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THIS WEEK AT WOLVES...



opening

Steve's serious business

It's a serious Steve Bull this year - claims Wolves' number one marksman. Well, you can't get much more serious than four goals from four games.

The tag of war-horse and veteran has been banned in his presence, and Bully is out to show that at 33 he's still a match for the best the division - and Wolves - has to offer.

Having reported back for the new campaign in the knowledge that he was no longer an automatic choice for the number nine shirt, the man who now has 18 Wolves hat-tricks to his credit didn't turn his back on the challenge.

A move to another club was an option that was quickly dismissed, and instead Bully blasted away any doubts about his abilities the best way he could - by scoring goals.

He says: "I've seen strikers come and go at Wolves, and I'll probably see some more. But they are going to have to take my shirt off me.

"I'm only 33 and I am still learning. In my mind and in my body I feel as young and fit as Robbie Keane. I've got two years left on my contract and want to push for another one. I know

that I've got to look after myself and that's what I've been doing this season - I'm a serious Steve Bull!"

Steve is not only taking delight in his own performances, but also that of the whole team. He is especially pleased that goals are coming from his team mates.

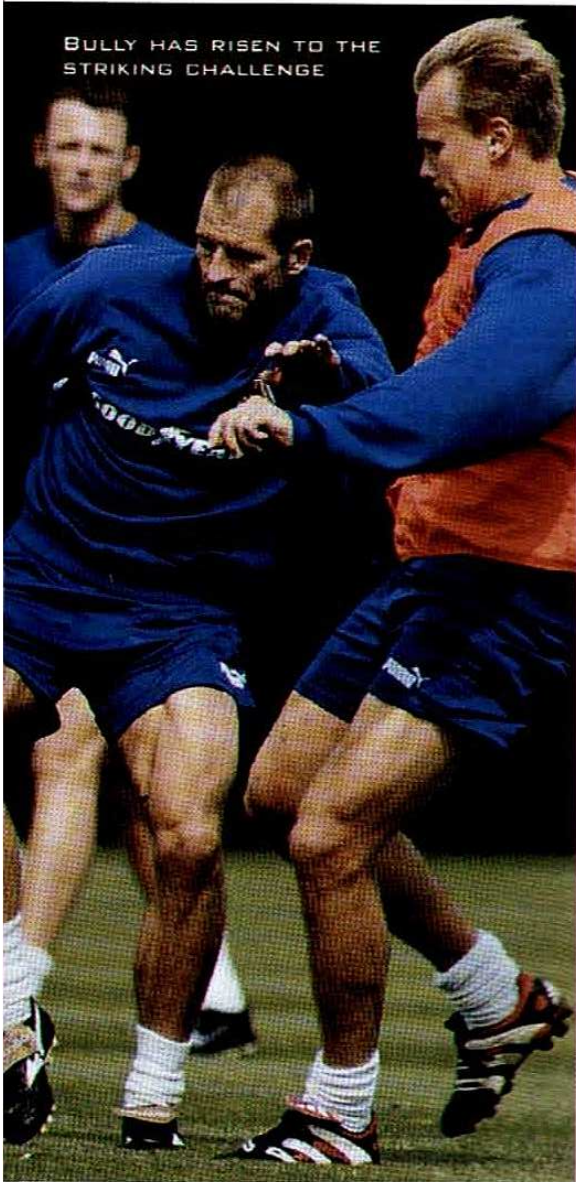
"It's less pressure on me if other people can chip in," he says. "The whole team has started well, we're getting chances, and the lads at the back are keeping the opposition out.

"Fernando is hopefully going to be one of the players who stands out this season. He's settling down and with a few more games under his belt he will adapt to the way we play."

And of his striking partner, Bully adds: "Robbie's made a great start and we are working well together. As long as he keeps his feet on the ground, works hard, and listens to the old 'uns in the team, then he'll do really well."

Being a mere 33, does that mean listening to you Bully?

BULLY HAS RISEN TO THE STRIKING CHALLENGE



DEBUT

Mark Jones made his first team debut for Wolves against Barnet. Mark, a reserve regular, is now looking forward to making his League debut.

DRAW

The seeded draw for the second round of the Worthington Cup will take place on Wednesday August 26. This will include 12 Premier League clubs and will be screened live on Sky at 10pm. The delay is due to four ties not scheduled to be played until next week.

shots

All smiles as David signs

It's taken some time, and not a small amount of effort, but finally David Connolly is a Wolves player.

The 13-times capped Irish international arrived ready to sign for Wolves just before the transfer deadline last March, but contractual difficulties with his club Feyenoord meant that they would not grant the player international clearance.

The 21 year old striker was forced to return to Rotterdam and sit out the summer hoping that his move back to England would finally be sorted.

"It was very disappointing when I had to go back to Holland," he says. "I really wanted to play for Wolves and didn't imagine that the situation would become so complicated.

"This loan deal now seems to suit all parties. I'll be here for a season and hopefully the move will result in a permanent transfer after that.

"I was aware during the summer that Wolves were still interested in signing me. I had another good offer from a British club, but I was keen to come to Molineux.

"There were lots of attractions, such as the stadium and playing for Mark McGhee. I'm

really pleased we've been able to sort it all out."

David's aim now is to get fully match fit and win a place in the team.

He adds: "I had the option of joining another club and going straight into the side. I chose Wolves, but I don't want to be on the sidelines. I don't know if I'll go straight into the team, but I'll start fighting for my place right away.

"I've played in some of Feyenoord's pre-season games, but the last proper competitive game I played was for Ireland against Mexico in May. Robbie Keane was in the team and I'm looking forward to playing with him at Wolves.

"Wolves have had a great start to the season and this is a great time to be signing."

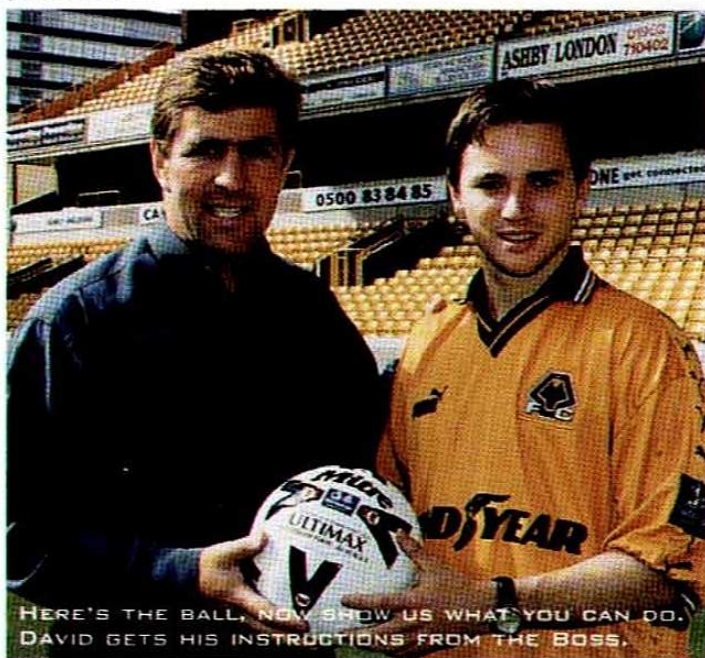
CLUBCALL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

David's job will be to get match fit and then put pressure on Steve Bull and Robbie Keane to carry on playing the way they have been.

MARK MCGHEE

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WAITING

Lee Naylor is waiting to hear whether he will be called into England's under 21 squad for a European Championship game against Sweden next month. Lee was on the stand-by list for the squad that played in Toulon during the summer.

YOUTH

Wolves' youth team beat Nottingham Forest 2-0 in a friendly game on Wednesday. Jermaine Easter and John Melligan (penalty) were on target at the Wolves training ground.

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A NEED FOR QUALITY BACK-UP

In a season which contains 46 League games, and perhaps ten or more cup matches, we are going to need strength and depth within the squad.

Regardless of how well any individual is playing at this time, somewhere along the line he may be injured, suspended, or just not be playing as well as he is now.

When that time comes, whether it be in a week or six months, it is essential that we have players of equal quality as replacements.

The addition of David Connolly to the squad helps achieve this. David is still only 21, and is a lad who has tremendous ambition. He will keep Bully and Keaney on their toes by being a realistic threat to their place in the team.

We must try - if we don't have this situation already - to establish this pressure in every position.

David has not played competitive club matches since February, although he has managed to maintain a high level of fitness. We hope to have him involved as quickly as possible, at least from the bench.

Meanwhile, we have to be satisfied with the start that we've made. I am on record as saying that, until now, one of my disappointments has been that a distinctive playing style had not emerged. I am greatly encouraged by the first few games. That we are finally witnessing the style of performance through which Colin, Mike and myself have earned

our reputations is a great relief to me.

I realise that we have only just started the season, and that the opposition that Barnet offered was not top level, but our performance against them last Tuesday must be the blue-print for every match this season.

The basis of our Worthington Cup success was hard work - nothing more complicated.

We do have players with ability, and when those players combine that with such commitment that has been shown in our opening fixtures, then not many teams in our division will be able to live with us.

It is nice to be able to look forward to the draw for the next round, which will take place live on TV next Wednesday at 10pm. It is my hope that we get another draw that would avoid any confrontation with a First Division rival. I would be nice if we could progress quietly in this manner to the Final and perhaps play Arsenal and gain revenge for last season's FA Cup semi-final defeat!

We are undoubtedly showing the benefits of our pre-season trip to Germany and Austria. The players fitness is first class and is reward for the very hard work that they put in during July.



a word from the manager

Mark McGhee


WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FC

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1987-88

FA Cup Winners
1893, 1908, 1949, 1960

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1973-74, 1979-80

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1970-71

Sherpa Van Trophy Winners
1988

European Cup participation
1958-59, 1959-60

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1960-61

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1974-75, 1980-81

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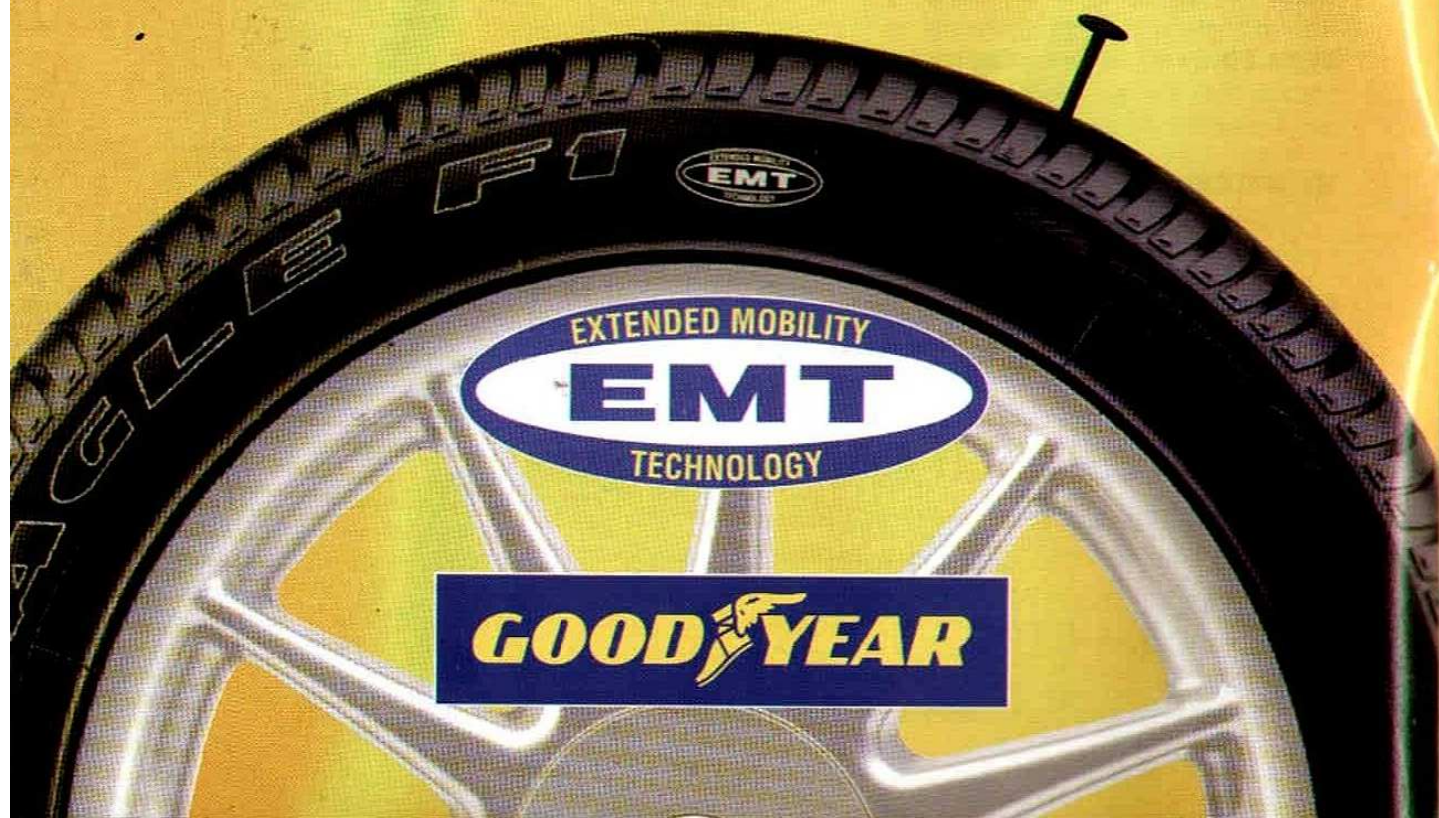
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MOLINEUX STRIKE POWER SHOWS GREAT PROSPECTS

It's nice being a record holder, but I won't mind one bit if Steve Bull goes on to take my title of leading Wolves scorer in League Cup competitions.

Steve equalled my number of 18 goals on Tuesday with a magnificent hat-trick. I was delighted for him as well as for the team, because goals are going to be vital to our success this season.

Obviously it's goals that win games, but seeing so many fly in gives the team confidence, and this is another crucial ingredient in the make-up of a promotion winning side.

When Wolves won promotion to the top flight in the 1976/7 season, we ended the campaign with five players on ten or more goals. The team then was on a great high because not only were we winning games, but doing it by regularly scoring three or more. Collectively, we amassed a total of 84 goals to win the Championship.

So, as thrilling as it has been watching Steve and young Robbie Keane score, I have also been pleased to see that other members of the team have been getting their chances - two of them being netted by Simon Osborn.

The team is determined to score more this season, and as a club we are committed to bringing more strike power to Molineux.

To that end I am delighted to welcome David Connolly to Wolves.

You will remember that David joined us briefly just before the transfer deadline, but contractual

difficulties with his club Feyenoord resulted in him having to return to Holland.

