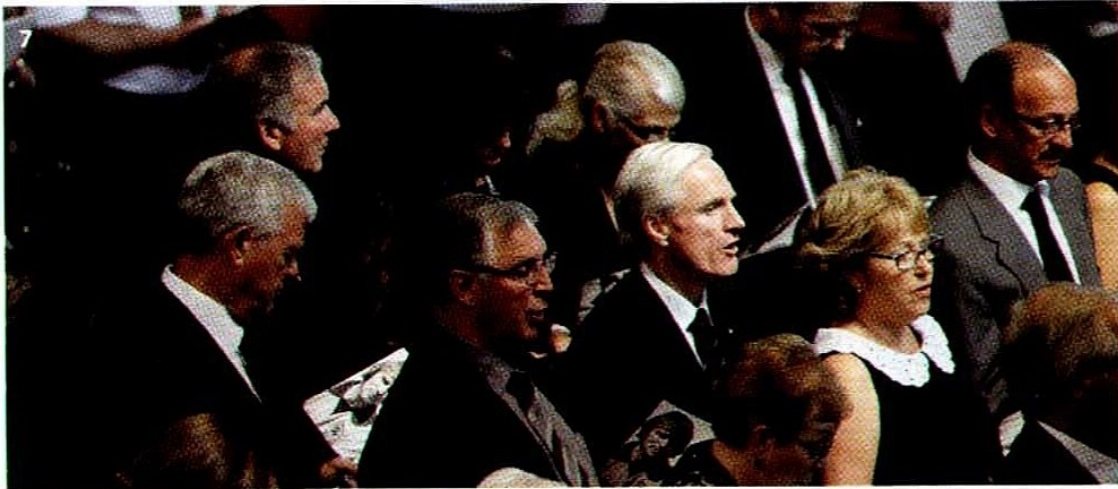


FAREWELL WAGGY

The funeral afforded to Dave Wagstaffe was one of the biggest ever for a sportsman in Wolverhampton.

Crowds gathered at Molineux and outside St Peter's and the church itself was packed as relatives, former team-mates, friends and fans bid a final farewell to the wing legend.





1. One final visit to Molineux.
2. Fans assemble outside St Peter's.
3. Former keeper Phil Parkes arrives.
4. Derek Parkin, George Berry and Gerry O'Hara in reminiscent mood.

5. Sad faces and warm applause greet the funeral cortege.
6. Dave's sons Scott and Gary where among the pall bearers.
7. Gerry Taylor, Mel Eves and Kenny Hibbitt among the packed congregation.

8. John Richards reads the lesson.
9. Club chaplain the Reverend David Wright conducts the service.
10. Floral tribute to a star.



1994 Peter Shilton becomes first player to make 1000 league appearances

2004 Divisions renamed Championship, League 1 and League 2

2009 Social media pressions launched

2012 Financial Fair Play introduced

1888 The World's original league formed

1891 Goal refs and penalty kicks were introduced
1892 2nd Division introduced

1888 Automatic promotion & relegation introduced
1907 Maximum wage introduced

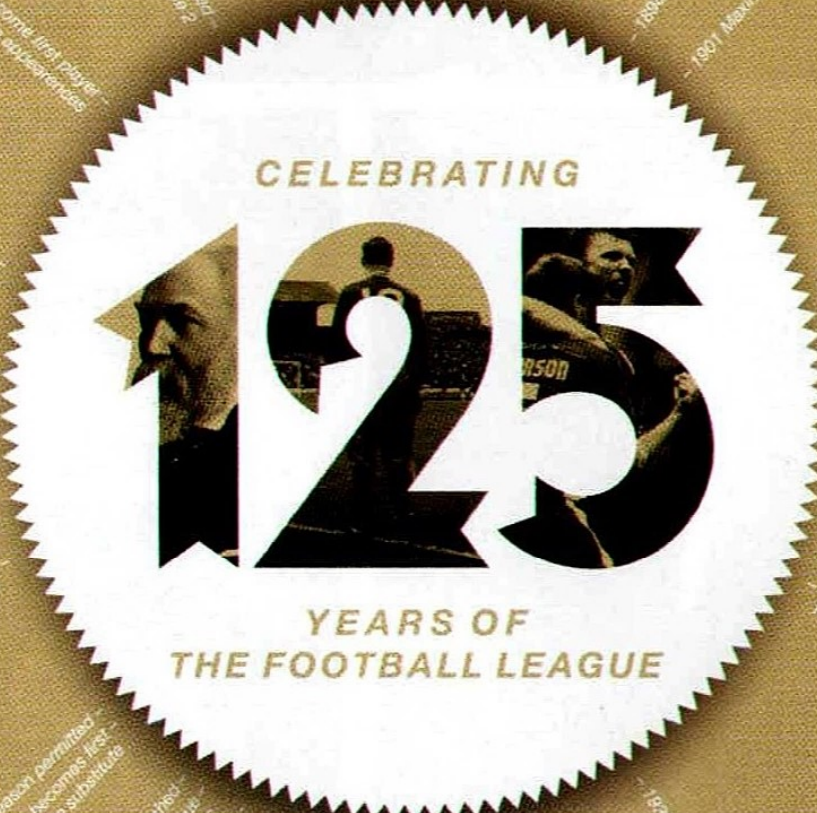
1987 2 substitutes per team introduced
1986 Football League Play-Offs introduced
1983 Canon become first sponsor of The Football League
1981 3 points for a win introduced
1976 Goal difference replaces goal average
1974 The first ever Football League match played on a Sunday

1914 Footballers' Battalion formed
1920 Football League expands to 66 clubs and introduces a Third division
1921 Expanded to 88 clubs with 3rd Division North & South
1925 New offside law introduced
1927 BBC broadcast first live football league match on the radio

1966 Substitutions for any reason permitted
1965 Kevin Keegan becomes first Football League substitute
1961 Maximum wages abolished
1960 First ever live Football League match shown on television
1958 Division 3 & 4 formed to replace regional 3rd Division
1957 First floodlit game Portsmouth v Newcastle United

1951 White ball used for the first time in matches
1949 Record attendance of 4.1 million

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UNDER 21'S

STEVE WEAVER

Following on from our victory over Stoke City, we faced a really difficult task in our next game which was away to Fulham two weeks ago. That the game finished as a draw really only tells half the story of 90 minutes of football that was, as they would say in the press, incident packed.

Fulham had won all three of their games leading up to our visit to their Motspur Park training ground and speaking to their coach, Kit Symons, before the game started, he told me that his side had started the season well although all of the games were 50/50 and could have gone either way.

We could easily have been two up in the opening minute and then found ourselves one down in the second. It was Fulham's first attack and the shot took a deflection – something that seems to be happening regularly of late. But, whatever the scenario, we were one down.

We then settled down and for the next 30 minutes or so, we played the better football although Fulham were always dangerous on the counter. We equalised through Liam McAlinden who intercepted a backpass and took a good touch and finished well.

We were on top at that stage and took the lead after around half an hour with Liam again hitting the target with a flick header after a good cross from Robbie Parry. I didn't think that our defensive shape was as good as it could have been but we were two up and looking quite comfortable.

But then Fulham hit us with three goals in the five minutes leading up to the break. We had lost Kristian Kostorna through injury which didn't help and we had to switch things around, but they were awful goals to concede. We would be on the ball, then lose possession and bang, bang, bang, three quick passes and the ball is in the back of our net.

After a chat at half-time, we looked a lot more like a team again and we got a back into things on the hour mark through a disputed penalty after David Moli had been manhandled in the box. Macca took the kick which was saved but he followed up to complete his hat-trick.

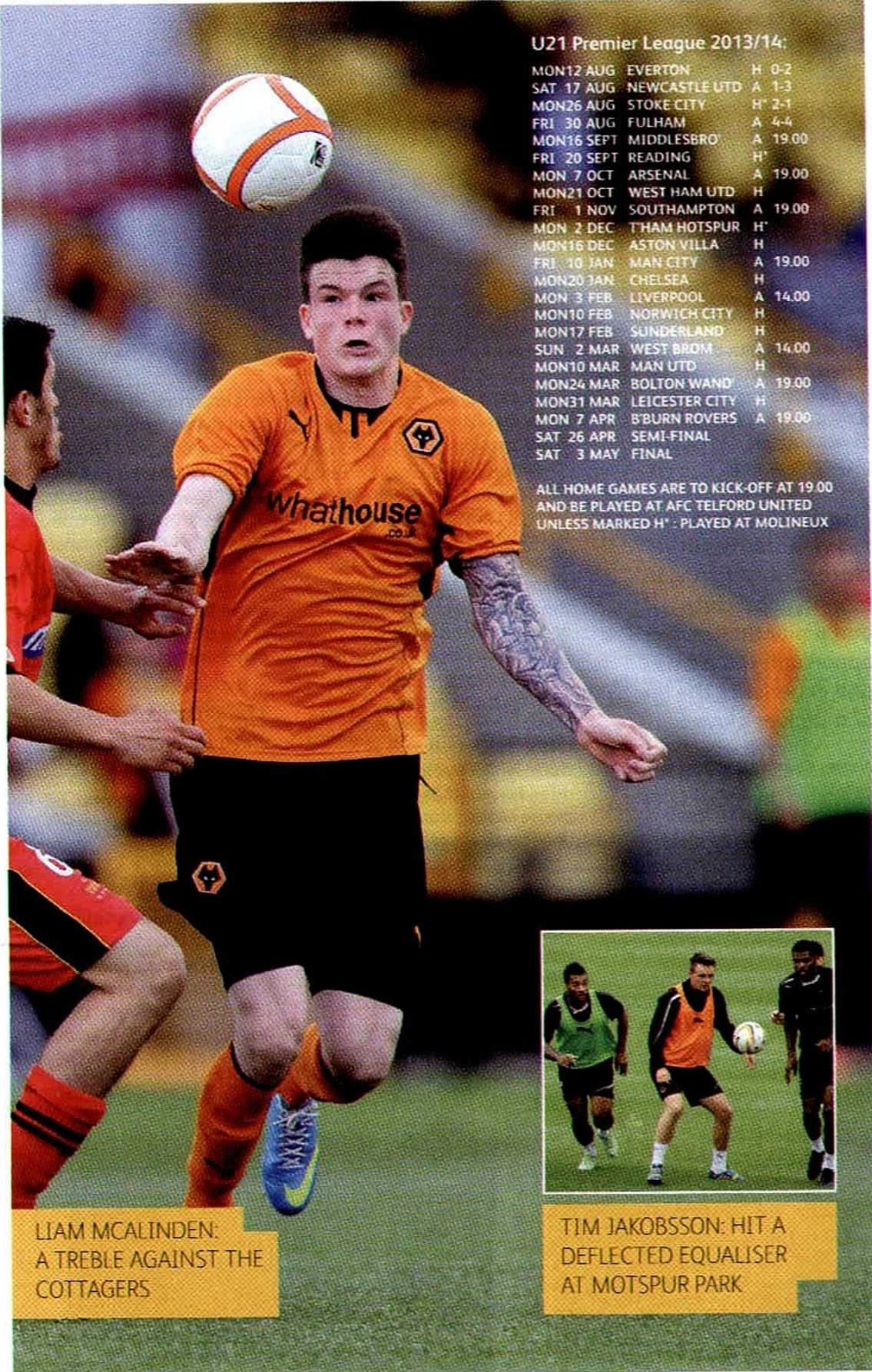
We pulled level 13 minutes from the end. Jamie O'Hara put Macca away and he played the ball in to Robbie who backheeled it into the path of Tim Jakobsson. His shot also took a deflection

although I think that it would have gone in anyway.

After that I thought that we could probably go on and win it but it became something of a basketball match for what remained with both sides having good chances. Jon Flatt made some good saves and they also hit the crossbar whereas we had the better chances but didn't make them count.

It would have been a good game to watch for the supporters down there but for us coaches it was something of a nightmare. And for Sam Whittall it wasn't the best of nights after he had been involved with a nasty clash of heads with Michael Ihiekwe. Sam had a horrible cut on his chin and he was in hospital being treated when we left the ground for the coach trip home. Thankfully, he is recovering well.

I think that both teams showed a touch of naivety during the game but, as I've said, it was a good spectacle to watch. Macca did well to get three and I was pleased for him when he got his first senior goal in the cup tie against Walsall. Hopefully, it will be the first of many for him.



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MON 12 AUG	EVERTON	H	0-2
SAT 17 AUG	NEWCASTLE UTD	A	1-3
MON 26 AUG	STOKE CITY	H	2-1
FRI 30 AUG	FULHAM	A	4-4
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MON 7 OCT	ARSENAL	A	19.00
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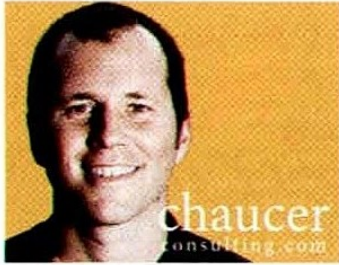
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ACADEMY

GARETH PROSSER

Good afternoon and welcome to the game versus Swindon Town.

Building links with the community is important for the Club and Academy for current and future supporters as well as to aid and improve player recruitment.

This season there are many initiatives in place that will provide schools, local clubs and junior players the opportunity to train and experience the life of a Wolves player.