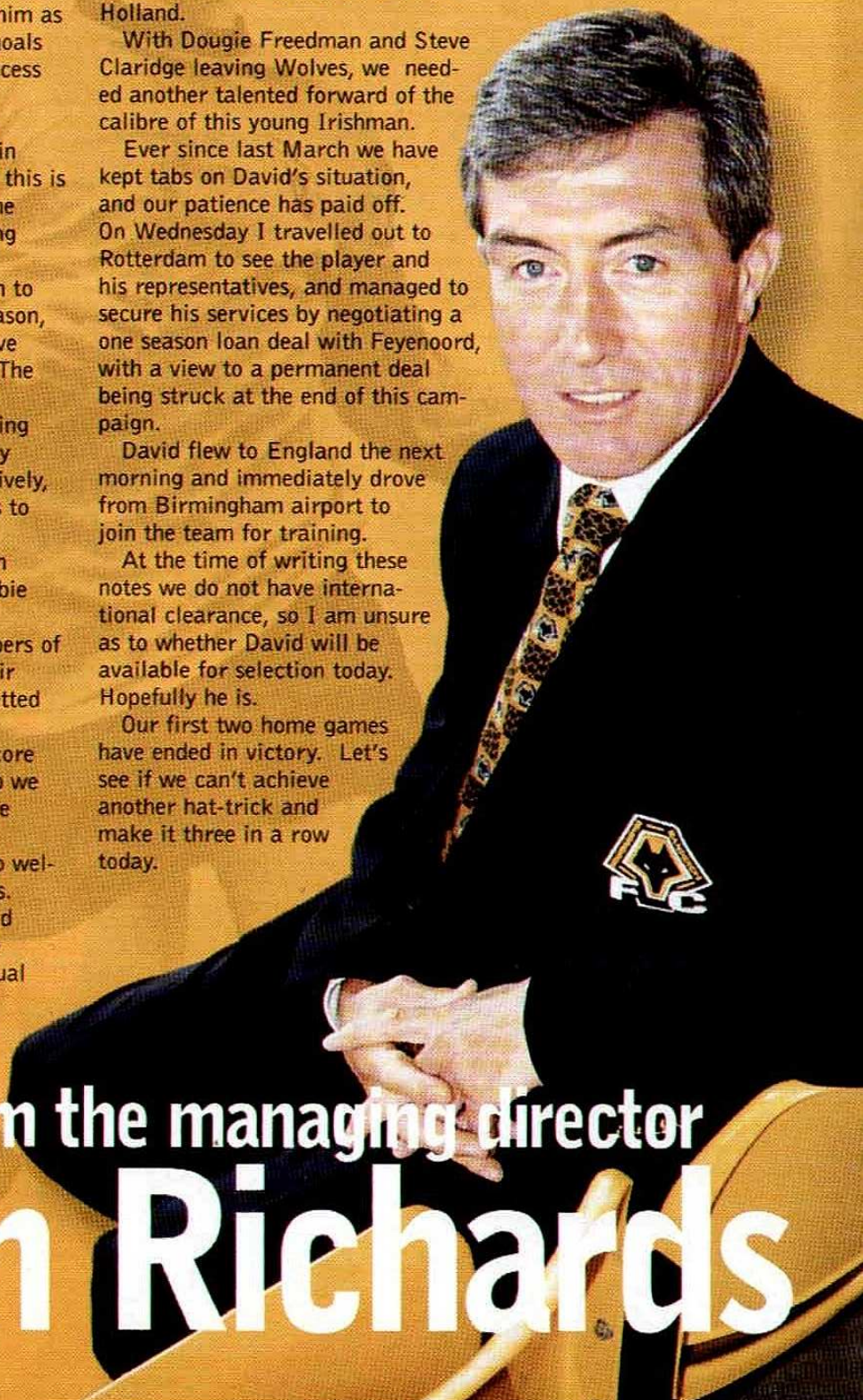
With Dougie Freedman and Steve Claridge leaving Wolves, we needed another talented forward of the calibre of this young Irishman.

Ever since last March we have kept tabs on David's situation, and our patience has paid off. On Wednesday I travelled out to Rotterdam to see the player and his representatives, and managed to secure his services by negotiating a one season loan deal with Feyenoord, with a view to a permanent deal being struck at the end of this campaign.

David flew to England the next morning and immediately drove from Birmingham airport to join the team for training.

At the time of writing these notes we do not have international clearance, so I am unsure as to whether David will be available for selection today. Hopefully he is.

Our first two home games have ended in victory. Let's see if we can't achieve another hat-trick and make it three in a row today.



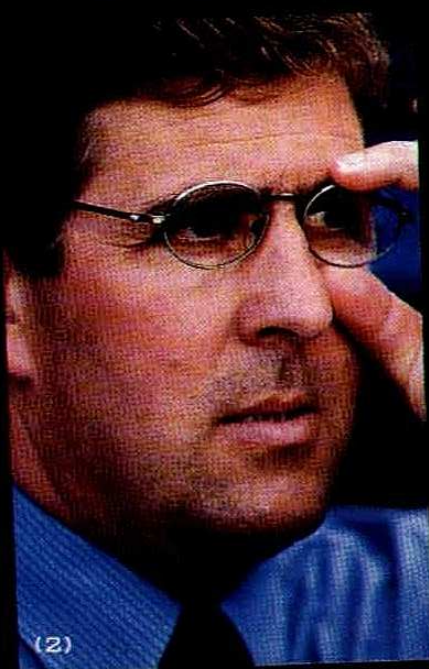
a word from the managing director
John Richards

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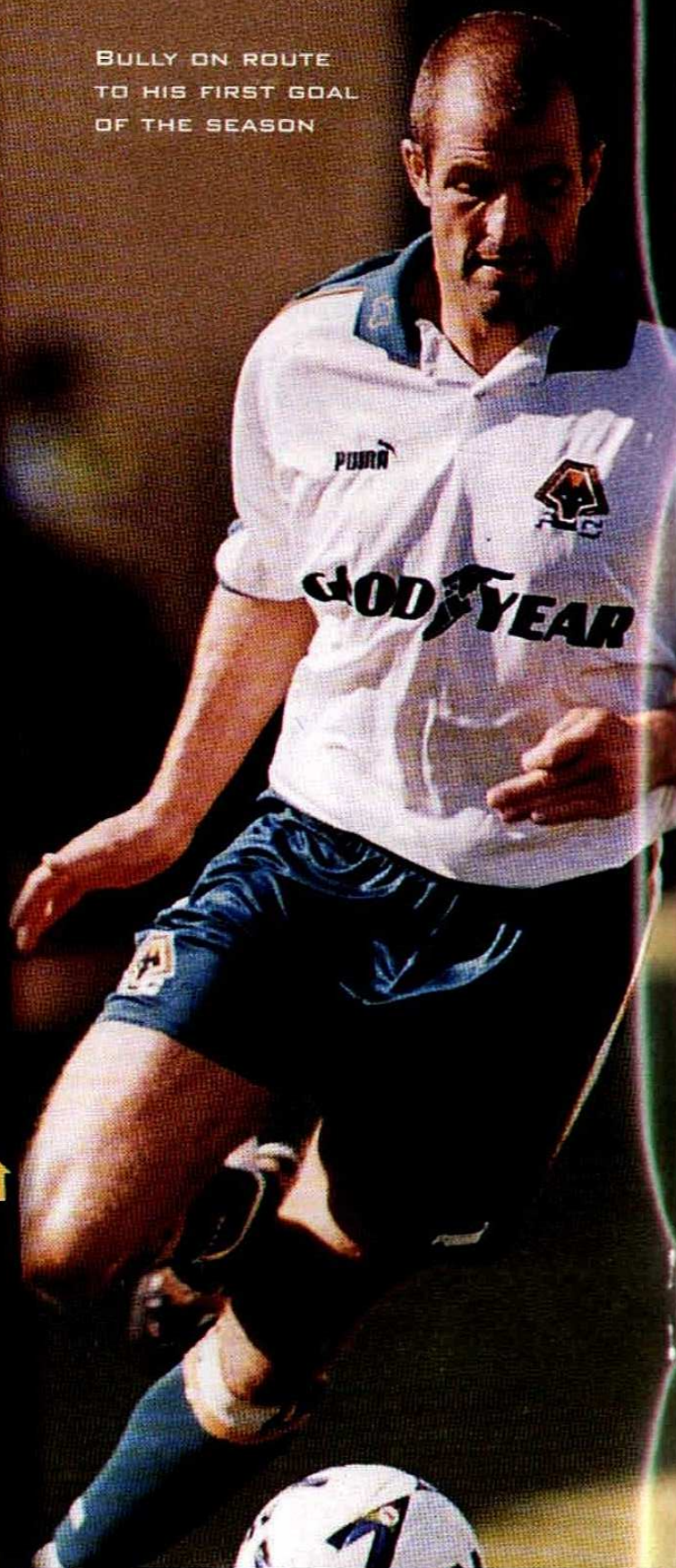


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BULLY ON ROUTE
TO HIS FIRST GOAL
OF THE SEASON



matchhighlight

Saturday August 15, 1998

Saturday August 15, 1998

Sunday Morning Oxford 0 Wolves 2 Express & Star

Match Statistics

OXFORD

TEAM: Whitehead, Robinson, Marsh, Gray (Weatherstone, 51), Davis, Gilchrist, Banger, Windass, Smith (Hill, 81), Murphy (Powell, 74), Beauchamp

WOLVES

TEAM: Stowell, Muscat, Naylor, Richards, Sedgley, Curle, Froggatt, Gomez, Bull, Keane, Osborn

SUB UNUSED: Atkins, Paatelainen, Gilkes

GOALS: Bull (45), Osborn (78)

BOOKINGS: Smith (foul 53), Muscat (late challenge 63), Beauchamp (flare up 66), Froggatt (retaliation 69), Marsh (dissent 78), Davis (shirt pulling 78), Gilchrist (dissent 78), Osborn (flare up 78), Robinson (dissent 80)

ATTENDANCE: 7,521



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- (1) DON'T LOOK NOW - MUZZY HITS A CRACKER
- (2) EYE, EYE. I THINK I SPOT A GOAL ON THE WAY
- (3) BULLY DULY OBLIGES

Match Statistics

WOLVES

TEAM: Stowell, Muscat, Naylor (Gilkes 81), Richards, Sedgley, Curle, Froggatt, Gomez, Bull (Jones 81), Keane, Osborn

SUB UNUSED: Bray, Atkins, , Williams

BARNET

TEAM: Harrison, Stockley, Bashan, Goodhind, Ford, Doolan, Simpson (Manuel 72), Devine, Currie (Harle 81), McGleish (Charlery 74), Onwere

SUB UNUSED: Rust, Wilson,

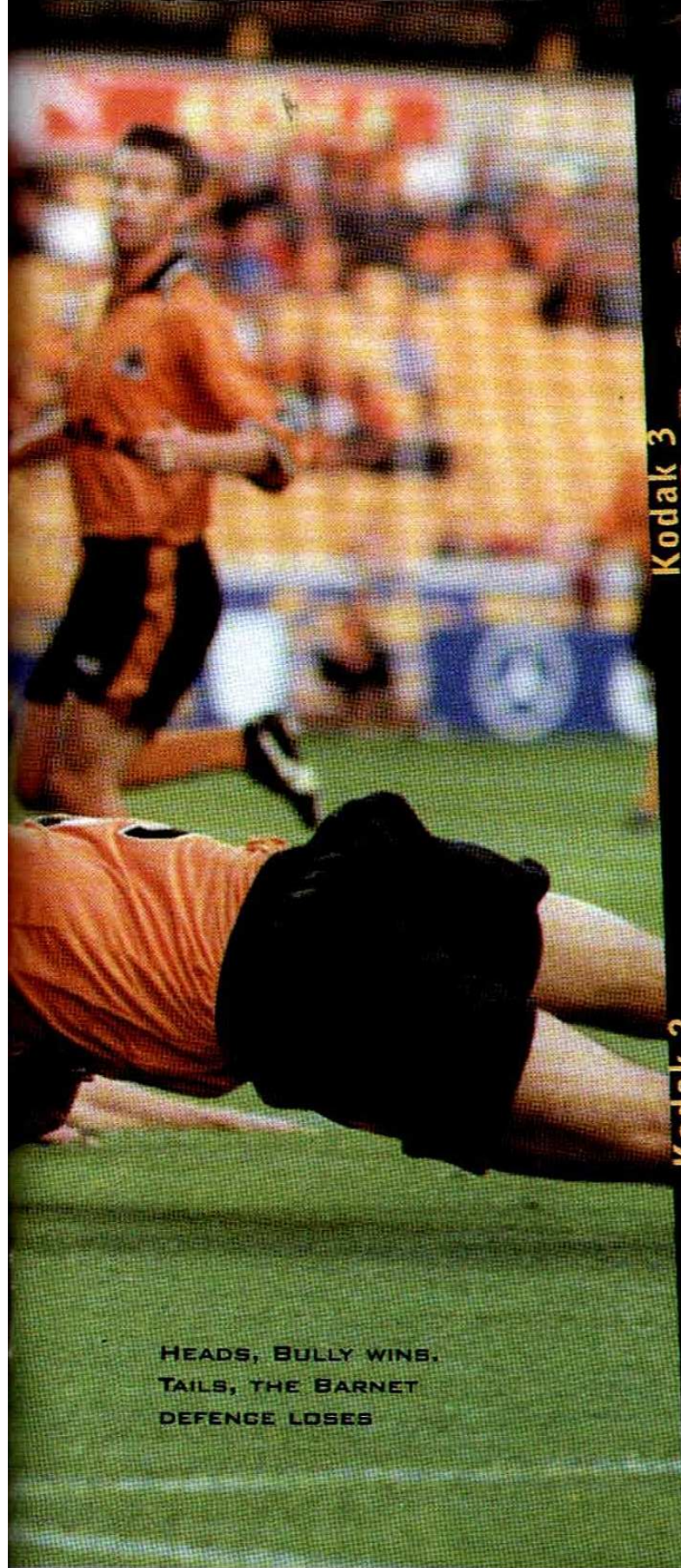
GOALS: Bull (14, 36, 80), Keane (45, 75)

BOOKINGS: None

ATTENDANCE: 15,296

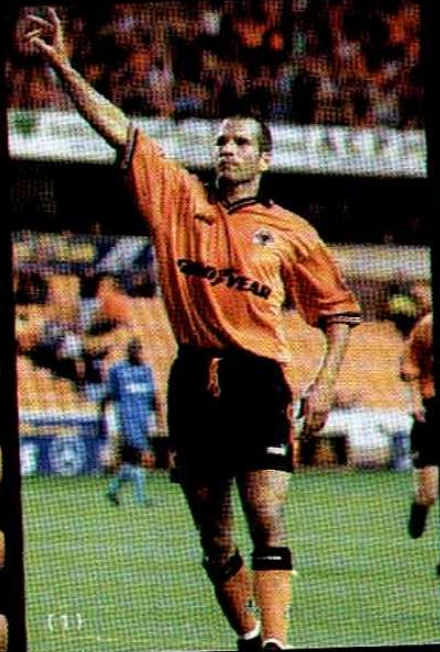
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HEADS, BULLY WINS.
TAILS, THE BARNET
DEFENCE LOSES

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- (1) THE HAT-TRICK MAN IS STILL No 1
- (2) ROBBIE IS HEAD OVER HEELS WITH HIS PERFORMANCE
- (3) EXPERIENCE SALUTES YOUTH. FERNANDO SHOWERS ROBBIE WITH CONGRATULATIONS

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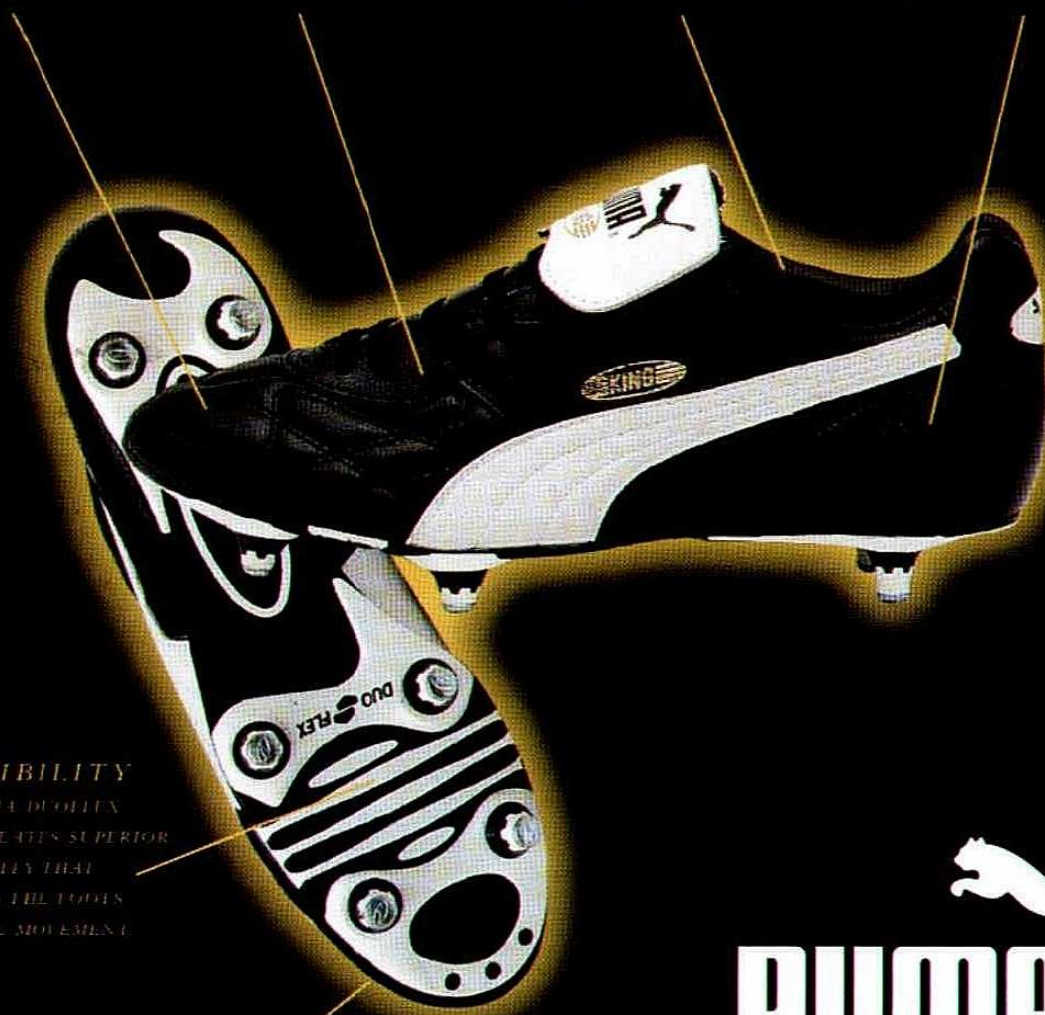
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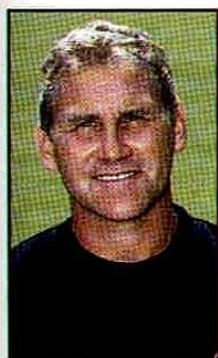
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FIXTURES & RESULTS

IT'S ALL ABOUT KNOWING
WHEN A PLAYER IS READY



BY
**MIKE
HICKMAN-**
COACH

The reduction of the first team squad over the last few weeks means that we are going to have to rely on the younger element of the playing staff at Molineux more and more in the coming reserve season.

But it isn't just about plucking one of the lads out of the youth team and putting him straight into the reserves. A lot more thought has to go into things than that.

I take a healthy interest in the youth players and as often as I can I watch their games as well as taking a look at them in training. And I am constantly having conversations with the youth team coach, Chris Turner, with regards to how players are progressing, and whether or not they are ready for a game in the reserves.

I am always guided by what Chris has to say. He realises, as I do, that if a player is thrown into a higher level of football too quickly, then his game could suffer.

Younger players are prone to dips in form and a bad game could have a marked affect on a lad's confidence. Just having the natural ability is, of course, vital. But it isn't the only factor to be taken into consideration.

Physical presence is another important aspect, some of these boys are still just 16 and they still need to fill out. If you field them in the reserves, rather than the youth team where they are up against lads of their own age, and they come up against a big player who's been in the game for years - well you can imagine what could happen.

So it's all about knowing when a player is ready - when the time is right - which is why Chris and I have such involved conversations.

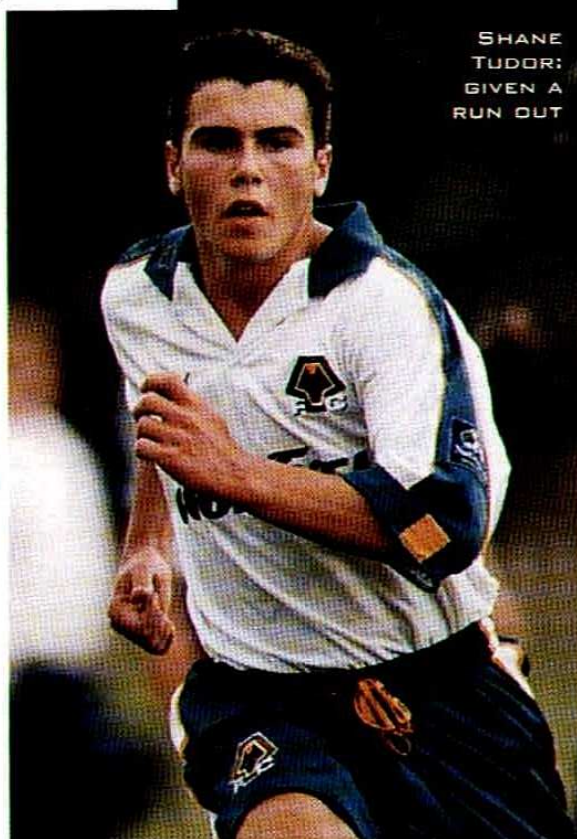
Last season saw the likes of Nathan Lamey, Gary Haveron, Matthew Murray and Paul Loughlin, to name but a few, rising from the youth ranks to reserve level. And there's Mark Jones who made his first team debut on Tuesday which is what it's all about.

Already this season we have given Shane Tudor a run out - and he did very well as these youngsters generally do for me. They have marvellous talent and they all want to better themselves. But in this learning process, they must not be pushed to quickly.

Pontin's Reserves 1998/99

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	F/A	SCORERS
Wed 12 Aug	Sheffield Wednesday	H	1-3	Paatelainen
Mon 24 Aug	Tranmere Rovers	H		
Wed 2 Sep	West Brom Albion	A		
Wed 16 Sep	Port Vale	H		
Tue 22 Sep	Oldham Athletic	A		
Wed 30 Sep	Manchester City	H		
Wed 7 Oct	Bolton Wanderers	A		
Mon 12 Oct	Middlesbrough	H		
Wed 21 Oct	Coventry City	H		
Tue 3 Nov	Grimsby Town	A		
Mon 16 Nov	Burnley	H		
Wed 2 Dec	Barnsley	A		
Tue 8 Dec	Sheffield Wednesday	A		
Mon 4 Jan	West Brom Albion	H		
Wed 20 Jan	Tranmere Rovers	A		
Wed 3 Feb	Port Vale	A		
Mon 15 Feb	Oldham Athletic	H		
Tue 23 Feb	Manchester City	A		
Wed 3 Mar	Bolton Wanderers	H		
Wed 17 Mar	Middlesbrough	A		
Mon 22 Mar	Grimsby Town	H		
Tue 30 Mar	Coventry City	A		
Wed 14 Apr	Burnley	A		
Mon 26 Apr	Barnsley	H		

All home reserve games will be played at Molineux



SHANE
TUDOR:
GIVEN A
RUN OUT

YOUTH TEAM NEWS

FIXTURES & RESULTS

Alliance Midlands Conference 1998/99

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	F/A	SCORERS
Sat 15 Aug	Notts County	A	1-1	Proudlock
Sat 22 Aug	Port Vale	H		
Sat 29 Aug	West Brom Albion	H		
Sat 12 Sep	Walsall	A		
Sat 19 Sep	Lincoln City	H		
Sat 26 Sep	Northampton Town	A		
Sat 3 Oct	Stoke City	H		
Sat 10 Oct	Birmingham City	A		
Sat 17 Oct	Mansfield Town	H		
Sat 24 Oct	Shrewsbury Town	A		
Sat 31 Oct	Chesterfield	H		
Sat 7 Nov	Port Vale	A		
Sat 14 Nov	Notts County	H		
Sat 21 Nov	West Brom Albion	A		
Sat 28 Nov	Walsall	H		
Sat 5 Dec	Stoke City	A		
Sat 19 Dec	Birmingham City	H		
Sat 2 Jan	Mansfield Town	A		
Sat 9 Jan	Shrewsbury Town	H		
Sat 23 Jan	Chesterfield	A		
Sat 30 Jan	Northampton Town	H		
Sat 13 Feb	Lincoln City	A		
Sat 27 Feb		Merit game		
Sat 6 Mar		Merit game		
Sat 13 Mar		Merit game		
Sat 20 Mar		Merit game		
Sat 27 Mar		Merit game		
Sat 3 Apr		Merit game		
Sat 10 Apr		Merit game		
Sat 24 Apr		Merit game		
Sat 1 May		Merit game		

Merit games: nine dates are scheduled for these but we will only participate in eight matches. Opponents will be notified after the completion of the league fixtures

ADAM
PROUDLOCK



BY
CHRIS TURNER -
YOUTH COACH

the kids are

Last Saturday we started our league season with a 1-1 draw at Notts County, Adam Proudlock scoring late on to earn us a share of the points.

The game itself was not a classic, we had a few chances early on in the game which we should have taken. Our overall play was always good enough to keep the pressure on County and as the opportunities went by I was always concerned about being caught on the break. Unfortunately I was proved right when Notts County scored against the run of play. After the goal they did put us under pressure but we managed to hold out until half-time only one goal behind.

After the break, with the wind slightly behind us, we took total control of the game and if we had showed that little bit more composure in and around the box, we would have wrapped the game up and not have had to wait for Adam's strike to rescue us.

The result is a good start for us as Notts County are always difficult opponents on their own pitch. Talking about the pitch, we could not believe how small the playing area was. It was really more suited to schoolboys than professional players. This first game in the Midland Youth League, for the majority of the side, opened a few of the players' eyes because they have been used to training and playing on a super training ground pitch at Compton, then they have had a play on a surface that was uneven and small.

It can only add to their footballing education, and hopefully they will learn from this experience as most of the away fixtures will be played on inferior pitches compared to Compton.

This season I have the biggest squad of players since I arrived two years ago. We have around 22 YTS players I say around because Ryan Green is still of the age of a youth player but we see no benefit to Ryan in including him in the youth side this year. Competition for places is going to be fierce and I have already informed the players that reputations and last year's success count for nothing when it comes to selecting teams. I want everyone working hard to make it difficult for me to select a team. If we have this, and I am sure we will, then we should have another good season in front of us.

Our ambitions this year will obviously be to retain the Midland League title. Every team we come up against this year will try that little bit harder as we are favourites to land the Championship according to the League Secretary, so we will have to get used to that sort of pressure.

The major cup competitions are something that I would like to see us do better in. We have disappointed ourselves in the last few years, so this year hopefully we can go further in the FA Youth Cup and the Southern Junior Cup. Both competitions will include some strong opposition.

But, most importantly, we hope to continue to provide young players for the first team squad. We have every confidence in doing this as we believe that we have a tremendous crop of young players that, in the coming months ahead, will push on up through the ranks.

alright

HE'S PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN
YOUTH SUCCESSES

Gary Haveron is entering his second year with us. He is a current under 18 Northern Ireland international and only this week he was joining up with Gordon Simms to go and play in a tournament, in Wales, for his country.

Since Gary arrived from Belfast 12 months ago he played a major part in last season's youth success. He can either play left centre back or as a natural left back. He is comfortable at both positions. Gary has also featured quite often in the reserves and he did himself proud when he represented the first team at Northampton during pre-season.

He has always done well whenever he has had to step up a level and his international experience has obviously helped him. He now has to push on and keep working hard at his game and hopefully gain a professional contract at the club.

Gary Haveron



SWINDON TOWN

here's
one to

BY
PETE LANSLEY



Iffy Onuora

watch

Born in Glasgow, with an accent drawn from Leeds, Liverpool and London, Iffy Onuora finally landed in Swindon from Gillingham last March. He was soon taking off again - to score with a diving header in his first game for the club, a winning goal at Queens Park Rangers - before making his home debut against Wolves.

Onuora's brave performances in the front line helped Swindon stave off relegation last season and he was off the mark for this campaign with the opening goal in last Saturday's 1-1 draw with Sunderland. His attitude was epitomised after a bizarre injury sustained against Charlton last season when an accidental collision with the referee left him nursing a depressed fracture of the cheekbone. But the £120,000 signing returned for the final two games, determined to do all he could to keep the team in the First Division.

Determination is now the key note to Swindon's ambitions as they prepare to do battle with several clubs of greater resources and tradition. "When I got there last March, confidence was pretty low," admitted the 31-year-old. "We finished off with a some heavy defeats at Birmingham and Norwich. But the positive thing to come out of that was everyone is so determined now."

"We had a big talk about what had gone wrong and a few home truths were exchanged. We haven't set ourselves targets as such, because there are some big clubs in this division and you can't go around saying you're going to do this or that to them. But what we all agreed is we could improve and this season we are determined to do ourselves justice."

To that end the Swindon players have been rolling their sleeves up and putting a grimace on their faces ever since the fixtures were drawn out of the hat. "When you see your first two away games are at Sheffield United and Wolves, both of whom you could realistically expect to be up there in promotion contention, and your first home game is with Sunderland, who could so easily have been in the Premiership by now, then you know you've got your work cut out."

"In a way, even though we lost at Bramall Lane, we were quite happy, because at least we knew we had done ourselves justice. Of course we'd be happy with a result at Wolves - God, a win would be brilliant - but we don't set targets."

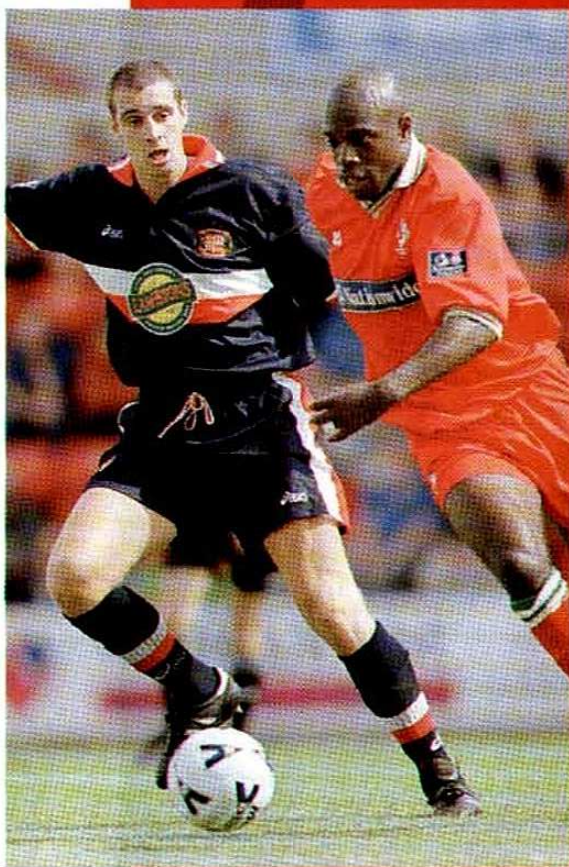
As a forward, who has scored 63 League goals for four clubs since breaking into the professional game late with Huddersfield Town, Onuora appreciates Wolves' strike force of Steve Bull and Robbie Keane. "Everyone in the country seems to be talking about the young lad," he said. "Then of course they've got the old scoring machine himself so we'll have to be wary. I've also played against Dean Richards a few times when he was at Bradford and I was at Huddersfield and he's gone on done very well for himself, with the best yet to come."

"It's not my job to talk about how other clubs should do but with the facilities and stature Wolves have, the players and manager are under pressure to finish in the top six."

Onuora, who also had a spell with Mansfield Town before joining Gillingham two years ago and enjoying his best season with 23 goals in 1996/97, is a level-headed individual. "I don't set myself targets. I know when I've played well and when I haven't. Even if I've scored but not had a good game all round, I'm conscious of it: I don't take too much notice of the newspapers. I suppose I am my own biggest critic."

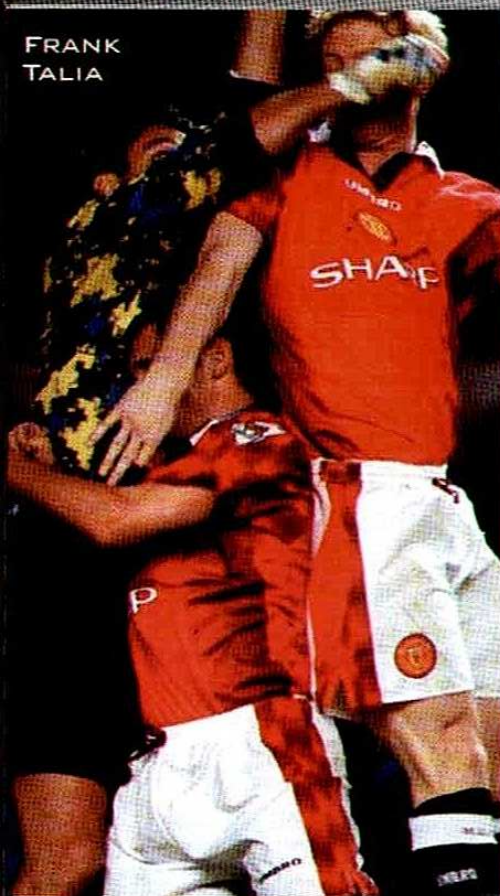
"Playing alongside George Ndah means my last two strike partners have been pretty pacy, as Ade Akinbiyi was quick at Gillingham. I'm just happy if I can keep up with them."