Wolves Community Trust will be taking the Wolves training experience to the children in schools, providing fun and challenging sessions. In addition to the school sessions, there are various centres run across Wolverhampton and local areas providing weekly sessions for players to improve their football skills as well as the soccer schools run outside of term time. (For more information, please refer to

the Community website www.wolvescommunitytrust.org.uk).

The Academy will host a number of school tournaments throughout the season providing a great experience for local children to play at the training ground.

From a local club perspective, there are also a number of festivals run throughout the season at the training ground, where junior clubs are offered the opportunity to come in and play against other local junior clubs, including a tour of the training ground for each team that attends. If you would like more information on the Junior Club days or would wish for your club to attend one of the free festivals, please contact Dan Bolas on danbolas@wolves.co.uk.

To further the links with local clubs, the Academy hosted a Coaches Workshop evening last week. A total of 41 coaches attended the session at Compton. The evening focused on the development of players within the foundation phase (age groups from

under 5 to under 11s) and included a theory presentation and practical sessions were delivered too on the clubs astro turf by Academy staff.

It is important to me that local clubs are aware of the philosophy in place here at Wolves Academy and the theory presentation allowed me to share this information with the coaches about the vision and aims of the Academy. We also spoke to the coaches about the focus and structure of our training sessions for players within this phase.

The practical sessions were delivered by Marc Campbell (Lead Foundation Phase Coach), Dan Bolas (Support Foundation Phase Coach) and myself.

Throughout the sessions, there was good interaction with the coaches, with lots of questions asked and discussions about various





situations they deal with at their own clubs. Our under 10s took part in the practical demonstrations and their attitude and quality shown on the evening was excellent. They were a credit to the academy.

The evening gave us chance to speak on a one on one basis with a number of coaches working at the grassroots level of the game and it was really pleasing to see a group of hard working, committed and dedicated volunteers who are not only wanting to improve individually, but genuinely have the best interests of the young players they work with a heart.

Players like Danny Batth, David Davis, Zeli Ismail and Liam McAlinden started playing

football at local junior clubs and schools and without the time and commitment the coaches give to the junior clubs, many players would not get the opportunity to start playing.

Speaking about the evening, local coach Andrew Cox, manager of Sedgley Scorpions Under 10s said "It gave me some great ideas for my under 10s group and was a really useful evening."

Nick Brown, a teacher from Oak Meadows Primary School, also attending the event, added: "I walked away buzzing about the possible set ups we could now apply at school, with this

continuing to other members of staff upon our return."

Following the popularity of the event, we will be looking to hold out next Coach Education Workshop in the coming months, going into slightly more detail on certain aspects of the clubs philosophy for developing young players. If you would like to register your Interest for the event in advance, you can do so my contacting Dan Bolas on: danbolas@wolves.co.uk

All the best to Kenny, Joe, the staff and players for this afternoon's game against Swindon.



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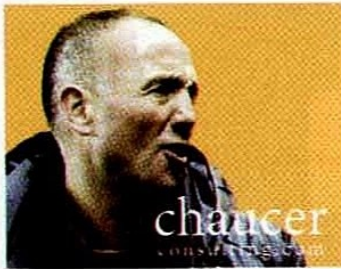
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ACADEMY

MICK HALSALL

Our under 18s have had mixed fortunes since my last notes with two victories sandwiching a heavy defeat at Manchester United. The lads enjoyed a hard fought 2-1 win over a Newcastle side that created some good chances and, but for some stubborn defending and our goalkeeper Scott Dutton pulling off three very good first-half saves, it could have been a totally different outcome.

Having said that we did create some good chances ourselves, hitting the bar on one occasion and working their keeper. It was in this period of play we took the lead as Peter Smith put in a shot from the left which went in off the goalkeeper's legs to put us ahead at half time. We didn't make a good start to the second half and allowed the opposition to create some half chances and we had to call upon Dutton to make some more crucial saves to keep us in the game.

But we did play some good football at times and went further ahead after Ibrahim Keita had done well in closing down and regaining the ball before putting in a good cross for Cieron Keane to finish confidently. Newcastle got themselves back in to the game with a goal we are not sure crossed the line but it was hard work from then onwards as they pressed for an equaliser and we had to dig deep for the win.

Then a midweek trip to Manchester United turned out to be something of a wake-up call for the club's youngsters.

I felt this game would give us a realistic view of ourselves in comparison to other teams and it certainly did that. We got off to a poor start and conceded around the five minute mark which was really of our own making after a couple of mistakes. Unfortunately, we did not regroup or recover from that as no-one really got hold of the team on the field to pull everyone together.

After conceding that early goal, although we threatened at times, we did not look comfortable or convincing when out of possession. Some players did not show enough understanding of what was needed from them as we conceded two more goals before half time. Too many times we left ourselves exposed to the counter being vulnerable to pace and movement behind. The fact we got one back through Peter Smith just before the break gave us a little bit of hope but it glossed over a lot of our problems.

After just five minutes of the second half we conceded again due to poor decision making and weak defending and then let in two more goals in the second half without ever looking a threat ourselves.

After that 'wake up' call, the under 18s bounced back in style to record a 2-1 triumph over West Ham two weeks ago. The players did well to get back to winning ways although we were fortunate to hang on, particularly in the second half.

We grew in to the game as it progressed and took the lead in the 33rd minute from a corner which fell to Dan Murray after a mix up in the West Ham box. The lead was doubled two minutes after the restart following another corner with Keita netting after more hesitation in the visitors area. We then defended well enough until the final minute when we conceded following a free kick.

U18/16 Fixtures 2013/14:

SAT 17 AUG	LEICESTER CITY	A 6-1
SAT 24 AUG	NEWCASTLE UTD	H 2-1
WED 28 AUG	MANCHESTER UTD	A 1-6
SAT 31 AUG	WEST HAM UTD	H 2-0
SAT 14 SEP	WEST BROM ABLIDN	A
SAT 21 SEP	ASTON VILLA	H
SAT 28 SEP	READING	A 12.00pm
SAT 5 OCT	SUNDERLAND	A 1.00pm
SAT 19 OCT	STOKE CITY	H
SAT 26 OCT	FULHAM	H 12.00pm
SAT 2 NOV	CHELSEA	A 12.00pm
SAT 9 NOV	EVERTON	A 11.30am
SAT 16 NOV	MIDDLESBROUGH	H 1.00pm
SAT 23 NOV	LIVERPOOL	A
SAT 30 NOV	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H 12.00pm
SAT 7 DEC	BOLTON WANDERERS	A
SAT 14 DEC	NO GAME	A
SAT 21 DEC	MANCHESTER CITY	H

PLEASE NOTE KICK OFF TIME FOR U18/16 FIXTURES IS 11.00AM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED
Updated 19 Jul 13

Fixtures are subject to change

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Youth Development Lead Coach:	Darren Ryan
Youth Development Support Coach:	Daniel Copnell
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Foundation Support Coach:	Don Bolas
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Academy Administrator:	Jennifer Rice
Operations Co-ordinator:	Ron Picken
Head of Sports Science:	Jon Fortesque
U18s Sports Science:	Dan Lothian
U18s-U16s Sports Science:	Jonathan Fenner
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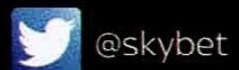
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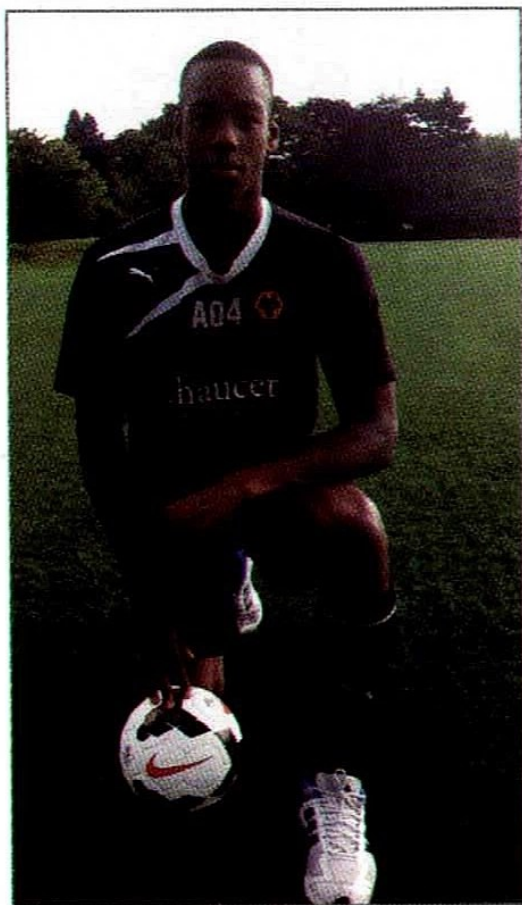
ACADEMY PLAYER PROFILE

Next up in the 'Getting To Know You' series from the Academy is second year scholar Ibrahim Keita, the striker who was recently named as a substitute in the Johnstone Paint's Trophy fixture with Walsall.

NAME:
Ibrahim Keita

POSITION:
Striker

BACKGROUND:
I came to Wolves on a trial from France before signing a couple of years ago.



DESCRIBE YOURSELF AS A PLAYER:
I am strong, powerful and hard-working, with or without the ball.

AND AS A PERSON:
Off the pitch I am quiet but I am starting to get on with more people now as my English gets better.

OFF-FIELD HOBBIES:
Away from football it's mainly FIFA!

FAVOURITE PLAYER:
Didier Drogba. He's a leader and a very good player who scores goals.

BEST ACHIEVEMENT:
Getting a contract at Wolves and playing for the French national team for my age.

BIGGEST OBSTACLE OVERCOME:
Coming through a spell last season when I didn't score.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT WOLVES' ACADEMY:
Away from the football it's learning English!

WHO'S GOT THE MOST SKILL IN THE ACADEMY:
Dylan Stringer-Moth.

WHO HAS THE WORST BANTER:
A few candidates but I'll go with Harry Burgoyne.

CAREER AMBITION:
To play at the best level possible.

UP TO DATE – HOW IS THE SEASON GOING SO FAR?
It's going well so far. I scored four goals in the first four league games. I was very happy to get on the bench for the first team and it was a very good experience. I just need to keep working hard to try and get another chance in the future.





THE VISITORS

SWINDON TOWN



Sceptics might have wondered whether Swindon Town would have had the word 'hangover' on their minds as they prepared for their second season back at this level.

After all, they had the bitter disappointment of running Brentford mighty close in last season's play-off semi-final, only to ultimately bow out on penalties to them after extra-time in the second leg at Griffin Park.

But they started soundly and have now run into a rich vein of form that has them unbeaten in four matches as they arrive at Molineux for a League fixture for the first time since 1999-2000.

Their upturn includes an eye-opening 2-0 win at QPR in the Capital One Cup – a competition in which they had previously edged past Torquay at the County Ground and in which they are now preparing for a glamour home tie against Chelsea in ten days' time.



Their progress is all the more pleasing given the managerial

upheaval they had this summer. Robins fans might have thought controversy and big headlines would become a thing of the past after the departure of Paolo Di Canio but the Italian's successor Kevin MacDonald had only four and a half months and 14 games in the post before quitting during the pre-season programme.

After skipper and former Wolves defender Darren Ward had helped steady the ship, Mark Cooper was appointed to the hotseat and it is he who has the club well in touch with the top six as we enter the second month of the League One programme.

Swindon have also won at home against Stevenage (1-0) and Crewe (5-0) while drawing with Gillingham and, most recently, Milton Keynes Dons.

The Robins have already made one visit to the Midlands this season in losing 2-0 at Shrewsbury, their only other defeat having come at Peterborough on the opening day.

Nickname:	The Robins
Founded:	1879
Ground:	County Ground
Distance:	88.8 miles
Capacity:	14,700
Home Shirt:	Red / White
Away Shirt:	Blue / Black
Manager:	Mark Cooper
2012-13:	League One, 6th

» THE GAFFER

Mark Cooper

Mark Cooper was placed in temporary charge of Swindon following the departure of Kevin MacDonald, a role now made permanent. He had previously served as MacDonald's Assistant Manager and left his post as manager of AFC Telford United to link up with Town.

Cooper made over 400 appearances as a player in the 1990s and played for a

host of league clubs including Birmingham City and Fulham. In 2004, he made the jump into management with Tamworth.

He enjoyed some memorable runs in the FA Cup whilst in charge of Tamworth before he joined Kettering. He repeated his success in the FA Cup with the Poppies and guided them to the Conference North title. In 2009, he



was appointed manager of Peterborough United.

Following his departure from London Road, he took the reins at Darlington and guided them to FA Trophy success at Wembley in 2011.

» THE SQUAD



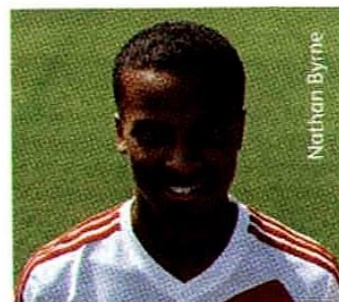
Wes Foderingham

The shot-stopper came through the ranks with Fulham's Academy before moving to Crystal Palace. Initially joined Swindon on loan in 2012 and enjoyed a prolific start to his Town career where he didn't concede a goal in his first five games. A string of fine performances saw him earn a permanent contract in January 2012 and went on to help Town claim the League Two championship at the end of the season in addition to making an appearance at Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final. He was virtually ever-present as Swindon made the League One play-offs last term. Penned a new contract in the summer.

Nathan Thompson

A product of the STFC Academy, the youngster appeared among the substitutes on a number of occasions in the 2009/2010 season, but did not feature for the first team. The 2012/13 campaign was his best in a Town shirt to date and the tough-tackling defender was a regular as Swindon made the League One Play-Offs. One of the standout performers of Town's season, he was named the Swindon Advertiser Player of the Year in April but missed the final stages of the campaign with an ankle injury.

Squad profiles continue overleaf...



Nathan Byrne

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Byrne penned a two-year deal with Swindon in the summer of 2013 after a successful loan spell the previous campaign. The defender played in both legs of Town's play-off final defeat to Brentford and was unfortunate to receive a red card in the second leg at Griffin Park. Back in a permanent deal, the defender has played at left-back and right-back this season and has even played in an advanced role on the right wing, a move which brought him his first goal of the campaign against Gillingham.



Nathan Thompson



» THE SQUAD

PROFILES 2013/14

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Massimo Luongo

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Luongo joined Swindon from Tottenham on a season-long loan in the summer before completing a permanent move just before transfer deadline day. The midfielder is in his second spell at The County Ground having spent time on loan at the club at the end of the 2012/13 season. He scored the opening goal of Swindon's play-off campaign against Brentford and played in both legs as Town were knocked out at the semi-final stage. The stylish midfielder has two goals to his name already this season.

Grant Hall

A tall, imposing centre-half. Hall signed on a season-long loan from Tottenham Hotspur in the summer of 2013. After making his Town debut on the opening day of the season, in Swindon's 1-0 defeat at Peterborough United, Hall has started to form a solid partnership at the heart of the Town defence alongside skipper Darren Ward.

Tijane Reis

The Portuguese winger signed a two-year deal with the Town in the summer of 2013. A tricky customer with an eye for goal, he made his debut for the club in the opening day defeat to Peterborough at London Road. After starting the next two games, an injury has halted his progress.

Ryan Harley

The experienced midfielder joined Town in July 2013 after his release from Brighton and Hove Albion.

Made his name with Exeter City before securing a move to Swansea City. From there he moved east to Brighton and had a spell on loan at MK Dons in the latter part of the 2012/13 campaign.

Ryan Mason

Mason signed a season-long loan deal with the Town in July 2013, joining from Tottenham Hotspur. The midfielder had made a first-team appearances for Spurs in the Europa League and last season's Capital One Cup. Made his Swindon bow at Peterborough on the opening day of the 2013/14 campaign. After an early injury, he burst back onto the scene, scoring a hat-trick in Swindon's 5-0 demolition of Crewe Alexandra.



Ryan Mason

Nile Ranger

The former Newcastle United man put pen-to-paper on a one-year contract at The County Ground in the summer of 2013. He stepped off the bench to make his Town debut against Shrewsbury Town. Scored his first goal in the Capital One Cup victory against QPR before notching his first league goal against Crewe at SN1.

Alex Pritchard

Pritchard joined Town on a season-long youth loan from Tottenham Hotspur in the summer. After a spell at Peterborough United towards the end of the 2012/13 campaign, the winger made his Swindon bow at London Road on the opening day of the 2013/14

season. He notched his first Town goal in the Capital One Cup victory at QPR. Has international caps with England's Under-20s and represented his country at the recent Under-20 World Cup

Dany N'Guessan

N'Guessan penned a deal until the end of the 2013/14 campaign just before the end of the summer transfer window. The former Millwall man has played for a number of clubs in the Football League, with his most prolific stint coming whilst at Lincoln City. Has also played for Leicester City.

Jay McEveley

A former trainee with Blackburn Rovers, McEveley joined Derby County in 2007 after loan spells with Burnley, Gillingham and Ipswich, helping the Rams to the Premier League in 2007. The 27-year-old joined the Tykes on a free transfer from Derby in the summer of 2010 and made 49 appearances at Oakwell. He has over 200 league appearances to his name and after impressing during his loan spell at The County Ground, he returned on a permanent deal in the summer of 2012. He began the season as a regular in the side but was then sidelined after knee surgery in late November.

Yaser Kasim

A former player with Brighton and Hove Albion's Academy side, Kasim penned a permanent deal with the Town ahead of the 2013/14 campaign. In his time at the



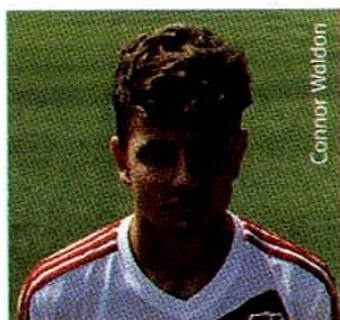
Yaser Kasim



Amex Stadium, the classy holding midfielder spent time on loan at Luton Town and Macclesfield Town.

Mark Francis

Another product of the club's Academy system, Francis penned senior forms with Swindon ahead of the 2013/14 campaign. Made his Swindon bow at Sheffield United towards the end of the 2012/13 season.



Connor Waldon

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Swindon-born Waldon is a product of the club's Academy system, signing professional forms in the summer of 2013. He made his Town debut as a substitute against Stevenage at the end of the 2012/13 season.

Alex Ferguson

Ferguson turned professional with the Town in the summer of 2013 after graduating from the Academy. He is a former Under-18 Captain.

Louis Thompson

The youngster came up through the ranks at the STFC Academy and made his debut for the first team whilst still a first year scholar at Leicester City in the FA Cup fourth round in January 2012. Last term, his appearance alongside brother Nathan in an FA Cup tie against Macclesfield made a little bit of history: the first time two brothers had played in the same Swindon side since 1947. After penning a professional deal in the summer, Thompson has made four appearances this campaign. He has also made appearances for Wales at youth level.

Miles Storey

Another STFC Academy product, he made his first team debut from the bench at the end of the 2010/11 season as a substitute against Oldham Athletic. After signing a professional deal in the

summer of 2012, he made his full Town debut in the 4-0 win at Stevenage and wasted little time in making an impression, as he also scored his first Town goal on the day. He then thrust himself into the limelight, scoring twice off the bench in a Capital One Cup tie against Aston Villa. The frontman was included in the England Under-19's squad for the friendly with Finland at Telford last November and was handed a starting role.

Alex Smith

Smith joined Town from Fulham in the summer of 2013 where he had made appearances in the first team at Craven Cottage. The defender made his Swindon debut on the opening day of the 2013/14 season at Peterborough

Darren Ward

As Swindon's Captain, Ward marshals the team from his position at centre-half. After joining initially on loan last summer from Millwall, the 33-year old made his Town debut against local rivals Oxford United before penning a permanent deal in January 2012. He started his career as a youngster at Watford making 67 appearances, including a number of Premiership games before then Millwall boss Mark McGhee brought him to The Den in 2001. During his four years at the club, The Lions reached the FA Cup Final in 2004 and then had a taste of UEFA Cup action. Ward moved to Crystal Palace in a £1.1m deal in the summer of 2005 where he racked up 69 appearances before switching to Wolves. He put pen to paper on a brand new contract this summer.



Darren Ward

Jack Barthram

The versatile youngster, who can play in defence or in midfield, penned a one-year deal with Swindon at the start of the 2013/14 campaign. Barthram had



Jack Barthram

previously played with Tottenham Hotspur's youth team before his release in the summer.

Tyrell Belford

Belford signed a deal with Town in the summer of 2013 following his release from Liverpool's Academy. The highly-rated youngster was at Coventry before he was snapped up by the Anfield outfit. He is yet to make an appearance for Swindon and provides cover for Wes Foderingham alongside Leigh Bedwell.

Aaron Oakley

A product of the STFC Academy, Oakley penned his first senior deal in the summer of 2013. The 6'7 central defender was a regular for Town's youth sides and has also represented Wales at youth level. He was named on Swindon's first team bench last term but has yet to make an appearance.

Leigh Bedwell

Bedwell is a Swindon Town fan and was one of two second year scholars awarded a one-year professional deal with the club ahead of the 2012/13 season. He made his professional debut for Town from the bench at Preston North End on Sunday 2nd September in League One.


Nicky Ajose

The striker joined Swindon a loan deal until January 2014. The Peterborough man spent time on loan at Bury and Crawley last term. Made his Town bow off the bench against Crewe Alexandra.

Kayden Jackson

Kayden was one of two lucky winners of Samsung's 'Win A Pro Contract' competition in 2013. The Bradford-born striker joined up with Town in pre-season but is yet to feature in a first-team match.






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BACK TO THE FUTURE

Football historian **Leigh Edwards** traces what happened to two of Swindon Town's greatest post-war teams...

1969 LEAGUE CUP WINNERS

PETER DOWNSBOROUGH: Ever-present goalkeeper who made 274 League appearances before joining Bradford City in November 1973. Later working at a power station, he has settled in Elland.

ROD THOMAS: Welsh international right-back who followed Dave Mackay to Derby County in November 1973. Later with Cardiff, Gloucester and Newport County, he became a publican in Stroud.

JOHN TROLLOPE: Record appearance holder who became Swindon's coach, then manager from November 1980 until March 1983. Awarded the MBE, he had a spell as the Robins' youth team boss.

JOE BUTLER: Versatile midfielder who netted 18 goals in 362 League games prior to joining Aldershot in August 1976, then played for Witney Town. He has since run his own taxi firm in Swindon.

FRANK BURROWS: Central defender who became Swindon's assistant-boss. He has held various coaching and management posts, including spells in charge of Cardiff City, Portsmouth and Swansea.

STAN HARLAND: Ever-present captain who joined Birmingham in December 1971. He managed Yeovil and Gravesend & Northfleet, then ran a delicatessen in Yeovil until his death in September 2001.

DON HEATH: Winger who moved to Oldham Athletic in July 1970, then Peterborough United, Hartlepool, Crook Town and Gateshead. Settling back in his native Stockton, he became a buyer for ICI.

ROGER SMART: Striker who netted 43 goals in 349 League games before joining Charlton Athletic in May 1973, then Bath City, Melksham and Trowbridge. He was licensee of The Plough in Swindon.

JOHN SMITH: Ex-England U-23 international who joined Walsall in June 1971. Briefly their manager, then Dundalk's player-boss, he managed a social club in Harlesden until his death in February 1988.

PETER NOBLE: Ever-present striker who netted 62 goals in 216 League games before joining Burnley in June 1973, then had a spell with Blackpool. He has since run his own sportswear business in Burnley.

DON ROGERS: England U-23 winger who reunited with Bert Head at Crystal Palace in November 1972. Later with QPR, Swindon again and Yeovil Town, he has since run his own sports shop in Swindon.

1985-86 FOURTH DIVISION CHAMPIONS

KENNY ALLEN: Experienced goalkeeper who made 45 League appearances before rejoining Torquay United in December 1986. Settling in Newton Abbot, he was a postman, then a driver for a hospital.

CHRIS RAMSEY: Right-back who joined Southend United in August 1987. He later coached football in Malta and the United States, since becoming Leyton Orient's YDO and managing Newham Ladies.

DAVE HOCKADAY: Left-back who moved to Hull City in September 1990, then Shrewsbury, before coaching at clubs including Watford, MK Dons and Southampton. Now managing Forest Green Rovers.

LEIGH BARNARD: Midfielder who joined Cardiff City in October 1989. He rejoined Swindon as community officer, then coached in the United States and now teaches at Abbotsfield School in Hillingdon.

DAVE COLE: Central defender who netted three goals in 69 League games, moving to Torquay in November 1986, then Rochdale and Exeter. He then worked at a jeweller in Cheltenham, settling in Wales.

COLIN CALDERWOOD: Scotland international who later played for Spurs, Villa and Forest, then managed Northampton, Forest and Hibernian. Has assisted Chris Hughton at various clubs, now Norwich.

DAVE BAMBER: Striker who netted 31 goals in 106 League games before joining Watford in June 1988, then Stoke City, Hull City and Blackpool again, where he now runs his own damp proofing company.

CHARLIE HENRY: Midfielder who moved to Aldershot in August 1989, then Cheltenham and Fairford Town. He worked locally for Rover and now for his brother-in-law, making stainless steel urinals.

COLIN GORDON: Striker who moved to Wimbledon in June 1986, then Reading, Fulham, Birmingham and Leicester. He later managed Stourbridge and now has several sports-related business interests.

BRYAN WADE: Striker who netted 18 goals in 60 League games before joining Swansea City in August 1988, then played for Brighton, Frome and Trowbridge again. He is now a builder in his native Bath.

CHRIS KAMARA: Much-travelled midfielder who later played for Stoke City, Leeds United, Luton Town and Sheffield United, then managed Bradford City and Stoke. He is now a summariser for Sky TV.





BJÖRN SIGURDARSON

WOLVES #15
STRIKER

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Björn Sigurdarson has always been a popular figure amongst fans since his arrival on British soil last with Wolves last summer.

And that's also the case with his team-mates, who will perhaps uniting in light-heartedly describing him as the 'strangest' character in the dressing room on these pages, have plenty of time for the affable Iclander.