Supplying the ammunition for Swindon's strikers is former Wolves favourite Mark Walters who has been in sparkling early-season form and crossed for Onuora to head home against Sunderland. "Mark's a great footballer and from a striker's point of view. To see him on the wing supplying you with the ball is ideal."



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GOALKEEPER

BORN: Melbourne (Australia)
20 7 72

HT: 6.1 **WT:** 13.6

FORMER CLUBS: Sunshine George Cross (Australia), Blackburn Rovers, Hartlepool United (loan)

Has claimed the number one jersey at the start of this season, despite the summer signing of Jimmy Glass from Bournemouth. The Australian was a member of Steve McMahon's Second Division championship-winning side two years ago but last season was second choice to Fraser Digby and, in the spring, needed surgery for a persistent knee injury. Joined Swindon from Kenny Dalglish's Blackburn three years ago.

TY GOODEN

MIDFIELDER

BORN: Canvey Island 23 11 72

HT: 5.8 **WT:** 12.6

FORMER CLUBS: Arsenal, Wycombe Wanderers

Made his 100th league appearance for Swindon in last Saturday's 1-1 draw with Sunderland, having joined on a free transfer from then non-League Wycombe Wanderers five years ago. The stylish midfielder started his career as an apprentice with Arsenal but has really flourished over the last couple of years at the County Ground, either as an attacking left-wing-back or from the centre of mid-field. Signed a new long-term contract midway through last season.

GARETH HALL

DEFENDER

BORN: Croydon 12 3 69

HT: 5.8 **WT:** 12.0

FORMER CLUBS: Chelsea, Sunderland, Brentford (loan)

Helped Peter Reid's Sunderland win

the First Division title two years ago, and was a regular at right-back during their season back up in the Premiership, but made just one league appearance last term - to help the side win 1-0 at Wolves. Steve McMahon wasted no time in contacting his old Merseyside rival Reid to snap up Hall, who spent nine years at Chelsea, in the summer. The versatile player also had a loan spell at Brentford last season.

ALAN REEVES

DEFENDER

BORN: Birkenhead 19 11 67

HT: 6.0 **WT:** 12.0

FORMER CLUBS: Heswall, Norwich City, Gillingham (loan), Chester City, Rochdale, Wimbledon

A typically astute Steve McMahon signing, this capable central defender was kicking his heels with Wimbledon last season having previously proved himself at Premiership level following a £300,000 move from Rochdale in 1994. Known for his tough tackling and aerial ability, Reeves has helped compensate for the absence of Alan McDonald in the heart of Swindon's defence since arriving at the County Ground on a free transfer this summer.

GEORGE NDAH

FORWARD

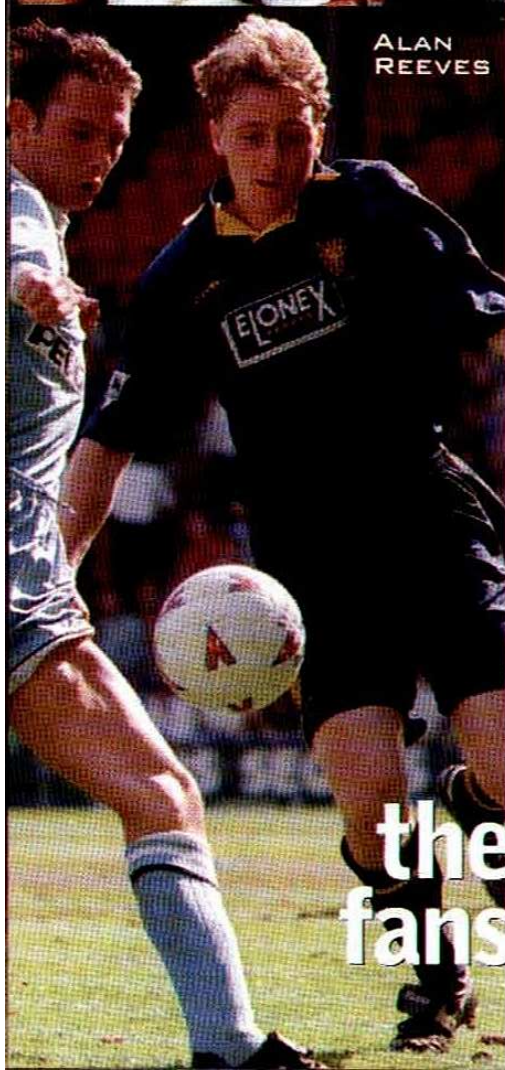
BORN: Dulwich 23 12 74

HT: 6.1 **WT:** 11.4

FORMER CLUBS: Crystal Palace, Bournemouth (loan), Gillingham (loan)

Swindon's most expensive import of recent years after joining from Crystal Palace for £500,000 last November, Ndah got off to a sensational start when he scored after 12 minutes of his debut against Middlesbrough. But a serious knee injury curtailed his impact last season. Now he'll be looking to add to the goalscoring start he has made in the Worthington Cup in a pacey attacking partnership with Iffy Onuora.

ALAN
REEVES



the fans' favourites

the big cheese

BY PETE LANSLEY

Steve McMahon breaks out into a chuckle when asked about the budget he has at his disposal for strengthening his Swindon squad.

"A budget? Isn't that when you've got some money to spend?" inquires the Swindon manager, who has reshaped a squad who led the First Division last November by bringing in four free-transfer signings this summer. "I'm not happy with it but I've got to be realistic. This is how we operate here and that dictates your ambitions."

Swindon's lack of strength in depth contributed to a disappointing second half of season last term and the Wiltshire club eventually finished 18th, four points clear of relegation to a division they won in style a couple of years ago.

McMahon, three times a Championship winner and twice an FA Cup holder in his six years playing for Liverpool, has been accustomed to triumph throughout his career. McMahon went to the 1990 World Cup Finals alongside Steve Bull in an international career that brought him 17 caps. But now he is having to cut his coat according to his cloth at the County Ground and has different aspirations for the mid-term future.

"We want to go for mid-table and then finish the season better than we did last time," said the former England international, 37 two days ago. "Then we'll see where that takes us."

The fixture list has hardly been kind to Swindon and they lost 2-1 at Sheffield United and drew 1-1 at home to Sunderland before anticipating today's visit to Wolves.

"People who have got us to go down this season probably picked the start of the fixture list," said McMahon. "But we've played two games, got a good point from a tricky start and we can take a lot of positive things."

"It is a tough start to the season but we've done fine," he elaborated. "We did well last Saturday and we

did okay at Sheffield United on the opening day. Wolves is obviously a big test for us as they've had two great results and their tails are up, aren't they? But two games don't mean a great deal in terms of promotion and relegation. Look at us: after 17 games last year, we were top."

"You've got to be consistent over a whole season. Everyone knows that if Wolves show that, they can be the best of teams in this division. They're a well-organised side, they've got good players right through and even though Dougie Freedman has moved on, they've got players to come in."

"Without wishing to sound repetitive, Robbie Keane's the man, isn't he? His name is on everyone's lips, a bit like Michael Owen and he looks like he could go a long way in the game."

McMahon has also had to scour the market for exciting youngsters and free transfers. He has brought in the experience of Gareth Hall, who cost Sunderland £300,000 a couple of years ago, and Alan Reeves, similarly valued by Wimbledon in recent times, to boost his defence. Jimmy Glass, Bournemouth's colourful goalkeeper, has also cost nothing while Adam Willis, untried at Coventry, will also supplement McMahon's squad.

"We haven't spent a thing this summer," confirmed McMahon, who did spend £500,000 on George Ndah and £120,000 on Iffy Onuora last season. "But we make the best of what we have. You can only work within your limits."

After four years in charge at Swindon, McMahon is becoming adept at such a skill.



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The two encounters with Swindon Town last season could hardly have had a different game content. At Molineux an autumnal encounter was laced with spectacular goals, inspired debuts and controversy as the game finished 3-1 in Wolves favour with only 19 players remaining on the field at the final whistle.

But for all the excitement on that sunny Saturday afternoon, the return fixture at the County Ground five months later was to finish in a tedious goal-less draw with little to cheer a small midweek crowd.

The first game saw Wolves introduce two new players to their ranks. Up front was Dougie Freedman, a midweek signing from Crystal Palace, and in midfield was Paul Simpson who, at that time, had been loaned out from Derby County.

The two new boys combined to give Wolves a 12th minute lead. Simpson fed a short pass to Freedman who unleashed a 25 yard rocket shot into the top corner of the net. But, within five minutes, an unsavoury incident ended in a double sending off. A terrible two footed tackle by Lee Collins on Carl Robinson resulted in the young Welshman writhing in agony on the ground.

Collins was dismissed for his actions as was Steve Bull who was incensed by the tackle and was accused by the referee of grabbing Collins by the throat - a charge later dropped on viewing of video evidence, the red card punishment being replaced by that of a yellow one.

Swindon hauled themselves back into the game with a 25th minute penalty which was converted by Chris Hay after Dariusz Kubicki had fouled Wayne Allison. Shortly after the goal, Town's Chris Hay was booked for kicking the ball away. It was an

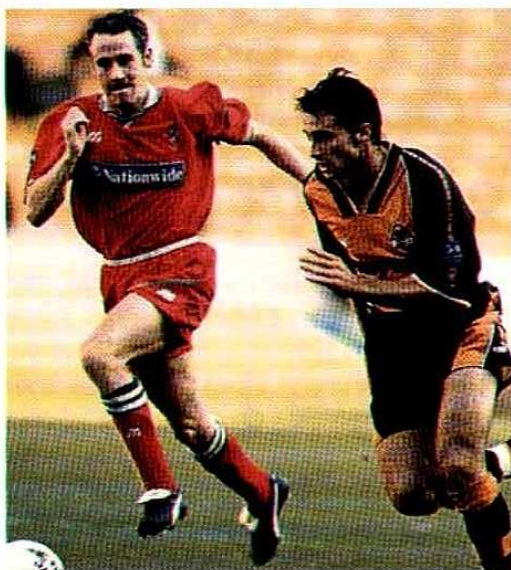
action he was to regret for after a 68th minute deliberate hand ball, resulting in a second bookable offence, he too was red carded.

The game looked to be petering out towards a draw when two goals in as many minutes sealed victory for Wolves. With just 12 minutes to go, Keith Curle glanced home a header following a right wing cross from the lively Simpson who capped a fine debut with a tremendous goal moments later.

Fraser Digby's clearance fell at the midfielder's feet and, with the goalkeeper struggling to make his ground, Simpson sent an exquisite forty plus yard chip into the back of the net.

Chances for each side in the return fixture could probably be counted on one hand. A dire first half ended with Adrian Williams heading Simon Osborn's corner against the bar. In the second period substitute Steve Bull had a couple of half chances and had a justifiable penalty appeal turned down, whilst Don Goodman was just wide with a low drive.

But it was one of those games that seemed to have goal-less draw written all over it from the opening minutes and the crowd of 7,770 seemed relieved when referee Leake brought the proceedings to an end.



DEBUT BOY DOUGIE FREEDMAN LEAVES IAN CULVERHOUSE IN HIS WAKE

Previous meetings

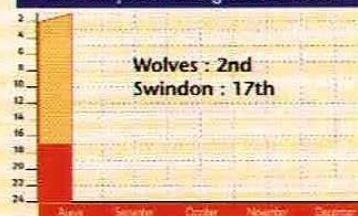
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Did you know?

WOLVES SIGNED ONE OF THEIR GREATEST STRIKERS FROM SWINDON TOWN. TOM PHILLIPSON NETTED 26 TIMES OVER A THREE SEASON PERIOD FOR THE ROBINS BEFORE HE JOINED WOLVES FOR £1,000 IN DECEMBER, 1923. OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS HE WAS TO SCORE 111 GOALS FROM JUST 144 OUTINGS FOR THE CLUB BEFORE HE MOVED TO SHEFFIELD UNITED IN 1928. HE LATER RETURNED TO THE TOWN AND BECAME MAYOR OF WOLVERHAMPTON IN 1939. HE ALSO RAN A TOBACCONISTS SHOP IN DARLINGTON STREET FOR MANY YEARS.

League form this season

Form comparison throughout this season



ON THE ROAD

TOM EDWARDS GIVES A FAN'S EYE VIEW OF MANOR GROUND

The sand and sea of my recent holiday in Lanzarote seemed miles away as we entered the Manor Ground. Yes, my friends, this truly is the traditional football ground - run down toilets, an ageing away terrace, at least six different stands and a small, sloping pitch. Welcome to Oxford! Of course no-one needs to remind us of our past record at the Bulls, having never won there before.

Having watched utter dross here year after year, it was quite refreshing to see Wolves level after 30 minutes and holding on. Up until that point we had coped quite well with Oxford's attack. We had threatened to score a couple of times ourselves with Keane particularly lively. But it was then that our midfield seemed to completely disappear for 15 minutes as the home side launched waves of balls into our area. Stowell pushed away a shot from Gray, Naylor and Sedgley scrambled shots away from near the goal-line and for a while we couldn't clear out lines. But coming

forward for the first time in 15 minutes we managed to pinch the vital opener. Oxford paid the price as Whitehead spilled a deep cross and Bully duly obliged with his 301st Wolves goal. Maybe it was to be our day!

With the blazing head that lead proved to be too much for the Bulls, and for much of the second half they searched in vain. Wolves defended well with Deano and Curle outstanding, and on the break we tore them apart with Froggatt and Naylor having efforts clawed away. The home side soon tired and we sealed a historic victory with 10 minutes remaining. From another good Naylor run, Keane escaped his marker only to be brought down. Curle missed the spot-kick but Osborn scrambled the loose ball in and the sea of gold and black, which had never stopped singing, erupted into a frenzy of celebration. We had done it! Four goals scored, none conceded, six points out of six and top of the league - for a Wolves fan things don't get much better than this!



Marks out of 10

ACCESS TO THE GROUND	6
SEATING/VIEW	6
HELPLEFULNESS OF STEWARDS	7
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CARL ROBINSON

up close and personal



WHAT'S THE BEST HOLIDAY YOU'VE EVER HAD?

Last summer in Ibiza with my fiancée Laura. We stayed in San Antonio which is a great clubbing area. The Sky TV programme, Ibiza Uncovered, has put me off a bit though - I don't think the place was quite like the TV cameras made out.

IF YOU COULD GET A TICKET FOR ANY SPORTING EVENT IN THE WORLD, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO SEE?

The opening match in the new Welsh stadium. It's due to open next year and I'm sure they'll line up a really good international match for the Welsh rugby union team. I could never have played rugby, but being a Welshman, I love watching the sport. Wales desperately needed a new stadium and it will be a big day for the Welsh people when it opens.

IF YOUR WARDROBE SET ON FIRE, WHICH ITEM OF CLOTHING WOULD YOU TRY AND RESCUE FIRST?

My blue Rees shorts which I brought for £20 in Birmingham last year. I wear them all the time and would be lost without them.

IF YOU WERE HOSTING A DINNER PARTY, WHERE WOULD IT BE AND WHAT WOULD YOU COOK?

At my home in Wales and I

would cook Chicken a la Carte. It's a bit of a joke. I used to try and impress Neil Masters that I could cook, and not knowing any better he thought Chicken a la Carte was some exotic dish. I invited him round and served up plain chicken and pasta. I'm not much of a cook!

WHAT'S THE BEST PRESENT ANYONE HAS EVER BOUGHT FOR YOU?