Well everyone needs good neighbours, and it seems that Sigurdarson's, around his home not too far from the Compton training ground, share the view of the fans and those team-mates.

"The fans are great to me," says the striker.

"Every time I go out on the pitch the fans are cheering for me.

"I live local to the training ground and when I bump into people they are always very friendly.

"The other day my Mum sent me a package and when I'm not home any packages get delivered to a neighbour.

"It was the day after I'd scored, and when the neighbour came

around with the package it had the words 'great goal' written on it which was nice!"

In terms of deliveries, it is goals and assists which is now high on Sigurdarson's shopping list as he heads into his second year in English football after joining Wolves from Norwegian side Lillestrom.

A player with plenty of potential, so much so that Everton were scouting him prior to his arrival at Molineux, Sigurdarson showed no ill effects from a troubled Wolves season last time out which nevertheless featured some impressive individual moments, not least a superb solo goal against Middlesbrough.

At a time at the end of last season when everyone at Wolves were licking their wounds after successive relegations, it was Sigurdarson who was quick to put his head above the parapet, commit his future to the club and say he was keen to stick it out to try and put things right.

"It was never in the picture for me to move in the summer," he insists.

"I've only just got here!

"We had a not so great season

but it was still an experience for me and I just wanted to stay and help the club get back up.

"I'm still young and still learning more and more and that's what makes a player want to stay to try and get better.

"It is a different atmosphere this season, a lot different.

"We have got some new players in but it also very different when you are winning games.

"There is a happy atmosphere and it feels good to come in every day and you are not miserable because you are struggling."

Heading into today's game with Swindon, the 21-year-old had made three starts and three appearances from the bench as Wolves have made a hugely encouraging start to the season. Whilst any player would want to be starting any game – they wouldn't be a footballer if they didn't – Sigurdarson acknowledges there is plenty of strength in depth in Wolves' striking ranks at the current moment.

Leigh Griffiths and Kevin Doyle have been the men in possession, Jake Cassidy and



Liam McAlinden are waiting in the wings keen for an opportunity, while Sigurdarson can also operate on the right hand side either in a three-man frontline or a 4-4-2.

Plenty of different options then for Head Coach Kenny Jackett, and plenty of permutations for Sigurdarson and company to try and force their way into.

"The team is doing great this season," he says.

"I've had some minutes to play and scored two goals.

"Of course I would like to play more, every player wants to play every game!

"The Head Coach has told me I am doing alright.

"It is tough competition with four or five strikers involved but you never know – maybe I will start the next game.

"We've spoken about things and he has told me he knows I can play wide or as a striker and that we just need to find the right position.

"And he has told me I will get chances in the team.

"I've no preference as to where I play – if I'm involved then I'm happy.

"I enjoyed coming on and doing well against Port Vale but I would love to be doing that at the start of matches.

"It is tough competition for everyone throughout the team but that is the reason we have done so great so far because it keeps everyone on their toes.

"Everyone is ready for their chance."

Sigurdarson, whose girlfriend is over with him in Wolverhampton, also welcomes his family at regular intervals as they come to take in games.

But what then of that now vibrant now dressing room, and those players who suggest Sigurdarson is different from the norm? Step forward a certain Leigh Griffiths!

The ice-cool Scot has settled right back into life at Wolves, demonstrating he has the lively personality to match his goalscoring ability, and perhaps take some of the off-field banter away from Sigurdarson!

"Griff is erm, different!" says the Icelander with a chuckle.

"They all say I'm different, but I think Griff is.

"Pricey (Jack Price) said to me the other day that he would pay good money to watch me for the whole day.

"I'd probably do that to watch Griff for one day.

"But he's a great guy and a great player as well and has made a real difference to us.

"In a dressing room we're all different and you need different characters to succeed.

"It's a great mix in there now and we're all really desperate to have a good season."

The requirement of a good season is for Wolves, even amid the tough challenges posed in Sky Bet League One, is to try and keep themselves at the top end of the table.

Sigurdarson isn't looking too far ahead, and, with Swindon the visitors this afternoon, is perhaps following the ever-English adage of one game at a time!

"We know promotion is what we all want but I don't think it's about looking too far ahead," he says.

"We just have to look at trying to win each game that we can and hopefully that will be enough to get up this year.

"We know here at Molineux teams are going to raise their games.

"Because of where Wolves were a couple of years ago they can come here and have nothing to lose – everyone expects us to win the match.

"That is one of the challenges we have faced and will continue to face, and it is up to us to go out and get the right results."



Björn Sigurdarson

» Age: 21
Position: Striker
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 13st 9lbs
Signed: 2012



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This is Our Club



Young Wolves



AWAY MASCOT WINNER

Charlie who was our away mascot at Port Vale wrote to the club to tell us about his experience being our away mascot.

Leading the team out with Sam Ricketts was a very proud moment for a 10 year old.



He wrote: I met Kenny Jackett who wished me all the best for the day.

This was followed by a great team performance and a well-deserved win.

Then I went into the changing rooms to meet the players and every one of them was a credit to the club. They signed my autograph book and I had photos taken with them. Considering this was just before the game I felt really lucky to be allowed such a privilege and the players were excellent.

Thanks again to everyone at the club for making me feel welcome and a real part of the day.

We are running a special competition for Wolves Dribblers! Email a photo of your Dribbler to youngwolves@wolves.co.uk or tweet @Young_Wolves with a caption and the winner could win a load of goodies! The deadline to enter is Friday 27th September 2013 and the winner will be notified on Monday 30th September 2013.

TODAY'S MASCOTS:



If you would like to be a mascot at an upcoming game call the Ticket Office on: 0871 222 1877.

DRAWING COMPETITION

We are also holding a drawing competition for all our Young Wolves members - 'Design a mug' We would like our budding artists to design a Wolves mug. This competition is open to all ages from 4 - 16 years of age. The winning design will be produced and your prize would be presented and given to you by a mystery guest who will also give you a voucher to spend in store. All entries are to be posted in our Wolfie post boxes that are in the Ticket Office and Molineux Megastore. You have until the end of October to enter.



Wolfie's Puzzle page!

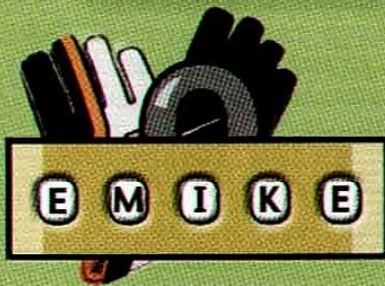


Word Up!

Can you solve this zigzag puzzle? Every letter in the box is used only once and letters can go up, down, left and right. The first has been done for you.

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WINGER GOALS BOOT PITCH
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Help Wolfie unscramble this word to unlock the kit cupboard before the match! There's a clue hidden behind the lock.

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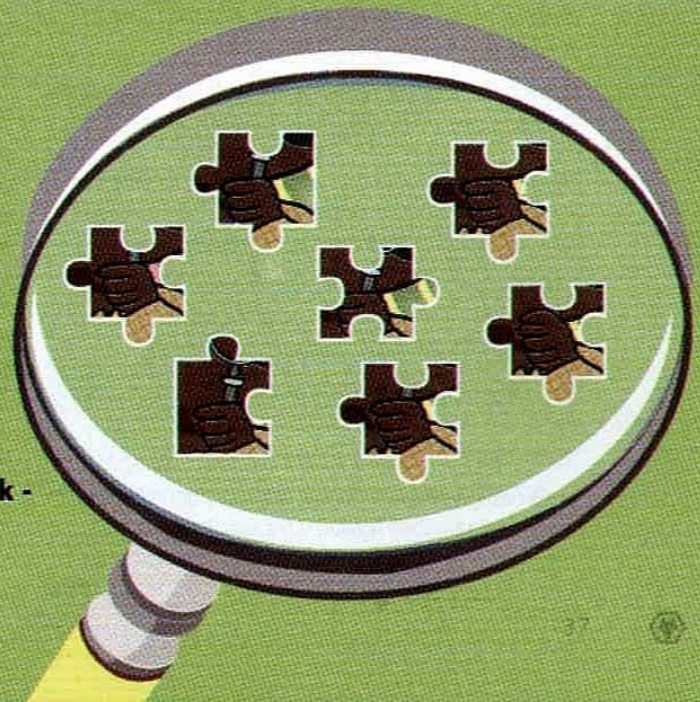
Who won the match between the two balls of string?

They were tied!



Puzzled!

Can you find the puzzle piece that has been removed from Wolfie's picture?



Answers can be found at wolves.co.uk - no cheating though!





STEVE EVANS

THE MAN
FROM THE
COUNCIL

“There’s only one Steve Evans.” So the football chant would go. But in this case, there isn’t.

There is Steve Evans, aged 52, born and bred Wulfrunian who spent his working life with Wolverhampton Council, not to mention being an award-winning magician, stand-up comic, children’s entertainer and Civic Hall concierge.

And then there is Steve Evans, current manager of Rotherham United, battling it out with Wolves in League One.

Never the twain shall meet. Not yet anyway. But our Wulfrunian Steve soon had a taster of some of the more – ahem - vehement public opinion from his namesake’s detractors when starting a Twitter account earlier this year.

“I knew what Twitter was but wasn’t really aware of how it worked,” he explains.

“I did some media – which came from nowhere – and, as a result, I was told I was ‘trending’ on Twitter, which meant absolutely nothing to me.

“I wanted to see these lovely things that were said about me, which I did, but within this lovely plethora of beautiful words there was the most graphic vitriol contained in the middle.

“I didn’t think people could write stuff like that – I thought it was illegal! And all in 140 characters!

“Well of course on Twitter you can reply, so I said, ‘you do realise I’m the bloke that was on Radio Five talking about having a terminal illness?’

“‘Oh no mate, sorry about that’, came the reply. ‘We thought you were that – chuck in a few asterisks – Rotherham manager Steve Evans.

“So if anything comes from all of this, and this is an interview about football, I would love to interview Steve Evans.

“Let’s not say this is a bucket list, but I don’t believe anyone can be that flawed a human being as

people were suggesting. I’m told that I do see the good in people and I do like a challenge!”

Perhaps even more bizarre is that one of Steve’s acquaintances – a former DJ who also worked with the local authority – was later a PFA registered agent who dealt with Steve Evans the manager, and often texted Steve Evans, the magician, by mistake!

Anyway enough of all that. This may be a football interview. And our man Steve may be a lifelong Wolves fan, who spent a good half hour in conversation with Kenny Jackett on various issues during his visit to the Compton training ground. More on Steve and Wolves later.

But sometimes the phrase made famous by the great Bill Shankly is just, plain wrong. Sometimes football isn’t more serious than life or death.

As mentioned rather too briefly above, Steve Evans is suffering from terminal illness, non-operable stomach cancer, diagnosed in 2011.

On diagnosis he was not expected to live for 12 months; as he says himself, ‘2013 was not a great proposition.’

That he has seen 2013, and continues to do so, is only part of the story.

Having answered a request for a media interview after firing a text in to the Stephen Nolan show on 5 Live, which has since led to several more including Richard Bacon recording a live show direct from his summerhouse, it is Steve’s incredibly positive reaction to his diagnosis and enduring good humour and fortitude which has seen him become an inspiration to so many. That he is an inspiration to many is not something that was his intention. And it certainly wasn’t the motivation for those interviews. He’d probably much prefer to be pursuing one of his favourite pastimes of fishing or – as he was so delighted to do last

week – compering at the annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians in Buxton.

In what is typical of such a deliciously uncomplicated approach to life, Steve simply says: "People ask to talk to me – and so I do – there's nothing more to it than that."

The national exposure, also recently including making a speech to a room of 300 people for Cancer Research UK, is one thing, but it was appearing on BBC WM's Paul Franks Show that remains a particular highlight.



"We listen to Franksy you see," he says. "When I heard he wanted me on his show I had to go and have a bath!"

How then such the remarkably positive approach and mentality, which makes each and every one of his interviews such a humbling and yet fascinating listen?

"I'd never done any telly or radio but I'd done stand-up comedy so I know how to work audiences," Steve explains.

"Opening and closing the mouth? Yes, I can do that!"

"The strange thing is that when you do have a life-limiting condition it's not that things don't matter. Everything matters.

"But when you have got this massive event almost attached to the side of you, your brain deals with the relevance of things in a very different way.

"So very quickly the 'oh, I'm going to be on the telly' is followed by 'are you really? Well don't forget about him, the terminal illness from which you can never be separated'.

"I suppose you have to look at my personality.

"I can articulate, I can talk and I am a performer – someone who wants to be loved – and a magician, someone who craves attention. "So someone who wants to be loved and someone who craves attention; well having my illness is a very short cut to all of that!"

"But you can't own that adulation too much, you can taste it but you can't swallow it, which may not be the best analogy for someone who has stomach cancer.

"When you are terminally ill there are no rules – on the first Christmas after my diagnosis a performing friend of mine gave me a t-shirt on which was printed 'Life Imprisonment No Longer A Deterrent'. I mean, how funny is that?!"

"But what effect does my diagnosis have? Well everything that you might think is true, is true.

"You will cry a lot, and you will be terrified.

"I've never been angry, I think the way to describe my emotion, other than terror, is disappointment. Although yes, that probably doesn't do it justice.

"It is awful, of course it is awful. But then you would have to say life is awful. And life is actually fabulous.

"Look at my diary – it says: 'no longer works, retired by the council on full pension as if 65'.

"Life is really good, it honestly is, but it is just not going to be that long."

Strength, however, does not just come from within, it is also derived, perhaps most vitally and most pertinently, from family and friends.

At 16, Steve had never had a girlfriend. He then met Septina, whom he has now been married to for 28 years.

"That was it, 16 to 52, no more complicated than that," he says. "Thank you – and goodnight."

The couple have two grown-up daughters – Megan and Lauren. And plenty of friends. So many friends. "As a man who didn't think he really had any friends the most difficult thing was telling people," says Steve.

"I can make anything into a joke, but I'm not sure even I could do that.

"How do you tell people? It is corrosive. You cry, they cry. And then you feel rubbish because you have made someone you really like so upset.

"I got a 'magic' friend of mine around and told him the news. And it broke his heart. We had to feed him and probably give him some medication as well!"



"So I thought I'd tell someone sensible, and got hold of a chap from the Civic. And I broke his heart too.

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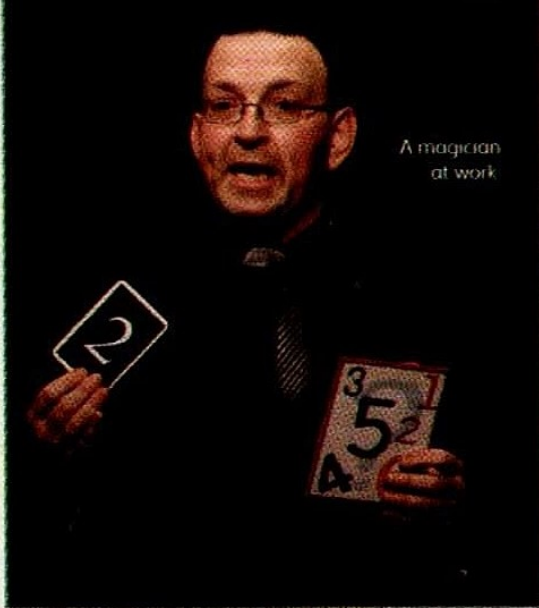
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"It was from there that the penny dropped, I really had no idea.

"No idea that people wanted to give me more than the time of day, and that came as more of a shock than finding out I was going to die.

"Everything changed, predominantly because I found out I had so many friends and so I thought that will be that, and life will be that.

"You get all that light and warmth from everyone – so give it all back.

"Let everyone realise how important they are, and the more you do that the more you get back – it just accelerates, and accelerates and accelerates....."

Acceleration is probably a fitting description to the career enjoyed by Steve from the moment he left Northcote School as a 16-year-old unable to read or write.

"A bit of a disadvantage," he acknowledges.

Two years later he departed Bilston College with a qualification in Building, he joined Wolverhampton Council as a technical assistant, and 32 years later retired as the local authority's Chief Building Surveyor. "Something I am incredibly proud of."

There was also the 'hobby work' of life as a stand-up comic, magician, children's entertainer, compere, and effectively Front of House at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall, which has led him to count many leading comedians and entertainers among that list of friends.

And of course, a fair bit of Wolves thrown in for good measure!

"My Dad was a furnaceman from Wednesfield who was a lifelong Wolves fan, me a lifelong Wolves fan, and my eldest daughter a lifelong Wolves fan.

"If you ally Wolves against my timeline, back when I was 12 I used to come to Molineux every day during the six weeks holidays to collect autographs.

"I'd see the players walk up Waterloo Road every day to what was the Youth and Sports Centre where famously Emlyn Hughes had his This is Your Life and they got Red Rum up the stairs!

"They used to have lunch there, which would typically be meat and potato pie and chips, and I know that because we used to watch them!"

Steve continues: "As a football supporter you have heroes, and many people have what they would say was 'their team'.

"For me it was the team of the 1970's, and, to my surprise, their names are still there inside my head. "Later in life I was fortunate enough to get to know John Richards, and I found it very difficult to have lunch with a God.

"It just wasn't right at all, I just kept wanting to reach out and touch him to make sure he was real!

"The joy of making friends with John Richards is that he is one of the nicest people in the world.

"I had a Season Ticket from the late 1990s until 2004, until Megan started to work in one of the burger stands and then Lauren came with me – but had zero interest!

"I'd probably have one again if I could, but my wife says there are too many steps, and when I say I could find a seat in an appropriate position, she says it would be too cold!

"But I will be there, back with Megan for a game soon, and we will come and really enjoy it.



"It is a journey being a football supporter, and unless you have some form of mental problem you only ever have one football club, and mine is Wolverhampton Wanderers. Why wouldn't it be?"

To coin what is probably a fairly horrid cliché then this Steve Evans is very much a 'people person', not only a fantastic and skilful orator but fantastic company, and a true inspiration not only for his family and friends but also the city of Wolverhampton as a whole.

Yes, there is only one Steve Evans.





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Departure 10.30pm



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Saturday 5th October 2013
KO: 3pm

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» #20 QUESTIONS George Elokobi

A collection of irreverent (and irrelevant!) questions to get to know our lads...

REALITY TV

1. Which teammate would you nominate to go on X-Factor and why?

Leigh Griffiths. I can't understand him when he's talking so I think it would be terrific to hear him singing. I'm sure it would be one of the funniest things ever to happen.

2. On Who Wants To Be A Millionaire, if you had to phone a friend who would you choose?

I'd call Dave Edwards. He may be quiet but he is quite bright you know.

3. Which team-mate do you think would do well on Strictly Come Dancing?

He's out on loan but it would have to be Razak Boukari. He's a top dancer and was always practising his stuff in the dressing room.

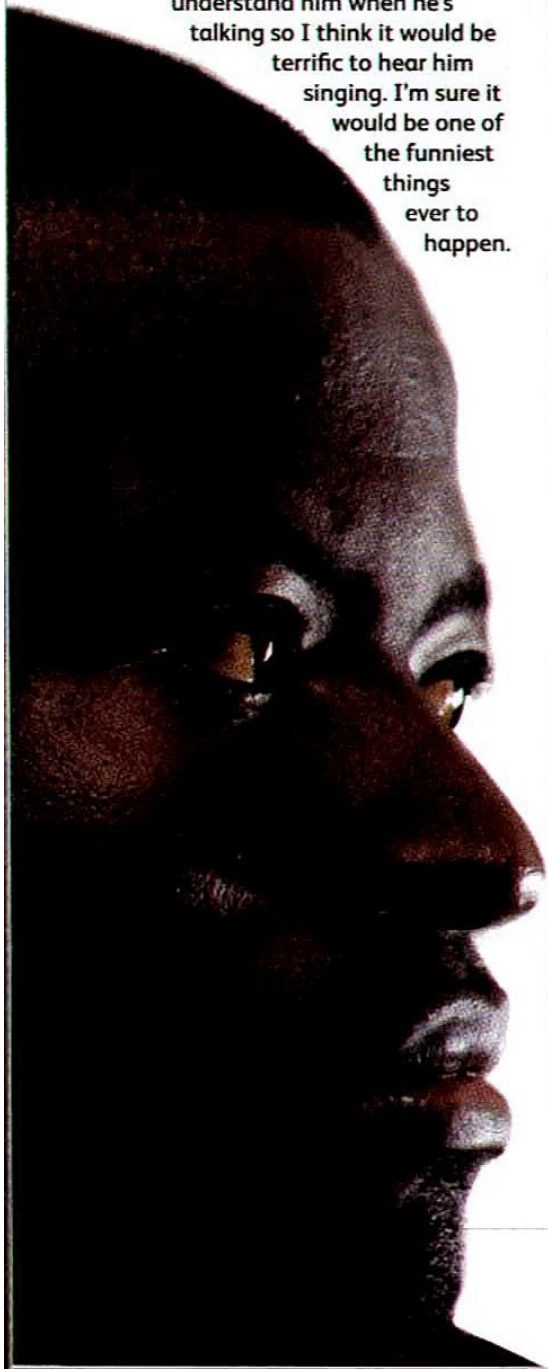
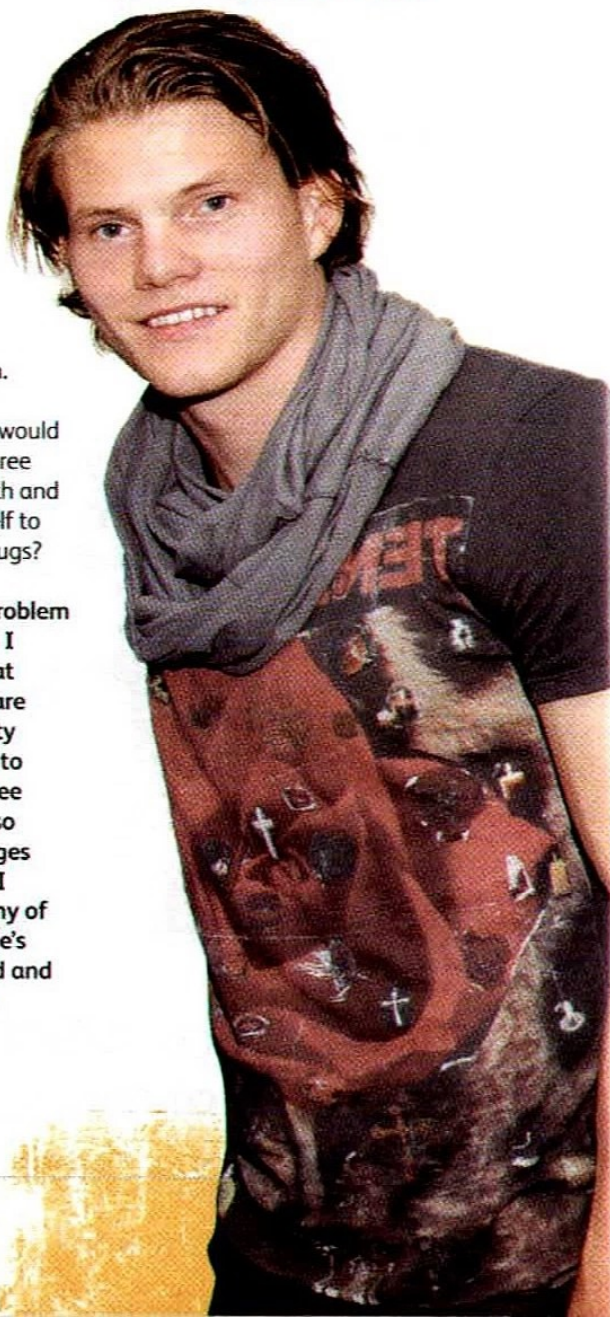
4. In I'm a celebrity who would you dread spending three weeks in the jungle with and could you bring yourself to eat one of those live bugs?

The bugs wouldn't be a problem at all. In Cameroon when I was at school I used to eat them all the while. They are really nutritional and tasty as well. It would be hard to spend three weeks with Lee Evans in the jungle. He's so laid back, it would take ages getting him up to speed. I don't think he could do any of those bushtucker trials. He's come back empty handed and we'd all die of starvation.



5. Who in the team badly needs a Gok Wan makeover?

Björn. He's got some really old fashioned gear but he does own some rascal clothes as well. He's got some style, but not much.



» He's got some style, but not much...

HOME LIFE

6. Have you ever dyed your hair?

No, it's not my scene. If I ever dyed my hair there would be something wrong with my brain.

7. Given the choice, would you prefer some posh nosh from a top restaurant like Marco Pierre White's, or fish and chips takeaway?

I'm more a fan of home cooking. I don't mind the occasional Chinese or a meal out, but give me home cooking anytime.

8. How tidy are you in the house?

I think that I'm very tidy. I don't like to see dirt or a mess.

9. Are you a nostalgic? Do you like to hang on to mementos or do you prefer to forget the past?

I don't look into the past very often. What's gone is gone. You can't change the past so I prefer to enjoy today and look forward to the future.

10. What is your favourite snack?

Chin-chin. They are sweet, finger shaped biscuits that are popular in Africa.

LEISURE

11. Which film scared the life out of you?

To be honest, I don't get scared at films because when I watch them I tell myself that they aren't real.

12. Which CD would you hide away from your team-mates?

None. I'm really proud of the music I like and if the boys don't like it – then tough!!!