Rob Kelly bought me a pair of top of the range Adidas boots when I signed for Wolves aged 14. They came out of the blue and I was really pleased. Before that I'd had to wear anything my parents bought, but these were the best and I've been wearing them ever since.

WHAT WAS THE FIRST CAR YOU OWNED?

A red c reg Nova. It belonged to my mum and she gave it to me just before I took my test. I returned it to her when I got my sponsored car - in top notch condition! I got a new car today. I'm now the proud owner of a Rover 218 courtesy of Tremont Rover in Llandrindod Wells.

WHO WOULD YOU NOT LET YOUR SISTER GO OUT ON A DATE WITH?

Robbie Keane because he's got bad hair (he's now known as tennis ball head) and he never washes.



HOW WOULD YOUR MOTHER DESCRIBE YOU?

Lovely, kind, thoughtful and sometimes a pain in the bottom. She's great, my mum. She's always trying to organise me - and I need it!

HAVE YOU EVER OWNED A PET?

A goldfish called Snoopy when I was nine. At the moment I'm living in digs, but when I buy a house I shall get a labrador.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA OF TV HELL?

A night watching Ballykissangel. It's a terrible show - bad acting and all just so nice. They need to get a couple of characters from Eastenders.

IF YOU WERE TAKING PART IN A KARAOKE, WHAT WOULD YOU SING?

I'd belt out a good Tom Jones number like 'It's not unusual' because I have a great Welsh voice.

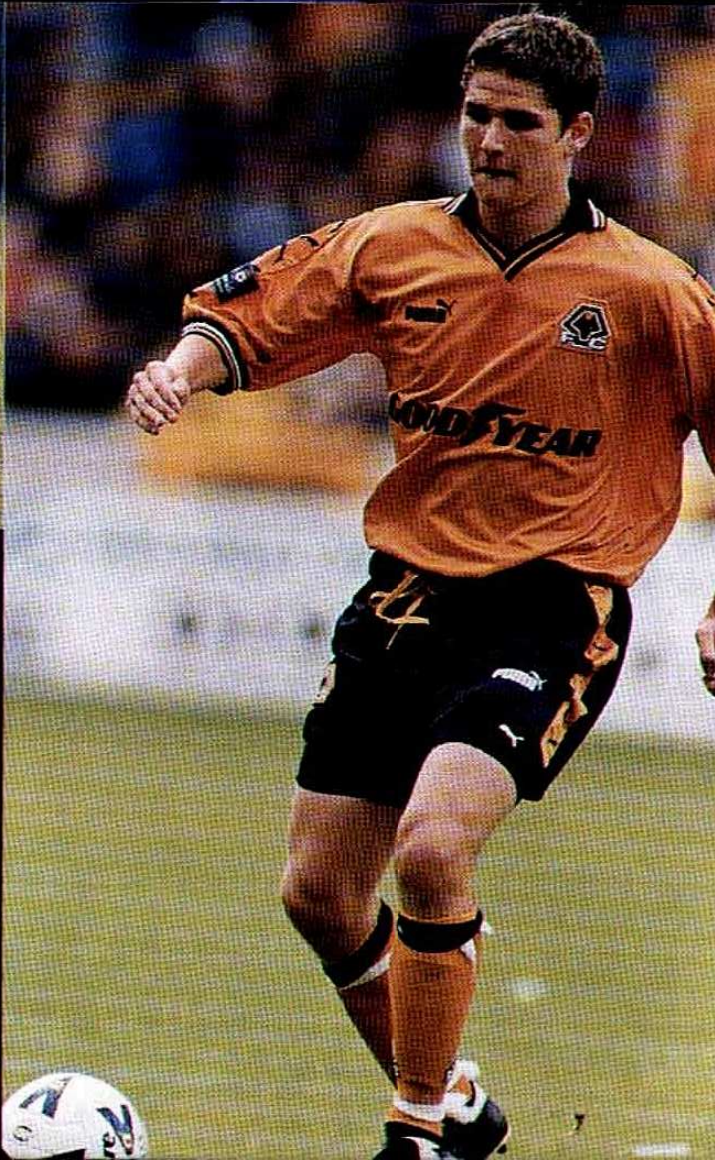
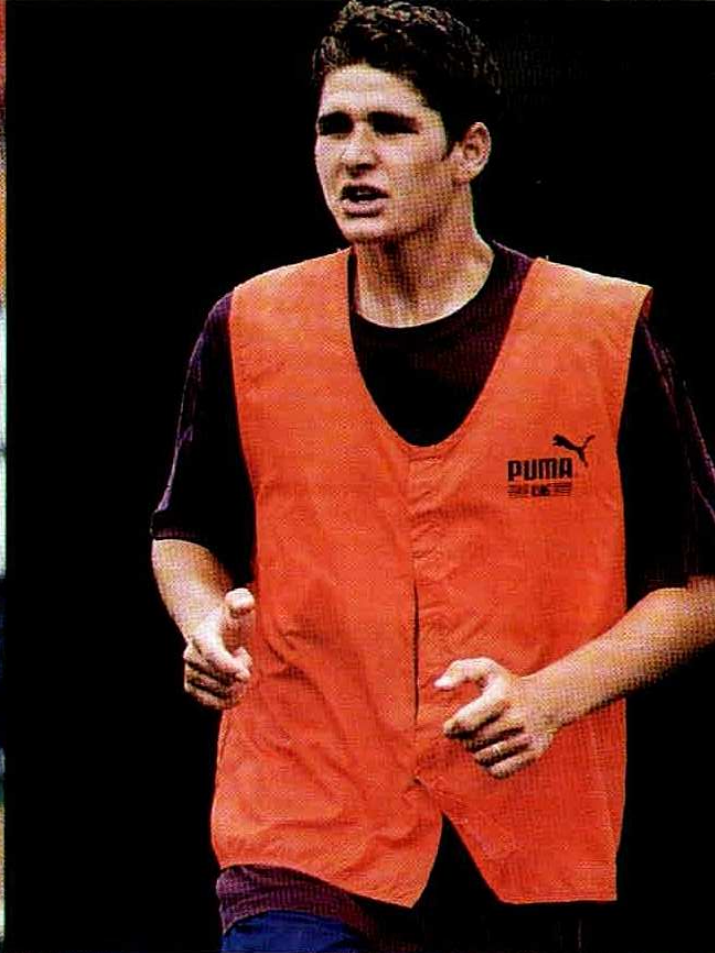
IF YOU WERE GIVEN A BLANK CHEQUE TO BUY ANY PLAYER FOR WOLVES, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Ronaldo, then he could play up front with his good friend Robbie Keane.

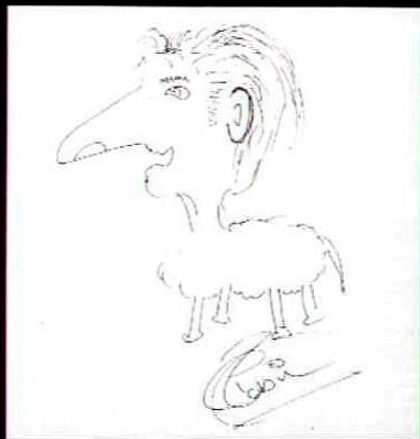
CAN YOU DRAW A SELF-PORTRAIT?

Okay, hand me a pen (see results right).

CARL WAS TALKING TO LORRAINE HENNESSY



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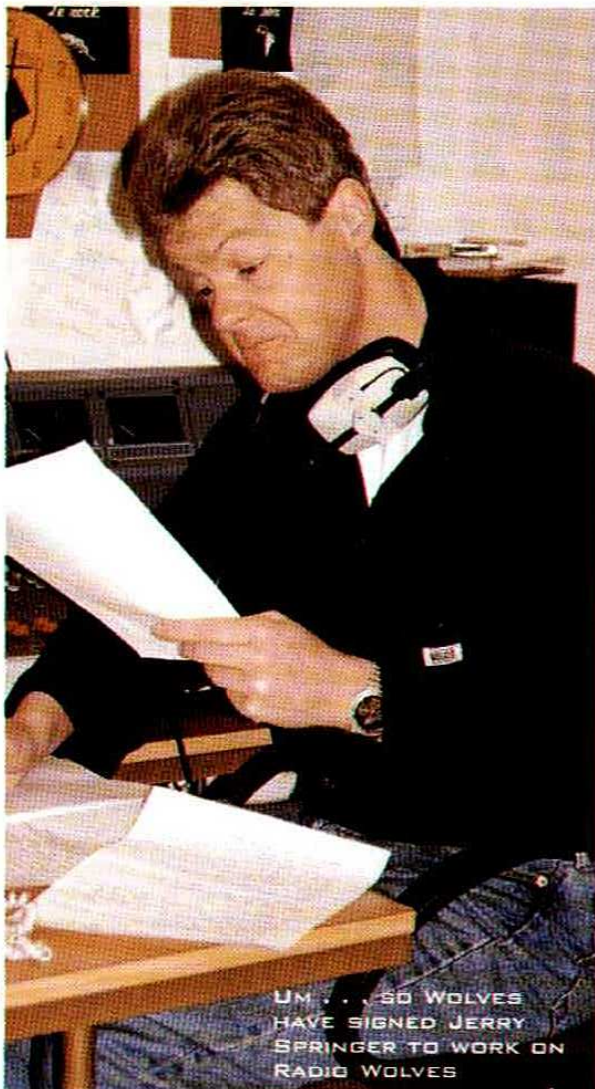
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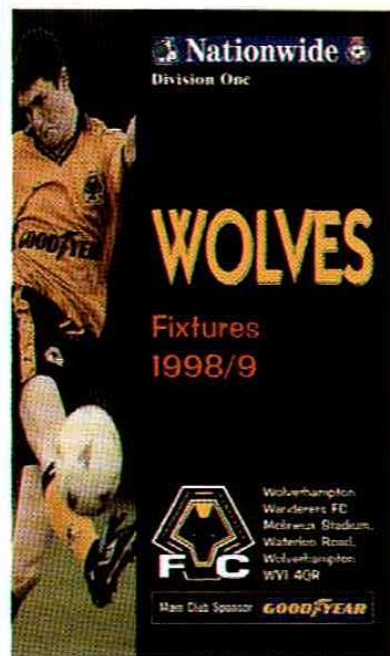


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BY
CHRIS EVANS -
YOUTH
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OFFICER

It was a memorable occasion during the week to see our first team progress to the next round of the Worthington Cup in such fine style. For one young man it was a landmark as he made his senior debut. Mark Jones, from Willenhall, played in the last ten minutes and I'm sure he'll treasure those moments forever.

You have wet your lips now Mark, and must go forward and thirst for more. The manager has allowed several strikers to leave the club recently which should give added incentive to the remaining forwards.

With Justin Bray and Mark Jones on the bench and Lee Naylor and Robbie Keane in the side, it was very encouraging for all concerned with youth development to see four 18 year olds on duty. I was also delighted with the affirmation in the match programme, to our youth policy, from our managing director John Richards. All our registered schoolboys were at Molineux that evening with their parents, and to enjoy such a super match, see youth take part, and to read such positive comments from executive management must have rubber stamped their decision to join us.

Ryan Green joins the Welsh under 18 squad for a tournament in North Wales this weekend where he will do battle against fellow trainees Gordon Simms and Gary Haveron who travel with Northern Ireland's squad. The games that they will participate in are of high quality within their age band, and these experiences are the building blocks for their future. I hope to see one of the Internationals myself, and I must admit the hair goes up on the back of my neck when

I see them line up for their respective national anthems and then to see them perform.

The summer trials are virtually at an end and I would like to thank all our staff who worked so diligently in making them so enjoyable for the guests we entertained at our club. Not every schoolboy will be signed, but to the majority who are unsuccessful, I judge our performance as a leading youth programme if those boys are able to go home and say they have visited a top club, been treated well and will report and that they enjoyed themselves. As in every business, word of mouth will be our best advert.

There were one or two trialists who I felt had good future potential and I must now work quickly in a quest to gain their signature. This is the part of the job I have always enjoyed most for the race is now on. I have to prepare the best strategy possible to reassure both player and parents that Wolves have all the necessary components to establish first team players from youth quicker than others. I will speak of education, welfare, accommodations, facilities, coaching and most important of all people. Young players will predominantly sign for clubs where they are made most welcome and where they are made to feel special by the staff.

The morning after the Barnet game Mark McGhee was in his office welcoming, befriending and reassuring schoolboys who are away from home. One of the schoolboys mentioned that Alex Ferguson had rang his home the previous evening which goes to show the importance that both Alex and Mark put in recruiting for the future.

During the week our signed schoolboys and trialists visited Compton park to view the pitches at our training ground

and of the three pitches couldn't decide whether the San Siro, Bernabeu or Wembley were the best. Great credit must go to our grounds-men Terry and Dave for the whole training ground was of the highest standard.

Our under 16 side actually chose to play on the San Siro (first team pitch) and they felt like a million dollars; looking at some of our players I knew Wolves had won the lottery!



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Members of the Molineux Health & Fitness Centre have scaled the heights to raise money for local children's charities.

The six hardy walkers scaled Britain's three highest peaks in under 24 hours to earn a minimum of £5,000 for good causes.

Led by centre manager Chris Jewkes, the party set off up Ben Nevis in Scotland at 10.30 am last Saturday. Chris explains: "It took us just four hours to get up and back, and it was hell! It was like marching up and down the steps of the Stan Cullis Stand for four solid hours.

"We then drove to Scafell in the Lake district and started out on that accent at 10pm. It was pitch dark - we were all carrying torches - and very

misty. Then it started to rain and we had to spend two hours looking for the summit.

"We started our trudge up Snowdon at 7.30am on Sunday and to be honest I don't remember any of it. I think I must have been sleep walking.

"We eventually came down, the challenge complete, with just 20 minutes to spare.

"I would like to thank everyone who sponsored us. We hope to raise a minimum of £5,000 and possibly as much as £8,000 which we look forward to handing over to local charities."

Main picture, left to right, are Andrew Kay, David Kay, Chris Jewkes and Phil Richardson. also taking part, but not pictured, were John Lewis and Dave Brakewell.

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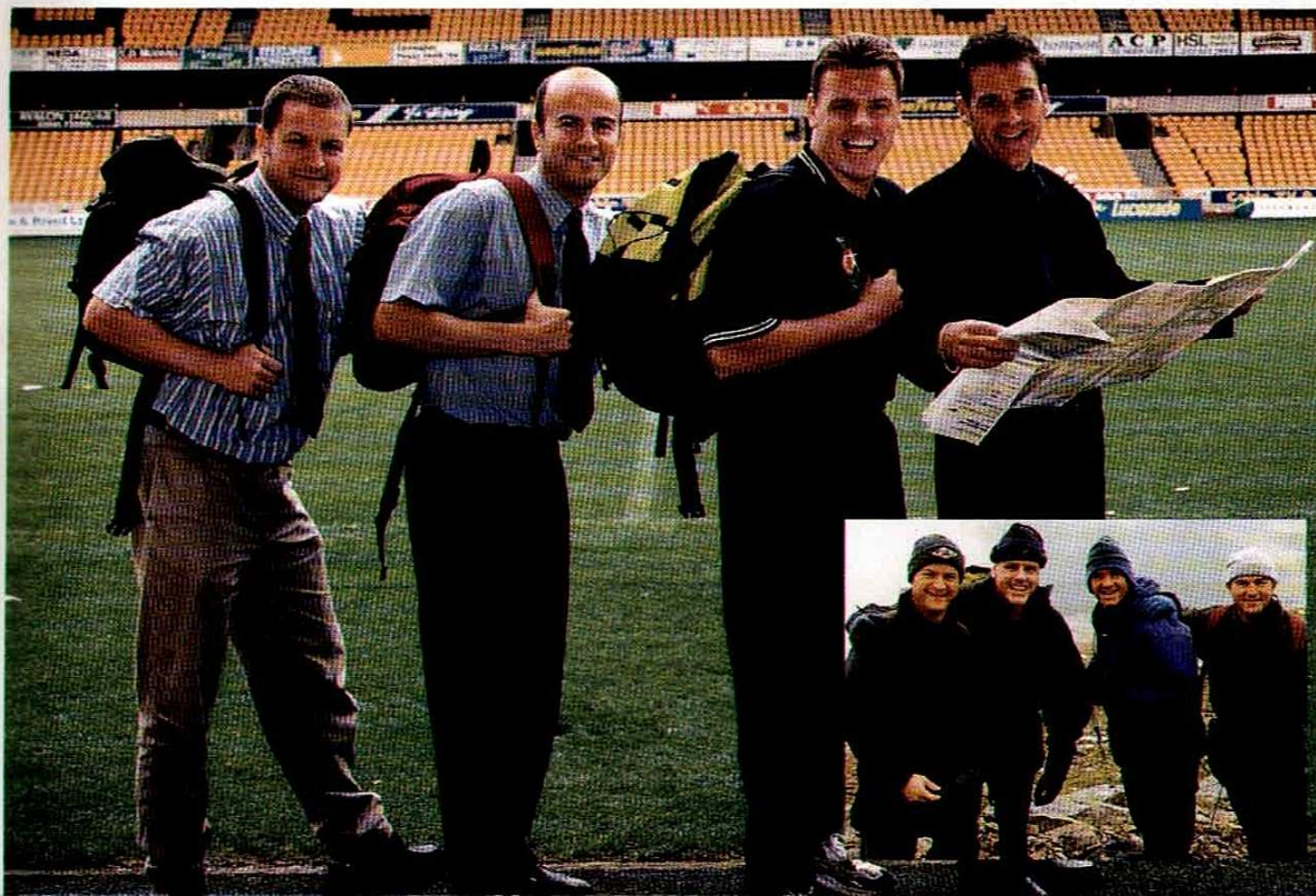
Season ticket holder Ray Evans has moved to Southampton and would like to know if any other Wolves fans travel to Molineux along his route. Ray would enjoy some company and someone to share the petrol costs.