13. Did you pass your driving test first time?

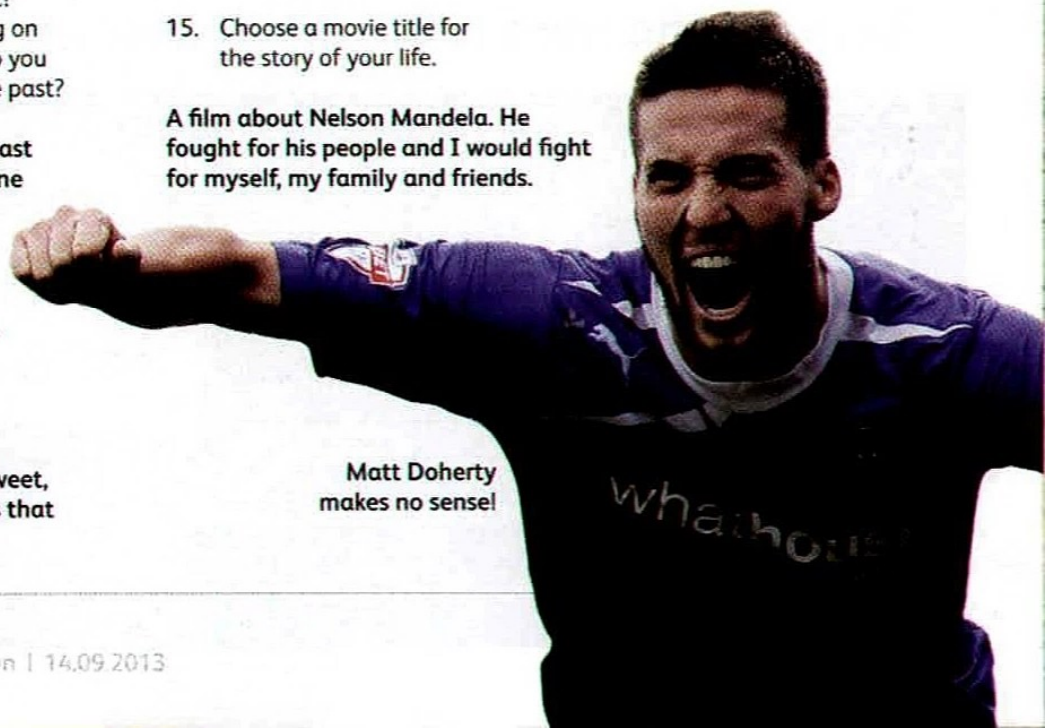
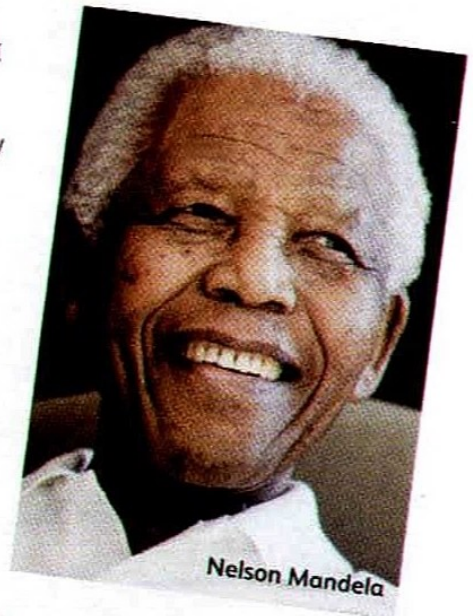
Yes, oh yes. I'm one of the top drivers out on the road. A little bit quick, but very cautious.

14. What makes you fall asleep?

Mad Doc (Matt Doherty). Some of the things that he comes out with just don't make any sense. He can be hilarious without even knowing it!

15. Choose a movie title for the story of your life.

A film about Nelson Mandela. He fought for his people and I would fight for myself, my family and friends.



Matt Doherty makes no sense!



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#20 QUESTIONS

THE LADS

16. The worst goal celebration that you've seen from a team-mate.

When I was at Colchester Mark Yates. I think he's at Bradford now, scored an important goal and he did a Shefki Kuqi dive. But he landed badly and broke his shoulder and was out for four months.

17. The best practical joke that you have seen played on a team-mate?

We had a new youth signing at Colchester. I can't remember his name now but we got hold of his phone number and called him up to say one of the lads was having a party, But it was a two hour train journey for this kid and when he got there, not only was there no party, there was no-one there either.

18. Who do you room with on away trips and does he have any peculiar habits?

I used to room with Nenad Mlijas and more then recently with Tongo Doumbia. Ned could never be quiet going on and on in Serbian. Tongo, on the other hand, hardly ever spoke a word. Talk about contrasts!

19. Who is most likely to nod off whilst lying on the physio's couch?

Easy answer. Me!

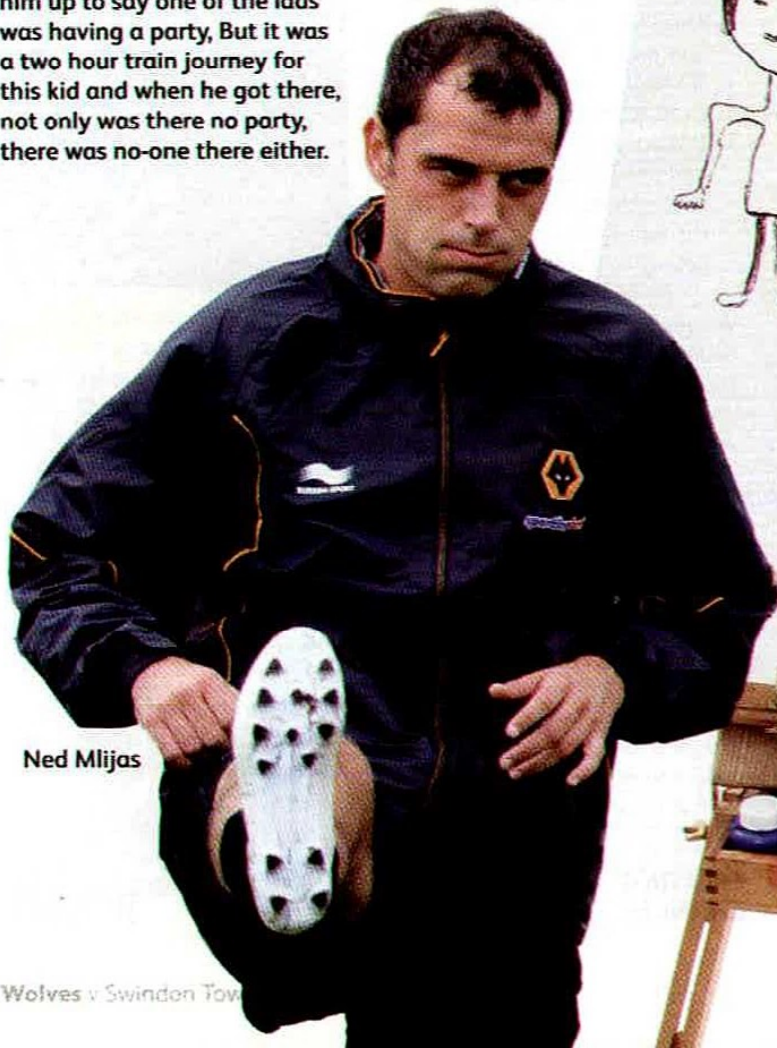
20. Draw a picture of a team-mate...

Artists* Corner

(*...!/: Ed.)



Bjorn Sigurdarson
BY
GEORGE ELOKOBI



Ned Mlijas



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Get Active this Autumn – Wolves Nordic Walking

Wolves Community Trust is working with the NHS Healthy Lifestyle team to develop a community Nordic Walking programme.

Nordic Walking is an enhancement of ordinary walking – it makes something we learn to do as babies..... twice as effective!

Nordic Walking uses poles in order to add two major benefits to walking

- The use of poles means that upper body muscles are used as well as the legs
- The poles help to propel the walker along - this means he/she works harder than usual yet the support given by the poles makes it feel easier!

Nordic Walking is a specific fitness technique and is not to be confused with trekking, hill walking or trail running as the poles are not planted in front of the walker/ runner but in a specific way that increases the use of the upper body. It can be done by anybody, anywhere and does not require expensive equipment or clothing.

Nordic Walking is the fastest growing fitness activity in

the world and is used by individuals, personal trainers, health clubs, physiotherapists, doctors and health promoters because it is highly effective, affordable and fun!

Some of the benefits of Nordic Walking include;

- Burns up to 46% more calories than ordinary walking
- Reduces the pressure on knees and joints
- Great for the heart and lungs
- Ideal for neck, shoulder and back problems
- It's very sociable; chat as you go
- It is easy to learn and to keep up
- It combines exercise with the nature which has been proven to boost mood

Wolves Nordic walking courses will commence this summer and will include;

- A free taster session
- A free NHS Health Check
- Learn to Nordic Walk course (£10 per person for 4 week course)
- Free Nordic Walking wellbeing workout session (optional)

Following the taster session, everyone who decides to progress to Learn to Nordic Walk course will be issued with a 'Passport to Poles'



card. Following each Nordic Walking session, participants must get their card signed and dated by the instructor. Once participants have taken part in 10 Nordic Walking sessions, and the completed 'Passport to Poles' card is returned to the instructor, a voucher providing a £20 discount of Nordic Walking poles purchased from Nordic Walking UK.

This scheme is available for all adults living in the Wolverhampton area.



Wolfie's Workouts Update

Wolfie's Workouts continues to tackle childhood obesity within Wolverhampton with 22 Primary schools already engaged with the programme and sessions currently running in six more primary schools over the spring term and in total working with around 4400 children.

With 18 months of delivery left the plan is to offer Wolfie's Workouts to all primary schools within Wolverhampton, reaching out to around 12,000 children aged 7-11.

For more information on Wolfie's Workouts or to find out when Wolfie's Workouts will be at your local school contact Matt Bradley on 07807707053 or matthewbradley@wolvescommunitytrust.org.uk



Wolfie's Bootcamp



Exercise of the month Frog Leaps

Explanation

Start in a squat position (knees bent, bottom to the floor, back straight, head up). Then jump up as high as possible, straighten / stretch right out, then back to the starting position.



Adaptions

Add a medicine ball or whatever you have available, football etc. Keep the same technique. Make this harder by starting with the ball down to your left side touching the floor. Then as you jump, twist the ball to your right hand side. Then alternate sides.



Challenge Yourself

Try doing frog leaps 3 times a week with a days rest between.

- 1st day: 10 reps
- 2nd day: 15 reps
- 3rd day: 20 reps

After the first week try setting a timer challenge

- 15 in 20 seconds
- 20 in 25 seconds
- and finally 40 in 60 seconds (No cheating!).

Final goal

40 reps in
60 seconds

This exercise will give you a whole body workout whilst improving your cardiovascular system which will improve your heart and lung health. The more adaptations, reps or times spent doing frog leaps, the more muscles worked, the fitter you become leading to many health benefits. Just remember, it's all about the technique so do them correctly and progress at your own pace.

Please make sure you do this exercise in a safe environment, in suitable footwear and under supervision if required.

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WOLVES WOMEN



Wolves Women 2

(Luke 54, Selmes 74)

Blackburn Rovers 2

(Young 27, 44)

Wolves Women battled back from 2-0 down at half time to earn a well-deserved point in a hard-fought game against Blackburn Rovers at Castlecroft Stadium.

Wolves took time to settle in their first home game of the season, with Blackburn attacking from the start and hitting the side netting in the first 10 minutes. Wolves' first chance came in the 18th minute, but Lauren Williams headed over from a McQuilkin corner.

Blackburn's pressure paid off in the 27th minute, with Danni Young slotting past keeper Hall to put the visitors ahead.

Manager Trevor Mullings was forced to rearrange his team as Wolves lost striker Jade Hewitt to injury in the 28th minute. Substitute Jade Cross took up a wide role, while Timmins-Ray joined Selmes up front.

Cross found some nice touches, and almost managed to put Timmins-Ray through, but Blackburn continued to press and Young managed to double her tally just before the break to send the visitors in 2-0 ahead.

Mullings made another substitution at half time, with Sarah Lambeth replacing Lauren Williams and Wolves growing in confidence.

In the 54th minute Dominique Luke won possession in midfield and sent a great strike at goal from 30 yards out to pull one back for the home side.

Wolves were now battling hard, and Blackburn were denied another opportunity by Rimmer who cleared off the line.

As the game moved from end to end, Lambeth headed wide before Natalie Hall made a diving save to keep Blackburn out.

Wolves continued to fight, and Selmes' shot at goal was just parried by the keeper, for her to convert the rebound for the equaliser.

Minutes later Rimmer was called into action again and dived in to stop the ball going into the net and it finished 2-2.

Manager Mullings said: "It was certainly a game of two halves! In the first half we were losing the ball in the middle of the park and not doing our defensive duties. We showed them too much respect and gave them too much space. We didn't get our first real attempt on goal until 18 minutes in.

"But we showed real character and heart to come back in the

second half. It was a great strike from Dominique, then belief started to show. We upped the work rate and started closing down, then Dani scored a fantastic goal to get the point."

Team: N.Hall, Rimmer, Williams (Lambeth), Perks, McQuilkin, Palin (Salter), Timmins-Ray, Large, Hewitt (J.Cross), Selmes, Luke. Subs not used: E.Cross, Widdall,

Wolves are back at Castlecroft Stadium tomorrow as they play host to Sheffield Ladies FC. Captain Natalie Hall said: "We had great support in our first home game of the season against Blackburn. We really appreciate Wolves fans coming along to the games and getting behind us. Let's hope we get a good crowd again this weekend."

Castlecroft Stadium is in Castlecroft Road, Wolverhampton, WV3 8NA

Admission is £2, concessions £1 (under 5s free) and £1 for Wolves season ticket holders if you bring your season ticket.



Wolves Women Squad 2013/14

Back row left to right: Layla Salter, Sarah Lambeth, Dani Selmes, Rowanne Adams, Eleanor Barnett, Jamilla Palmer, Charlotte McElroy, Lauren Williams, Chloe Dodd, Victoria Palin, Jade Hewitt.

Middle row left to right: Anna Perks, Natalie Widdall, Laura McQuilkin, Natalie Morris, Louise Price, Natalie Hall, Becky Hall, Channelle Hooper, Dominique Luke, Kate Grainger.

Front row left to right: Emma Cross, Jade Cross, Jordan Timmins-Ray, Sam Berry, Rebecca Large, Leanne Rimmer.





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- #1 My name's Reggie and I was born in January to be a Wolves fan, so I'm now eight months old. I have to say, it hasn't been a good start in my short life so far but let's look to the future and the way forward can only be up. Let's get behind Kenny and the lads this season and we'll soon be back where we belong. Very proud Grandparents, Iris and Kevin Harris.
- #2 Happy birthday to Stefanie Michelle Preece, life-long Wolves fan and season ticket holder until the birth of baby daughter, Maisy. Happy 22nd birthday on September 17th! Love from Dad, Angle, Maisy, Stuart, Jenna Louise and family xxxx
- #3 Hi Ho Happy 12th birthday to South Bank season ticket holder, Owen Turner, whose favourite player is Danny Batth. Have a great day! With lots of love from Dad, Karen, Olivia (who is also in picture at Preston) Nicolo, Marcus and Joshua xxxxxx
- #4 Happy birthday to Mike Davis, who will be 80 on the 15th of September. Mike has been a Wolves fan since he was seven. He is still a devoted season ticket holder and attends every home game. With love and best wishes for a good year and successful season from all of the family.
- #5 This is Harry Patrick O'Connor from Lurgan Co. Armagh who turned one year old on 4th September. Harry is wearing his Wolves kit which his dad, Patrick and his grandad, Fred bought for him when they attended the Wolves v. Bolton game on 31 March 2012. Roll on 2032 when hopefully Harry will make his debut for the greatest club in the world!
- #6 Happy birthday Brett! Love and miss you so much! We are all so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad and Amy xx
- #7 Welcome to Molineux, Alfie Rodger - son of Alistair (long standing Steve Bull season ticket holder) and his wife, Jill - who is attending his first Wolves match today. Family and friends are marking Alfie's debut by taking a Billy Wright Suite for the game. We hope you enjoy the game Alfie!
- #8 Happy 10th birthday to Chloe Peters & Lucy Parrett! Lots of love from both families.
- #9 It's a welcome back to Molineux today for two big Wolves fans and former ball boys now living in Australia and New Zealand respectively. Matt (far right back row) and Jon (second right front row) Healey are back on a flying visit from Down Under and hoping to see Wolves continue their run at the top of the table.

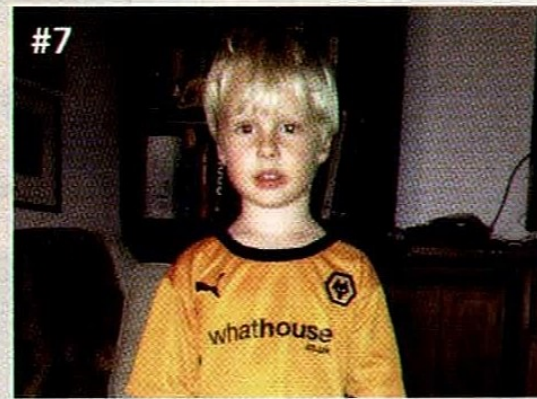
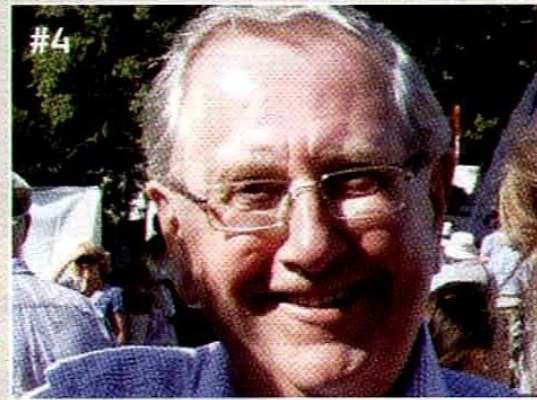
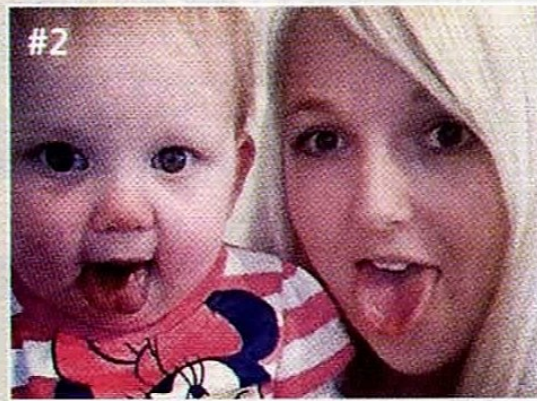


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Player Stats 2013/14

	League		Johnstone's Paint Trophy		Capital One Cup		FA Cup		Total	
	App	G	App	G	App	G	App	G	App	G
Batth	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	0
Cassidy	0(2)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1(2)	0
Davis	5	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	0
Doherty	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	7	1
Doyle	4	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	4(1)	0
Ebanks Landell	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Edwards	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Elokobi	0(2)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1(2)	0
Evans	4(1)	1	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	4(2)	1
Foley	0(2)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1(2)	0
Forde	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	1	0	0	0	1(2)	0
Golbourne	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Griffiths	4(1)	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	5(1)	4
Ikeme	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0
Ismail	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0
McAlinden	0	0	1	1	0(1)	0	0	0	1(1)	1
McCarey	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
McDonald	1(2)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2(2)	1
Price	0(1)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1(1)	0
Reckord	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Ricketts	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Sako	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	3
Sigurdarson	2(3)	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3(3)	2
Stearman	5	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	5(1)	0

League Table - As at September 9, 2013

P	Team	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leyton Orient	5	5	0	0	13	2	11	15
2	Wolverhampton Wanderers	5	4	1	0	11	3	8	13
3	Peterborough United	6	4	1	1	14	7	7	13
4	Rotherham United	6	3	3	0	11	7	4	12
5	Bradford City	6	3	2	1	14	5	9	11
6	Preston North End	6	2	4	0	11	7	4	10
7	Crawley Town	6	3	1	2	13	11	2	10
8	Milton Keynes Dons	6	2	4	0	7	5	2	10
9	Brentford	6	2	3	1	6	7	-1	9
10	Swindon Town	6	2	2	2	9	6	3	8
11	Colchester United	6	2	2	2	5	6	-1	8
12	Walsall	5	2	1	2	5	6	-1	7
13	Port Vale	6	2	1	3	6	9	-3	7
14	Oldham Athletic	6	2	0	4	9	10	-1	6
15	Shrewsbury Town	5	1	3	1	5	6	-1	6
16	Stevenage	6	1	2	3	5	7	-2	5
17	Crewe Alexandra	6	1	2	3	7	14	-7	5
18	Tranmere Rovers	6	1	2	3	6	13	-7	5
19	Sheffield United	6	1	1	4	5	11	-6	4
20	Bristol City	5	0	3	2	10	12	-2	3
21	Gillingham	6	0	3	3	6	12	-6	3
22	Carlisle United	6	0	2	4	2	15	-13	2
23	Coventry City	6	3	2	1	18	12	6	1
24	Notts County	5	0	1	4	4	9	-5	1

Recent league games:

Wolverhampton Wanderers:



Swindon Town:





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SEASONAL HOSPITALITY

On the back of the team's fine form, there has been a brisk uptake with seasonal hospitality for the remainder of the campaign.

Seasonal hospitality is currently available, with seasonal prices equating to just £30 plus VAT per match. Seasonal sales close on Friday 27th September, so if you'd like to take part in the action, drop us a line for further information.

For further details please visit corporatewolves.co.uk or call: 0871 222 2220 (option 4)

EVENTS

WV1

The Comedy Club®

The Comedy Club returns to WV1 Restaurant on Friday 20th September with three professional comedians. The evening will be concluded with a disco, taking you through to around 12.30am.

Tickets are priced at just £10 per person, with food available to purchase on the evening.



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MAN OF THE MATCH

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Johnstone's Paint Trophy – Round Two

The road to Wembley continues next month with Chris Kiwomya's Notts County side set to visit Molineux.

The second round tie will take place on Tuesday 8th October.

Hospitality packages are available from just £20 plus VAT in WV1 Bar and £49 plus VAT in WV1 Restaurant.

Private boxes are also available from just £55 plus VAT per person.

Away Match Break Packages

Away match break packages have sold out for the Shrewsbury away match, but bookings are now being taken for the Colchester v Wolves away fixture on Saturday 5th October.

For more information or to book, please email info@wolves-travel.co.uk or call: 0844 9840 825

Wolves Saver Accounts

Wolves Saver Accounts have now officially launched and are available for both adults and juniors.

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MATCHDAY HOSPITALITY

Wolves v Sheffield United
Saturday 28 September 2013
KO 3pm



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Price: £500 plus VAT

Upgrades are available for season ticket holders.

Car parking is issued on the basis of one space per four persons in a party

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WALSALL HOSPITALITY

Limited hospitality is still available for Tuesday night's home match against Walsall from £40 plus VAT in WV1 Bar and £85 plus VAT in WV1 Restaurant.

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Which famous artist cut off
part of his own ear?
Vincent Van Gogh.

Picasso?

See above answer for
identical response.

In the film 'Meet The Parents' who
plays the role of Greg?
Ben Stiller

Ben Stiller.

Massachusetts.

In which American state is
Harvard University located?
Massachusetts.

Don't know.

Pen.

What is the name given to a female swan?
A pen.

A pen.

Italy.

In which country is Mount Vesuvius located?
Italy.

Don't know.

Their teeth I think.

What part of a horse would you
examine to tell its age?
Teeth.

Their hooves.

America.

In which country was the first car radio
made - America, China or Russia?
America.

America.

No idea, sorry.

Which football club play at
the New York Stadium?
Rotherham United

I'll guess. Gillingham.

The German Air
Force in the war.

What was the Luftwaffe?
The German air force.

The German Air Force.

7 out of 10

KEVIN DOYLE WINS!

5 out of 10





DIAMOND GEEZERS 1953 ♦ 1954

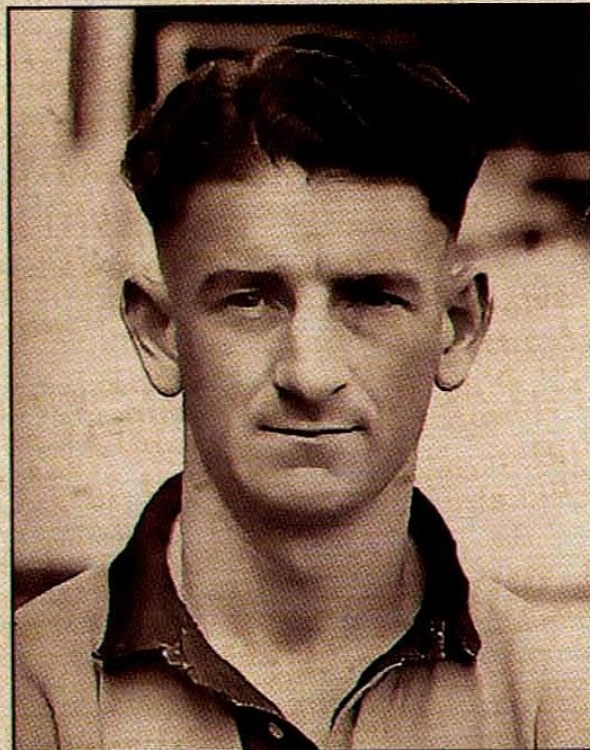
A match by match journey through Wolves' first title winning season.
By Leigh Edwards

PLAYER PROFILE ROY PRITCHARD

Left-back Roy Pritchard made a significant contribution as Wolves won the League Championship in 1953-54.

A former 'Bevin Boy' during the war, he turned professional at Molineux in May 1942 and appeared in Wolves' 1949 FA Cup final triumph.

He also helped finish League Championship runners-up in 1949-50, making 202 First Division appearances before joining Aston Villa in February 1955. Moving to Notts County in November 1957, he joined Port Vale in August 1958 and helped win the Fourth Division title in 1958-59, then played for Wellington Town. He died in January 1993 and Wolves' Young Player of the Year trophy is named after him.



Match 5

31st August 1953
Attendance 41,442
WOLVES 3
SUNDERLAND 1

Wolves fought back to defeat Sunderland in this Bank Holiday Monday match at Molineux.



Tommy Wright, deputising for Trevor Ford, raced through the Wolves defence to give Sunderland a shock lead after just two minutes.

Wolves settled down to bombard the visitors' goal and Jimmy Mullen, Johnny Hancocks and Roy Swinbourne all went close before Stan Cullis' side equalised on 35 minutes.

Peter Broadbent and Jimmy Cowan got in a tangle and Dennis Wilshaw coolly turned the ball into the net. Mullen fired Wolves into the lead after 68 minutes, then Broadbent delivered a pinpoint pass for Swinbourne to score the third goal two minutes later.