If you can help, write to us at the Wolves Matchday Magazine and we will pass your details on to Ray.

Juan Lebrero Infante would like to exchange Wolves programmes from this season and last for Spanish football souvenirs (badges, keyrings, post-cards etc.)

If you can help, write to Juan at Apartado de Correos 2432, 11080 Cadiz, Spain.

Would fans sitting in the lower tier of the Billy Wright Stand please note that this area is now designated NO SMOKING. Your co-operation is much appreciated.



BY
JOHN HENDLEY

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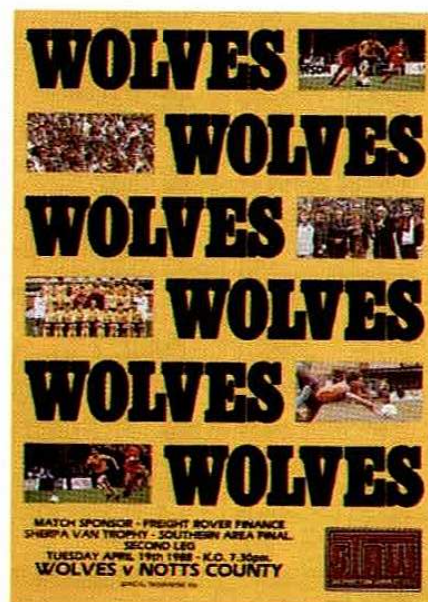
PLATFORM FOR MANY VICTORIES

One of the most popular Wolves players of recent years is undoubtedly the man fondly christened 'Psycho' by Molineux fans - midfielder Keith Downing. His commitment on the pitch was unquestionable and his industrious workrate the platform for many victories as Wolves stormed to the Fourth and Third Division Championships in successive seasons.

Keith was born in Oldbury in July, 1965, and he played his early soccer with his school team, Newton Albion of Smethwick. On leaving school he had a two year apprenticeship with Chelsea but wasn't taken on. So he joined up with non-League Mile Oak Rovers before Notts County took him into League soccer in the winter of 1984.

It was just over three years later, in July 1987, that Graham Turner acquired his services for Wolverhampton Wanderers on a free transfer. It was the start of an affair between player and club that was to last for six happy years during which he not only collected those two Championship medals, but also one from the Sherpa Van Trophy Final against Burnley at Wembley.

Whilst he was never a prolific goalscorer, his tireless enthusiasm for the game captured the hearts of the supporters. Hard in the tackle, but never unfair, he was just the player needed in the climb



from the two basement Leagues where finesse is a word rarely used to describe footballing styles.

In all, Keith played 228 times for Wolves and he scored 11 goals before there was an almost reluctant parting of the ways when he made the short move to St Andrews.

But with the change of venue came a change of luck and in a year with Blues he played just one first team game. Signed by Terry Cooper, he suffered a bad ankle injury in his early days at Birmingham and, by the time he'd recovered, Barry Fry had moved into the manager's chair and brought in a host of players.

Such was the size of the squad, it was clear that there was no room for a despondent Downing. So he moved to another Midlands club, this time Stoke City where he spent a season. He had a short spell on loan with Cardiff before making a final move - this time to Hereford United where a stress fracture in his back meant that his playing days were over at the age of just 31.

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BUSY TIMES

Football is still very much a part of Keith Downing's life even though he has had to hang up his boots. In the close season of 1996 he was offered the job of Youth Team coach at Hereford. The Bulls, relegated from the Football League and struggling because of lack of funds, were so short staffed that he suddenly found himself taking care of the reserve team too.

At the helm was former Wanderers manager Graham Turner who was forced to move upstairs to help keep the club afloat. With only Turner and his former Molineux midfielder in attendance at Edgar Street as coaches, it meant that the role of first team coach was added to the other duties Keith had undertaken.

"I was a bit surprised that it all happened so quickly," said Keith. "I always had the ambition to stay in the game when I'd finished playing - more so on the youth side of things. Because of the difficulties at Hereford, I found that my rise through the ranks was pretty fast. I'm still only 33 but it's a good challenge for me.

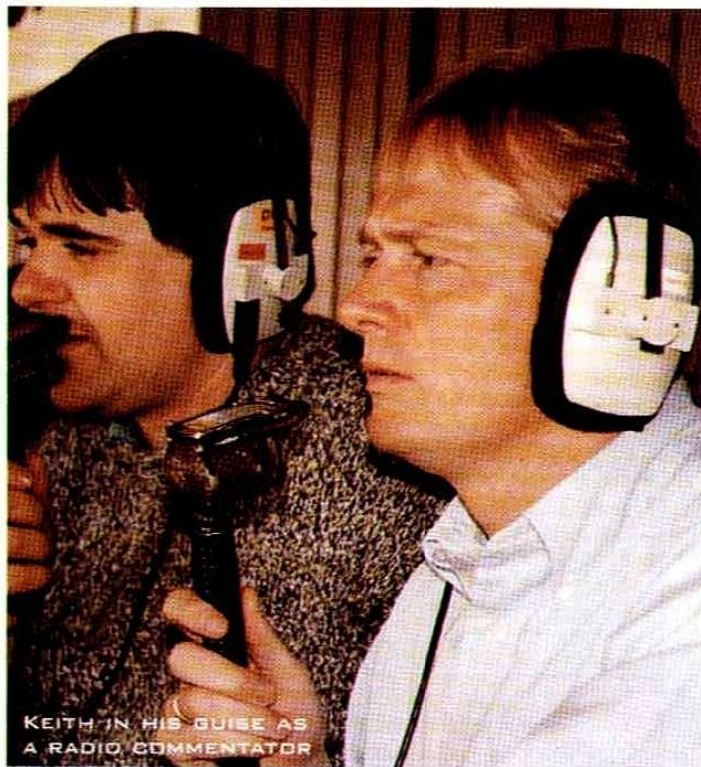
"After I became first team coach we enjoyed a good run and ended last season by going 13 games unbeaten which lifted us up to sixth place in the final table. The team is a very young one and there are a couple of former Molineux boys in it - Gavin Mahon and Richard Leadbeater.

"Obviously, promotion back to the Football League has to be the aim though I know it isn't going to be easy. But the lads are very enthusiastic and it can only do their confidence good playing in the Vauxhall Conference where the standard of football is higher than a lot of people think."

With three teams to coach spare time is very much a rarity though he does find as much as he can to spend with wife Claire and 19 month old son James at their Bromsgrove home. "I do get really busy," he says. "And obviously the family come first when I get some spare time. I hardly ever get the chance for a game of golf now.

"But I do enjoy doing a spot of radio

commentary for Radio WM if there's a night game, and I've been on The Wulf too. I love coming back to Wolverhampton. I've still got lots of friends there and everyone was always very good to me - and they still are in fact. It's almost as if I've never been away from the town."



KEITH IN HIS GUISE AS
A RADIO COMMENTATOR

WEMBLEY CLINCHER

You would probably expect Keith to name the Sherpa Van Trophy Final as the game he remembers most from his days at Wolves. But you would be wrong. It was the game that confirmed Wolves Wembley appearance that holds the fondest memories for him.

"We drew my old club Notts County in the Area Final and did well to hold them to a one all draw at Meadow Lane which set things up for us nicely at Molineux," he recalls.

"Although only two sides of the ground were open, there was a tremendous atmosphere and everyone was really fired up for the game. And we couldn't have had a better start thanks to Bully. With less than half an hour gone he'd scored twice and we were well on our way.

"The icing on the cake came midway through the second half though, when I scored against my old mates. Robbie Dennison took a corner which was only

half cleared. The ball fell just nicely for me on the edge of the box and I hit it on the volley.

"It was one of those that either disappears into the crowd or gets blocked. But I caught it just right and the ball flew into the top corner. After the game I met up with my late father Gordon, along with some friends, and we had a great time in an Italian restaurant on the Tettenhall Road. It was the perfect end to a perfect day - one I'll never forget."

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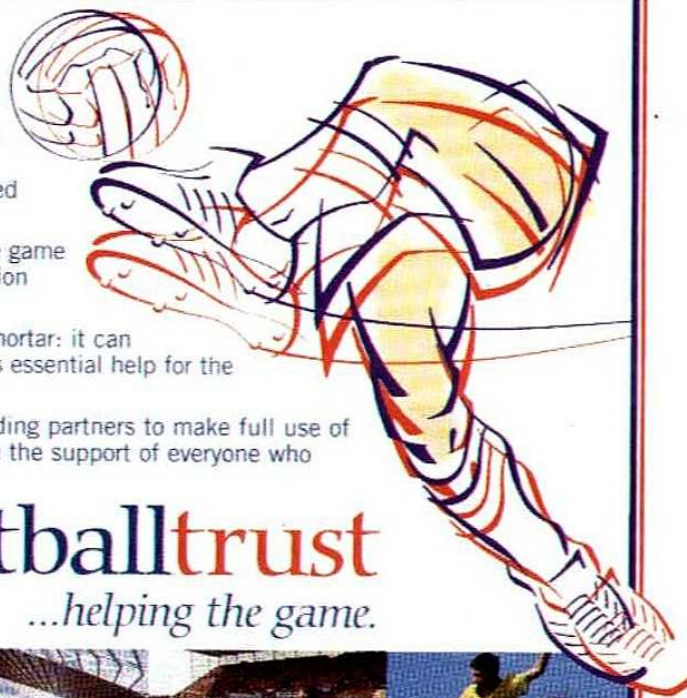
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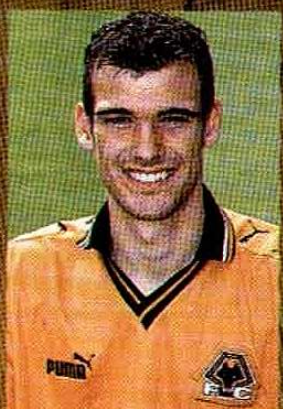
BEST DAYS OF YOUR LIFE!!

Gordon Simms tells us about his school days

WHAT SCHOOL DID YOU GO TO?
Larne High School, Northern Ireland.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT?

PE and English. I enjoyed reading - particularly autobiographies. I've just finished reading Kevin Keegan's.



WHAT SUBJECTS DID YOU HATE?

Maths. I was told by my teacher to give up football for a year and concentrate on my maths work. Obviously I didn't take his advice!

WHAT EXAMS DID YOU PASS?

I passed eight GCSEs. My best grades were in PE and science.

DID YOU PLAY FOR ANY SCHOOL TEAMS?

All I played was football. There was a rugby team which I could have joined, but I wanted to concentrate on football.

WHO WAS YOUR BEST MATE?

Ryan Craig. I see him when I go home for visits. He left school and is now working for an engineering company. I did work experience with a similar company and I hated it. If I hadn't got a football YTS I don't think I'd have been able to go to work, I'd have had to have stayed at school.

IF WE ASKED ANY OF YOUR TEACHERS TO DESCRIBE YOU, WHAT WOULD THEY SAY?

That I never listened and was only interested in playing sport.

YOUNG WOLVES TV TREAT

Young Wolves flexed some muscle at a recent trip to see TV's Gladiators in action.

The young Wolves club gave away 200 tickets to members to go and watch the show take place at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham.

Pictured left to right are Craig Moore, Andrew Taylor, Helen Mills (Young Wolves co-ordinator), Shaun Leaver and Lee Giede.



Did you know that the Young Wolves club offers members, plus one adult, a chance to see Wolves in action at away games for FREE!

Wolves has a junior supporters exchange scheme with most other clubs in the division. To qualify for a free ticket all you have to do is be a member of the Young Wolves club and pay for your travel to the game on a special Young Wolves Travel Club coach.

We are currently taking bookings for Watford, Port Vale and Huddersfield. However, we have a limit of just 50 tickets which will be issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

For more information about the scheme and bookings, please call the Members and Travel department on 01902 656100.

The Telly Tubbies will be at Woolworth's between Tuesday September 1 and Thursday September 3 and any Young Wolf who goes to see the TV favourites will be given free gifts such as Telly Tubby balloons.

Don't forget to take your membership card with you!

TODAY'S MASCOT IS LEANNE PEGG, AGED NINE, FROM ATHERSTONE.

Leanne is a big Steve Bull fan and even has a dog called Bully. Her favourite Wolves game was the match against Bradford last season when Wolves' record breaking striker scored his 300th goal for the club.

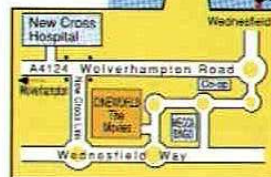
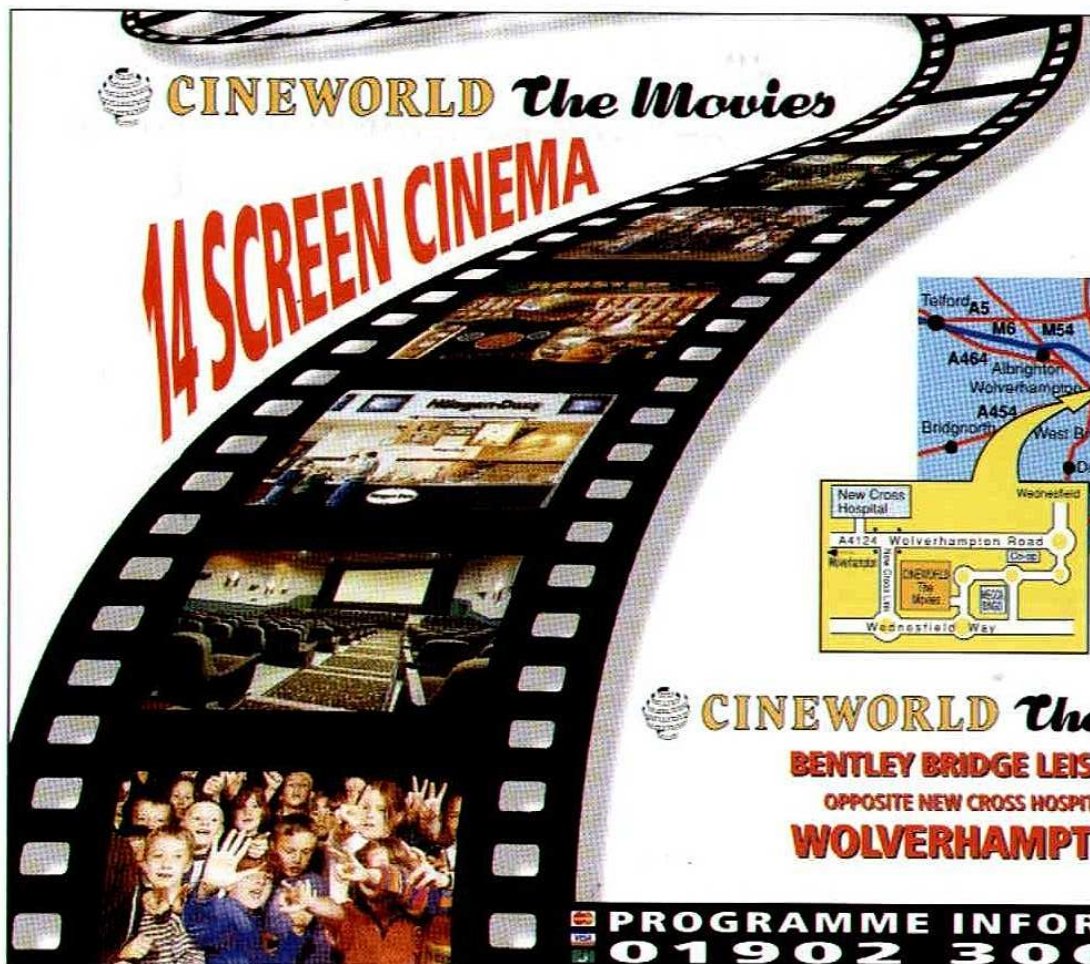
Leanne's brothers, eight year old Daryl and three year old Thomas are also Wolves fans.





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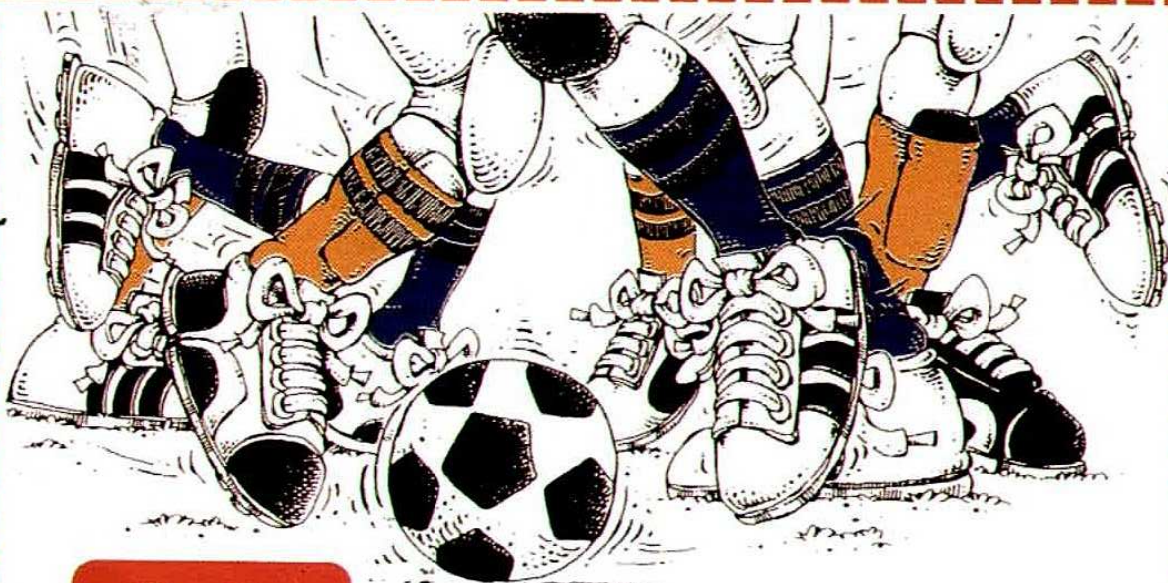
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Dear Ed...



Here is my nephew Harry Watkins. He gets very excited when dressed in gold and black and we dream of the day when he can put on a first team shirt and show that enthusiasm on the pitch!

MARK LEWIS
STOURBRIDGE



This is me, John Robinson, taken in the Dominican Republic outside the Christopher Columbus Lighthouse.

During my holiday there I got married to Carol (an Albion supporter!!), on the 25th April.

JOHN ROBINSON, OLDBURY



During the World Cup, whilst on holiday in Crete, my husband and I became friendly with a Greek family, who were supporters of AEK Athens.

They presented my husband with a cap, scarf and mascot of AEK Athens on the final night of our holiday.

V.A. LYON, SEASON TICKET HOLDER JOHN
ISLAND STAND

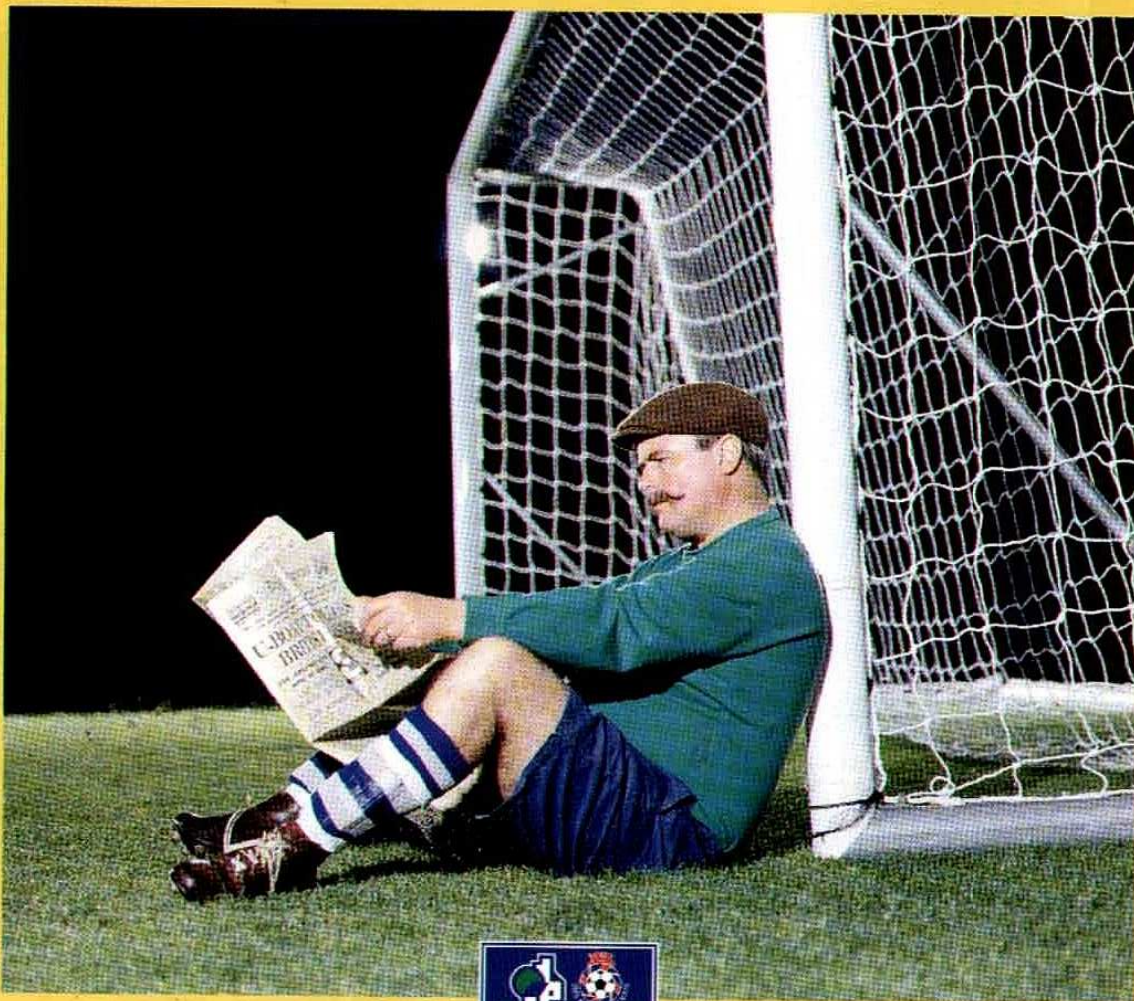


This is my son Ben's bedroom which my wife decorated with stencils of Wolves heads. I have supported Wolves for 48 years and Ben is following the tradition.

PETER WELLS, OXON



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FORTHCOMING GAMES

fast forward

Of the early pacesetters in Division One, successive wins for Wolves, Birmingham and Bruce Rioch's Norwich will not have surprised too many people. But Watford, where Wolves travel next Friday night, were not ranked pre-season as promotion hopefuls and their six-point start deserves due credit.

But then their manager Graham Taylor, has proved time and time again that he knows what he is doing at club level. The former Wolves and England manager led his first footballing love to the Second Division title last spring, after a brilliant first half of season, and has made some interesting transfers this summer.

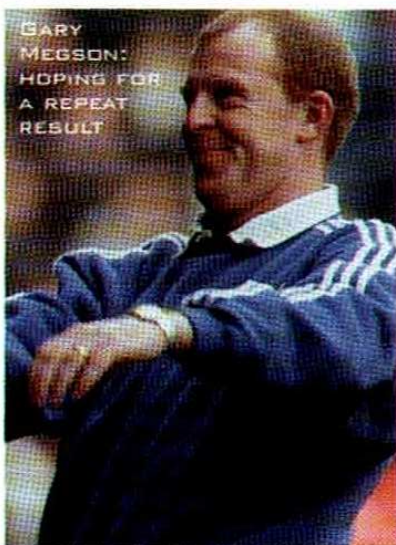
Making his Watford league debut as a substitute in last Saturday's 1-0 win over Bradford was one Tony Daley, released from Molineux in the close season after his horrendous injury problems. He hasn't started a league game since December, 1995,

but, having made his name under Taylor at Aston Villa and winning his seven England caps under the same manager, the 30-year-old winger should at least get the opportunity to prove himself during his three-month contract at Vicarage Road.

Taylor has also dipped into the lower divisions, buying Allan Smart from Carlisle for an initial £75,000, and shopped abroad, bringing Michel Ngonge in on a free transfer from Turkish club Samsunspor. The Zaire international scored Watford's winning goal against Bradford, when Dean Yates, an excellent centre-half bedevilled by injuries during his time at Derby County, made his league debut for Watford.

With the Sky cameras illuminating the fixture, a return to Vicarage Road should provide a lively start to Wolves' Bank Holiday weekend which concludes with the visit to Molineux of Stockport County, 4-3 winners in the corresponding fixture at the end of

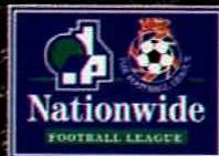
last season, on Monday. Former Molineux star Paul Cook has just returned to their side, though Andy Mutch has moved to Conference side Barrow and Tom Bennett is still out with his broken-leg injury.



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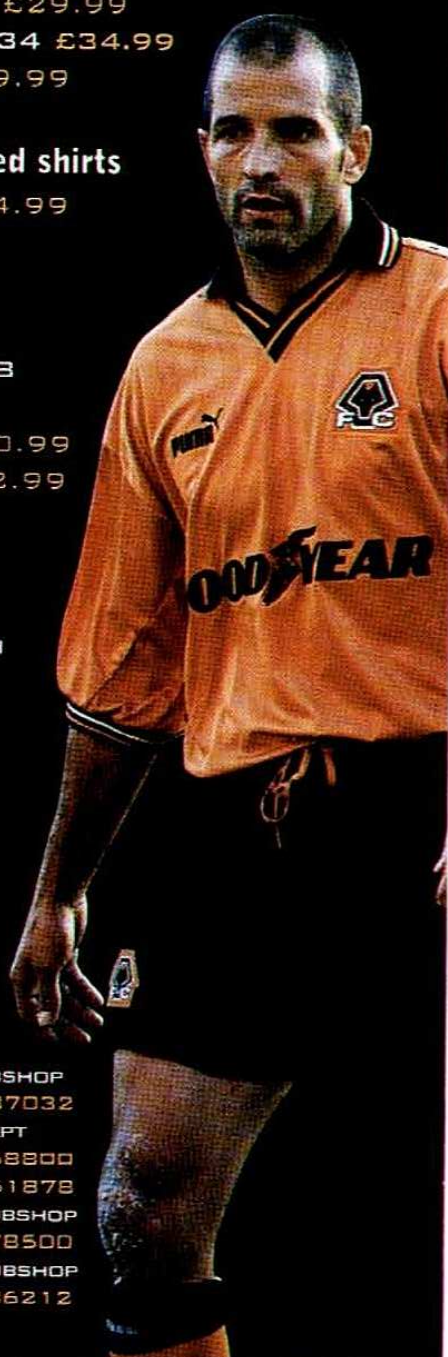
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TAFF DAVIES

this is my matchday

It's my job on matchdays to make sure that the players have everything they need to prepare for the game.

Helping me with my day's work are two YTS lads, Paddy Mitchell and Scott McQuade. The lucky pair have been assigned to assist me all season, and, with the help of four other youth trainees, will see to it that everything runs smoothly for the two teams.

The most important thing to arrange is that our lads all have the right kit to warm up and then play in.

Players have different preferences as to what they want, and you get to know all their individual ways. For instance, Simon Osborn has a lucky vest, and I've just learned that Fernando Gomez likes to wear a brand new pair of socks every game!

While I'm laying out the kit, the YTS lads on duty with me will be making sure that the players' boots are ready and the practice and match footballs are all blown up.

With help from the young lads, and Graham Hughes and Cliff Moss, we make sure that both dressing rooms and the referee's room are stocked with soap and drinks, sandwiches, and a couple of packets of chewing gum to aid concentration!

It's important to keep the place as tidy as possible - which isn't easy when you've got forty or more blokes confined to a

small area! So once everything is ready, we give the place a good tidy-up before the players come in for their meeting. Then the stadium's professional cleaners come in make sure it's spick and span.

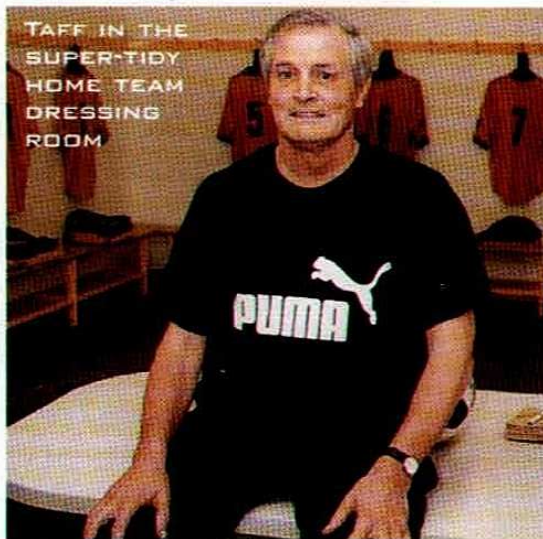
In the meeting, the gaffer goes through the team and makes sure every player knows his job. When that's done, I go around making sure everyone has what they need and I do my bit to get them fired up for the game.

Next, the lads get changed, sort out anything they might need for their guests, and then go out to warm up. This is another opportunity for a quick run around with the broom and mop.

The two team sheets are submitted to the referee 45 minutes before the game by the managers and captains of the two teams. The club press officer is also there to make note of the line-ups to report back to the press room. If the visiting team arrive late, they are probably still getting changed at this stage, so I will do the knocking on their door for the press officer, in order to spare her blushes!