WOLVES:

Nigel Sims, Jack Short, Roy Pritchard, Bill Slater, Bill Shorthouse, Billy Wright, Johnny Hancocks, Peter Broadbent, Roy Swinbourne, Dennis Wilshaw, Jimmy Mullen.

SUNDERLAND:

Jimmy Cowan, Jack Hedley, Arthur Hudgell, Stan Anderson, Ray Daniel, Arthur Wright, Billy Bingham, Harry Kirtley, Tommy Wright, Len Shackleton, John McSeveney.

Match 6

5th September 1953
Attendance 60,460
ARSENAL 2
WOLVES 3

Wolves secured their first League victory at Highbury for 20 years. Stan Cullis' side went ahead against bottom club Arsenal after 22 minutes when Peter Broadbent beat Jack Kelsey with a low drive.

The Gunners drew level three minutes later as Don Roper scored with a low cross-shot.

Wolves regained the lead on 33 minutes when Jimmy Mullen centred and Dennis Wilshaw scored with a diving header but Arsenal equalised again in the 41st minute as Roper crossed for Cliff Holton to fire home.

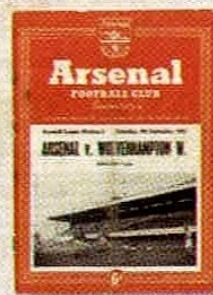
Bert Williams, back in the side after injury, made several fine saves before Wolves clinched victory on 88 minutes with Johnny Hancocks' magnificent flying header.

ARSENAL:

Jack Kelsey, Joe Wade, Dennis Evans, Alec Forbes, Bill Dodgin, Dave Bowen, Don Roper, Jimmy Logie, Cliff Holton, Doug Lishman, Ben Marden.

WOLVES:

Bert Williams, Jack Short, Roy Pritchard, Bill Slater, Bill Shorthouse, Billy Wright, Johnny Hancocks, Peter Broadbent, Roy Swinbourne, Dennis Wilshaw, Jimmy Mullen.



FOOTBALL ELSEWHERE

Two goals by Tom Finney plus others from Bobby Foster, Charlie Wayman and Gordon Kaile gave Preston a 5-1 win at Liverpool Strikes by Ronnie Allen, Johnny Nicholls and Alf Ramsey's own goal gave West Brom a 3-0 win over Spurs Don Revie and Johnny Hart scored in Manchester City's 2-0 win over rivals United.

OTHER HEADLINES

Surrey won the county cricket championship for the second consecutive year with batsman Peter May in outstanding form The Radio show at Olympia included a 27 inch television set, 15 inches larger than most existing sets Florence Horsbrugh became Minister of Education, the first Tory woman cabinet minister.

SWINDON TOWN IN 1953-54

Swindon Town finished 19th in the Third Division (South) in 1953-54. Maurice Lindley's side won their first three games including a 7-1 demolition of Newport County. They beat Bristol City 5-0 and Torquay United 6-1 but lost 6-1 at Millwall and 5-1 at Bristol City. Micky Bull was leading scorer and Jimmy Johnston ever-present.



Home games in bold. (F) - FA Cup, (C) - Capital One Cup, (J) - Johnstone's Paint Trophy, (S) - Game shown live on Sky

	Date	Time	Fixture	Starting 11							
	Sat 3rd	15.00	Preston North End	Ikeme	Doherty	Ricketts	Davis	Stearman	Batth	Sigurdarson	Evans
	Tue 6th [C]	19.45	Morecambe	Ikeme	Doherty	Reckord	Davis	E-Landell	Batth	Foley	Forde
AUGUST	Sat 10th	15.00	Gillingham	Ikeme	Doherty	Ricketts	Evans ¹	Stearman	Batth	Ismail	Davis
	Sat 17th	15.00	Bristol City	Ikeme	Doherty ¹	Ricketts	Evans	Stearman	Batth	Ismail	Davis
	Fri 23rd [S]	19.45	Crawley T'n (W4FF)	Ikeme	Doherty	Ricketts	Evans	Stearman	Batth	Ismail	Davis
	Sat 31st	15.00	Port Vale	Ikeme	Doherty	Ricketts	Batth	Stearman	McDonald ¹	Ismail	Davis
SEPTEMBER	Tue 3rd [J]	19.45	Walsall	McCarey	Doherty	Golbourne	Davis	Elokobi	Batth	Price	McDonald
	Sat 14th	15.00	Swindon Town								
	Tue 17th	19.45	Walsall								
	Sat 21st	13.00	Shrewsbury Town								
	Sat 28th	15.00	Sheffield United (YW)								
	Sat 5th	15.00	Colchester United								
	Tue 8th [J][S]	19.45	Notts County								
OCTOBER	Sat 12th	15.00	Carlisle United								
	Sat 19th	15.00	Coventry City								
	Tue 22nd	19.45	Oldham Athletic								
	Sat 26th	15.00	Bradford City								
	Sat 2nd	15.00	Stevenage (W4FF)								
	Sat 9th		FA Cup Rnd 1								
	W/C 11th		JP Trophy Area Quarter-Final								
NOVEMBER	Sat 16th	15.00	Notts County								
	Sat 23rd	15.00	Brentford								
	Tue 26th	19.45	Tranmere Rovers								
	Sat 30th	15.00	Peterborough United								
	Sat 7th		FA Cup Rnd 2								
	W/C 9th		JP Trophy Area Semi-Final								
DECEMBER	Sat 14th	15.00	Milton Keynes Dons								
	Sat 21st	15.00	Rotherham United								
	Thu 26th	15.00	Crewe Alexandra (YW)								
	Sun 29th	15.00	Leyton Orient								
	Wed 1st	15.00	Tranmere Rovers								
	Sat 4th	15.00	Gillingham (FA Cup 3)								
	Sat 11th	15.00	Preston North End								
	Sat 18th	15.00	Crawley Town								
	Sat 25th	15.00	Bristol City (FA Cup 4)								
	Tue 28th	19.45	Oldham Athletic								
	Sat 1st	15.00	Bradford City (W4FF)								
FEBRUARY	W/C 3rd		JP Trophy Area Final (1)								
	Sat 8th	15.00	Stevenage A 15:00								
	Sat 15th	15.00	Notts County (FA Cup 5)								
	W/C 17th		JP Trophy Area Final (2)								
	Sat 22nd	15.00	Brentford								
	Sat 1st	15.00	Port Vale								
	Sat 8th	15.00	Walsall (FA Cup 6)								
	Tue 11th	19.45	Swindon Town								
MARCH	Sat 15th	15.00	Shrewsbury Town								
	Sat 22nd	15.00	Sheffield United								
	Tue 25th	19.45	Colchester United								
	Sat 29th	15.00	Milton Keynes Dons								
	Sun 30th		JP Trophy Final								
	Sat 5th	15.00	Peterborough Utd (YW)								
	Sat 12th	15.00	Crewe (FA Cup SF)								
APRIL	Fri 18th	15.00	Rotherham Utd (W4FF)								
	Mon 21st	15.00	Leyton Orient								
	Sat 26th	15.00	Coventry City								
MAY	Sat 3rd	15.00	Carlisle United								
	Sat 17th		FA Cup Final								

FIXTURE DETAILS



Wolves' second round Johnstone's Paint Trophy tie with Notts County has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 8th, at Molineux, with a 7.45pm kick off.

For ticket details visit wolves.co.uk

Fans are also reminded that the away Sky Bet League One fixtures with Carlisle and Notts County are likely to change in the event of a sufficient number of international call-ups allowing the club to request a postponement from the Football League.

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(W4FF) - Wolves 4 Family Football (YW) - Young Wolves

			Substitutes	Result	Att	Away	Pos
Griffiths	Edwards	Sako	(34 Elokobi 70), (62 Cassidy), (70 Foley), Hennessey, Price, McAlinden, Ismail,	D 0-0	16,583	4,926	16
Griffiths	Cassidy	Ismail	(Doyle 57), (Evans 66), (McAlinden 88), Price, Ihiekwe, Margreitter	L 0-1	2,585	724	-
Doyle	Griffiths ²	Sako ¹	(Sigurdarson 64), (Price 76), (Foley 89), Hennessey, Cassidy, McAlinden, E-Landell	W 4-0	19,102	1,222	6
Doyle	Griffiths	Sako ¹	(Cassidy 65), (Sigurdarson 65), (McDonald 85), McCarey, Elokobi, Price, Foley	W 2-1	14,393	2,250	3
Doyle	Sigurdarson ²	Sako	(McDonald 72), (Griffiths ¹ 72), (Elokobi 95), McCarey, Cassidy, Price, Foley	W 2-1	17,406	246	3
Doyle	Griffiths ¹	Golbourne	(Evans 45), (Sigurdarson ¹ 65), (Forde 75), McCarey, Cassidy, Price, Elokobi	W 3-1	12,601	4,461	2
McAlinden	Sigurdarson	Sako ¹	Stearman, Forde, Ikeme, Ebanks-Landell, Keita	D 2-2 (W 4-2 pens)	13,481	1,553	-

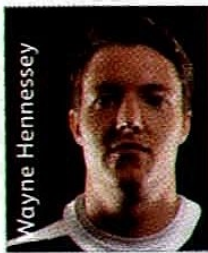
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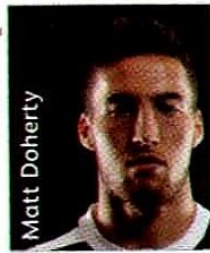




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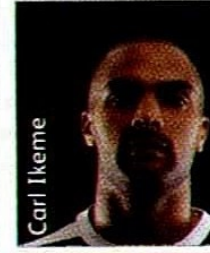


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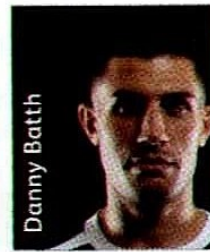
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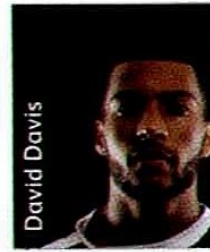
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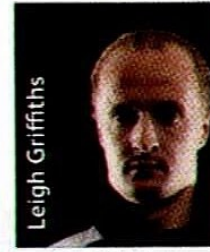
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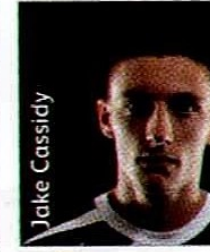


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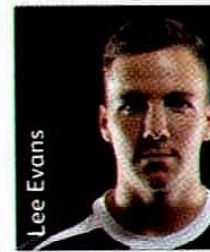
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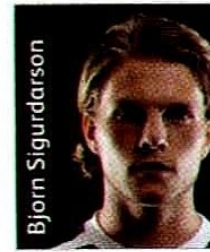
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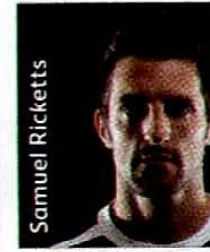
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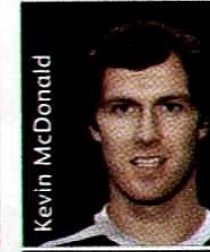
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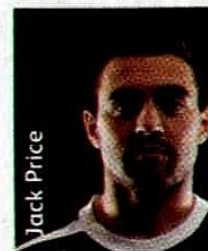
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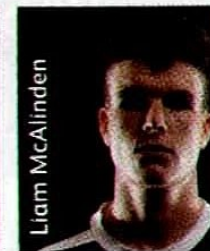
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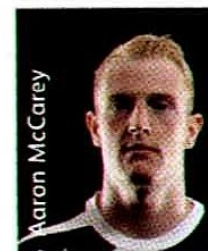


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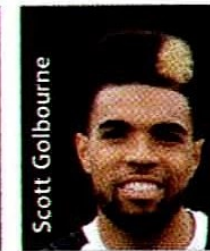


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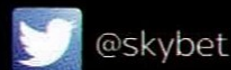
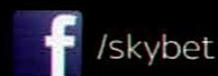
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- 21. Zeli Ismail
- 22. Jamie Reckord
- 23. Ethan Ebanks-Landell
- 26. Scott Golbourne
- 29. Kevin Doyle
- 31. Aaron McCarey
- 32. Kevin Foley

Today's Result

Half Time



Full Time



Today's Officials

Referee

Gary Sutton

Assistant Referees

Mark Astley

Arny Fearn

Fourth Official

Timothy Wood

Attendance



Next at Molineux

Wolves v Walsall

Tuesday 17th September
K.O. 7.45pm

- 1. Wes Foderingham
- 2. Nathan Thompson
- 3. Nathan Byrne
- 4. Massimo Luongo
- 5. Grant Hall
- 6. Tijane Freitas Reis
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- 8. Ryan Mason
- 9. Nile Ranger
- 11. Alex Pritchard
- 12. Dany N'Guessan
- 14. Jay McEveley
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- 19. Louis Thompson
- 20. Miles Storey
- 21. Alex Smith
- 22. Darren Ward
- 23. Jack Barthram
- 25. Tyrrell Belford
- 26. Aaron Oakley
- 27. Harry Agombar
- 29. Raphael Branco
- 30. Leigh Bedwell
- 33. Nicky Ajose
- 34. Mohammed Elgabas
- 35. Kayden Jackson
- 41. Troy Archibald Henville