During the match I sit on the bench and offer any help I can. Sometimes the physio or a player might need something which I can easily pop back to the dress-

TAFF IN THE SUPER-TIDY HOME TEAM DRESSING ROOM

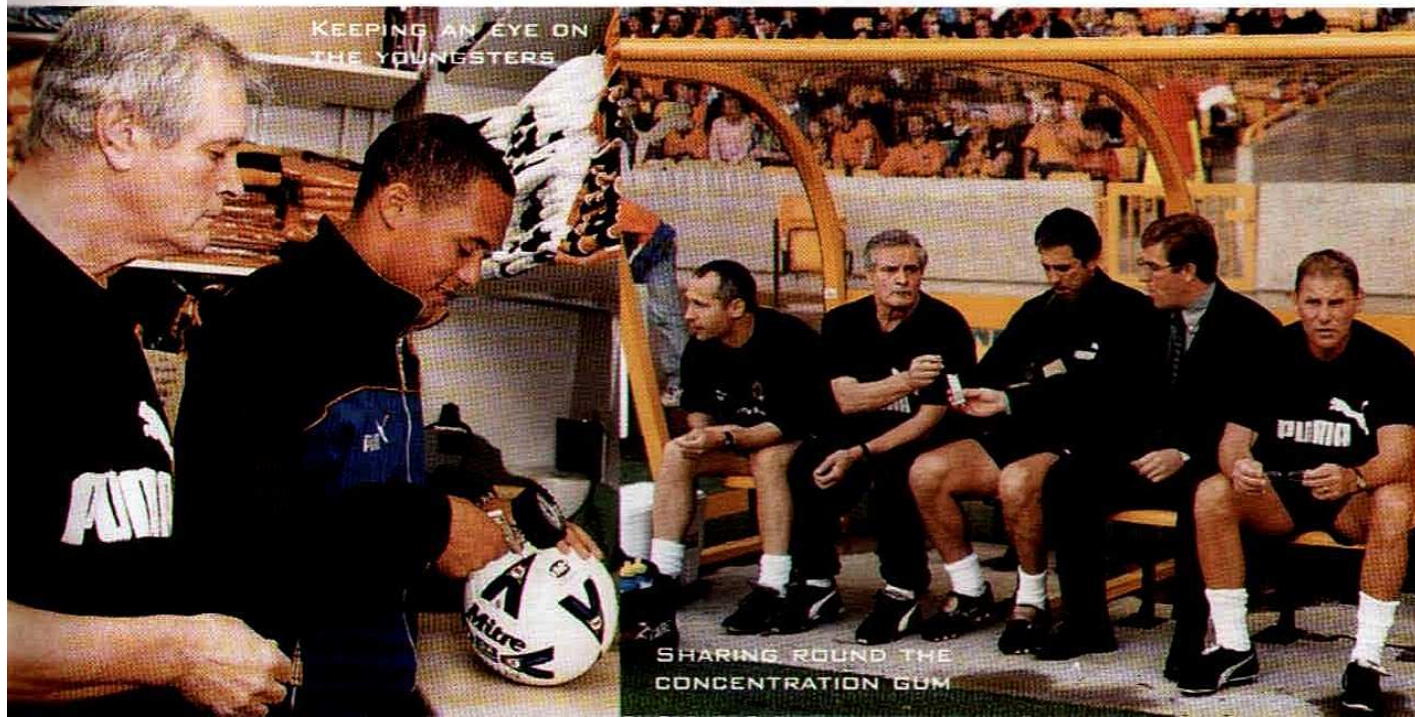


ing room to get.

After the game we have to make sure that all the kit is bagged up ready to go to the laundry and that both dressing rooms are tidy enough for the cleaners to come into. The YTS lads who so far haven't made any contribution then come in and take over from their colleagues who have been working hard, and I put a list of clean-up duties on the noticeboard.

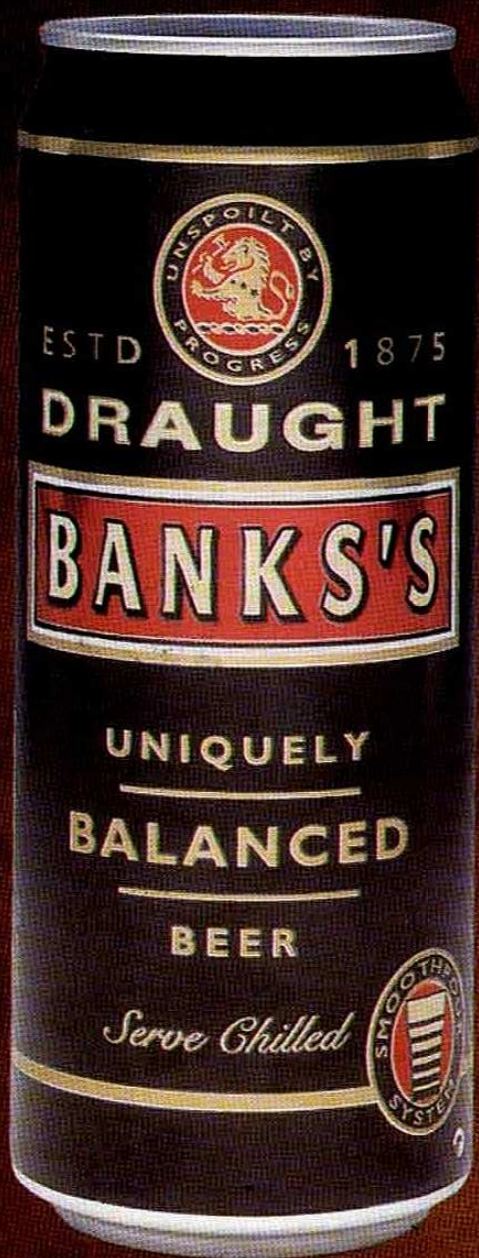
After that, to round off my matchday, it's a quick glass of 'pop' in the Golden Room to hopefully celebrate a Wolves victory!

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Wolves	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	6	
Norwich	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	6	
Watford	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	6	
West Brom	2	1	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	2	2	4	
Bolton	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	2	4	
Sunderland	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	
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Ipswich	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	
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Portsmouth	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	
Swindon	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	
Oxford Utd	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	
QPR	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	
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Up to & including Thursday 20th August 1998

BY

DAVID INSTONE -
EXPRESS & STAR

Norwich midfielder and full Welsh international Craig Bellamy has kicked off the season with a flirtation with Carrow Road history.

Bellamy's goal in last Saturday's 2-1 win at the Stockport side managed by former Canaries boss Gary Megson meant he had scored in five successive matches going back to the end of 1997/98. That left him only two goals, or games, short of the club record set by Errol Crossan in 1958/59 and Ross Jack in 1982.

But the run came to an end with the 1-0 midweek Worthington Cup win at home to Swansea, when the only goal came from former Wolves striker Iwan Roberts. Norwich have signed Manchester City midfielder Ged Brannan on a month's loan.

Albion's Lee Hughes and Birmingham's Dele Adebola have also been on the goal standard with vengeance in the opening two weeks of the campaign, their contribution to a scorching start here in the West Midlands being underlined by three and four goals so far.

Adebola's feat for a Blues side who nudged back above Wolves in the table with their televised 3-1 home win over Crystal Palace on Sunday, could prove particularly lucrative. A £25,000 BMW is on offer to the first Blues player to hit 25 goals this term! He scored again in the Cup at Millwall on Wednesday.

Blues, like Wolves, went through the entire close season without buying, but swung into transfer-market action by tying up the £1m capture of Derby defender Gary Rowett and parading him before their third win in three games.

Albion may have started brightly, like their two neighbours, in the League, but they came a right cropper in their Worthington Cup return at

Brentford, hammered 3-0 on the night and 4-2 on aggregate during a week in which six First Division clubs perished to lower-grade opponents.

One of them was Graham Taylor's Watford, who had Tony Daley in their League line-up for the first time when he went on as a sub for the final minutes of their second successive First Division win - 1-0 at home to Bradford. But the Hornets, who stung many a big club in the 1970's and 1980's, found the boot on the other foot on Tuesday as Cambridge clung to a 1-1 draw at Vicarage Road that put them through over two legs.

A bright spot for Taylor has been 31-year-old Michel Ngonge, a Belgium-born striker of Zaïrean parents who has been playing in Turkey. He this summer became the manager's first-ever signing on the evidence of video-film alone and has quickly responded with a goal in both the League and the Worthington Cup.

No-one can accuse Bradford of having been dormant in the marketplace, but their dealings have not yet paid dividends.

They go into action today still seeking their first Division One points of the campaign despite breaking their highest outlay for the second time in a few days by splashing £1.3m on Arsenal reserve forward Isaiah Rankin. Paul Jewell had earlier recruited former Wolves striker Lee Mills from Port Vale for around £1m.

Rankin, 20, scorer of 68 goals in 114 appearances for the Gunners' youth and reserve teams, and five in 11 while on loan at Colchester, got off the mark for Bradford when he scored their winner in a tense two-leg cup struggle with Lincoln.

The Port Vale side Mills has left behind has made a miserable start. As well as going out to Chester in the Worthington Cup, and having Allen Tankard and new signing Peter Beadle injured in the process, they have lost their first two League matches - the latter of

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focus

them perhaps surprisingly.

Four years on the trot, they had won away to Huddersfield, most crucially and spectacularly on the last day of last term. But they lost 2-1 at the McAlpine Stadium seven days ago, although the Yorkshire club saw Steve Jenkins become their second player to be red-carded in First Division games this term.

Kevin Phillips, top scorer in Division One last season, celebrated the signing of a new four-year contract at Sunderland by driving in the Wearersiders' equaliser at Swindon last weekend and getting on the score-sheet again in the midweek second-leg Wothington win at home to York.

How newly-promoted Grimsby could do with some of Phillips' goals! They failed to trouble the scorers for the fourth time in four matches when they drew 0-0 at Preston in their cup second leg. Fortunately, they were more potent with penalties and went through in the shoot-out! Last Saturday, they lost 2-0 in the League away to a Bolton side, for whom Dean Holdsworth and Nathan Blake were again on target.

Bury appear to be enjoying life under Neil Warnock. Well up the table after four points from their opening two games, they ran amok with a 4-1 cup win at Burnley despite falling behind just before half-time.

And another of last season's First Division new arrivals, Crewe, have clicked following two opening defeats. They saw off Barnsley with two rare goals by Chris Lightfoot and then overturned a first-leg deficit to put out Oldham at Gresty Road, thanks to new signing Ross Jack.

Goals, too, at last at Ipswich, who hit Exeter for five to complete a 6-2 aggregate win three days after their second successive goalless League deadlock. One of them came from Alex Mathie, who has been a transfer target for Preston.

Portsmouth's much-changed forward

line came up with the goods for the second time against South Coast rivals Plymouth while Bristol City eased off the throttle to lose 4-3 in a meaningless second leg at Shrewsbury, just as they had yielded a last-minute First Division equaliser to Karl Raddy at QPR last weekend.

The other Cup sufferers this week were Stockport, Oxford and Swindon.

KEVIN
PHILLIPS:
NEW CONTRACT





how they lined up

Appearances and goals 1998-9

		LGE	FA	WC	TL
ATKINS	aps	0	0	0(1)	0(1)
	gls	0	0	0	0
BULL	aps	2	0	2	4
	gls	1	0	3	4
CORICA	aps	1	0	0	1
	gls	0	0	0	0
CURLIE	aps	2	0	2	4
	gls	1	0	0	1
EMBLEM	aps	1	0	1	2
	gls	0	0	0	0
FROGGATT	aps	2	0	1(1)	3(1)
	gls	0	0	0	0
GILKES	aps	0	0	0(1)	0(1)
	gls	0	0	0	0
GOMEZ	aps	1	0	1	2
	gls	0	0	0	0
JONES	aps	0	0	0(1)	0(1)
	gls	0	0	0	0
KEANE	aps	2	0	2	4
	gls	1	0	2	3
MUSCAT	aps	2	0	2	4
	gls	0	0	0	0
NAYLOR	aps	1	0	2	3
	gls	0	0	0	0
OSBORN	aps	2	0	2	4
	gls	1	0	1	2
RICHARDS	aps	2	0	2	4
	gls	0	0	0	0
ROBINSON	aps	1	0	1	2
	gls	0	0	0	0
SEDGLEY	aps	1(1)	0	1	2(1)
	gls	0	0	0	0
SIMPSON	aps	0	0	1	1
	gls	0	0	0	0
STOWELL	aps	2	0	2	4
	gls	0	0	0	0

Stats up to and including Thursday 20th Aug 1998

DATE	DAY	OPPONENTS	ATTN	F-A	Pos	1	2
AUGUST 1998							
Sat Aug 8		TRANMERE ROVERS	H	2-0	2	Stowell	Muscat
Tue Aug 11		Barnet, W Cup 1(1)	A	1-2	-	Stowell	Muscat
Sat Aug 15		Oxford United	A	2-0	1	Stowell	Muscat
Tue Aug 18		BARNET, W Cup 1(2)	H	5-0	-	Stowell	Muscat
Sat Aug 22		SWINDON TOWN	H				
Fri Aug 28		Watford	A				
Mon Aug 31		STOCKPORT COUNTY	H				
SEPTEMBER 1998							
Sat Sep 5		Ipswich Town	A				
Tue Sep 8		Port Vale	A				
Sat Sep 12		SUNDERLAND	H				
Tue Sep 15		W Cup 2(1)					
Sat Sep 19		Huddersfield Town	A				
Tue Sep 22		W Cup 2(2)					
Sat Sep 26		BURY	H				
Tue Sep 29		QPR	H				
OCTOBER 1998							
Sat Oct 3		Crewe Alexandra	A				
Sat Oct 10		SHEFFIELD UNITED	H				
Sat Oct 17		Portsmouth	A				
Tue Oct 20		Crystal Palace	A				
Sat Oct 24		GRIMSBY TOWN	H				
Tue Oct 27		W Cup 3					
Sat Oct 31		BARNLEY	H				
NOVEMBER 1998							
Sat Nov 7		Bristol City	A				
Tue Nov 10		W Cup 4					
Sat Nov 14		Norwich City	A				
Sun Nov 22		BIRMINGHAM CITY	H				
Sun Nov 29		West Bromwich Albion	A				
DECEMBER 1998							
Tue Dec 1		W Cup 5					
Sat Dec 5		BOLTON WANDERERS	H				
Sat Dec 12		NORWICH CITY	H				
Sat Dec 19		Bradford City	A				
Sat Dec 26		Swindon Town	A				
Mon Dec 28		IPSWICH TOWN	H				
JANUARY 1999							
Sat Jan 2		FAC3					
Sat Jan 9		Tranmere Rovers	A				
Sat Jan 16		WATFORD	H				
Sat Jan 23		FAC4					
Tue Jan 26		W Cup semi-final (1)					
Sat Jan 30		Stockport County	A				
FEBRUARY 1999							
Sat Feb 6		OXFORD UNITED	H				
Sat Feb 13		PORT VALE / FAC5	H				
Tue Feb 16		W Cup semi-final (2)					
Sat Feb 20		Sunderland	A				
Sat Feb 27		HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H				
MARCH 1999							
Tue Mar 2		Bury	A				
Sat Mar 6		QPR / FAC6	A				
Tue Mar 9		CREWE ALEXANDRA	H				
Sat Mar 13		BRISTOL CITY	H				
Sat Mar 20		Barnsley	A				
Sun Mar 21		W Cup Final					
Sat Mar 27		Grimsby Town	A				
APRIL 1999							
Sat Apr 3		PORTSMOUTH	H				
Mon Apr 5		Sheffield United	A				
Sat Apr 10		C PALACE/FAC semi-final	H				
Sat Apr 17		Birmingham City	A				
Sun Apr 25		WEST BROM ALBION	H				
MAY 1999							
Sat May 1		Bolton Wanderers	A				
Sun May 9		BRADFORD CITY	H				
Sat May 22		FAC Final					

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Froggatt	Richards	Emblen	Curle 88(P)	Corica	Robinson	Bull	Keane 20	Osborn	Naylor	Paatelainen	Sedgley 7s
Naylor	Richards	Emblen	Curle	Osborn 76	Robinson	Bull	Keane	Simpson	Froggatt 3s	Bray	Sedgley
Naylor	Richards	Sedgley	Curle	Froggatt	Gomez	Bull 45	Keane	Osborn 78	Atkins	Paatelainen	Gilkes
Naylor	Richards	Sedgley	Curle	Froggatt	Gomez	Bull 14,36,80	Keane 45, 75	Osborn	Gilkes 3s	Bray	Atkins

PRESENTATION TIME

Pictured receiving a gift from Mark Atkins, is Jim Sharma, proprietor of Wednesfield Radio Cars, Big Match Sponsors of the Tranmere game.



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how they line up

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8. George Ndah

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11. Ty Gooden

12. Sol Davis

13. Chris Hay

14. Philippe Cuervo

