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AN ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE FOR ADE

Ade Akinbiyi's Nigerian career didn't get off to a winning start, but he did find the net - almost!

Ade put the ball past Greece's keeper, but he was adjudged to be offside. It was not a decision the Wolves striker was entirely in agreement with.

"I looked at the TV replay afterwards and I thought my goal looked OK," says Ade. "But unfortunately the referee said it was off-side."

"We didn't enjoy the best preparations for the game. We didn't get to train until the morning of the match, which is hardly the best way to do things."

"But overall I enjoyed the experience. I was pleased to be given a shirt, and to start and finish the game."

"The manager said that I'd given one hundred percent and that he was pleased with my attitude."

"As for the actual match, we played quite well going forward, but need to get better organised defensively."

"We are hoping to sign a new coach from Holland. He came out to watch us and if we can get him signed up I think he will be able to get us better organised."

"The next game is against South Africa and that will be a very big match for us."

Ade returns to League action today hoping to deliver the fans another top performance like the one against Grimsby, but he has warned them not to expect as many goals.

He says: "I think Swindon will come here and make the game very difficult for us. I think they will defend and we will win it by a goal."

Ade is also looking forward to welcoming his old Norwich striking partner Iffy Onuora to Molineux, but has already told him not to expect any favours.

"Iffy's told me that he's going to come looking for me on Saturday," laughs Ade.

"I told him that I was going to let my feet do my talking!"



WELSH MEETING

Although no game was scheduled for the Welsh team during the recent period of internationals, Carl Robinson joined up with the senior squad for three days training at Newport last weekend.

CUP DRAW

The draw for the third round of the FA Cup takes place at Wembley tomorrow at 5.45pm and will be broadcast live on ITV, Radio 5 and Talk Radio. Wolves' number is 43. Ties will be played on the weekend of Saturday December 11.



LEE'S RED FACE

Lee Naylor was a little red in the cheeks after hearing news of his recent call-up to the England under 21 squad.

But it wasn't a case of being flushed with excitement - it was embarrassment!

Not expecting to receive such good news, Lee was convinced that the call asking him to report to the training camp was a prank by his Wolves team mates.

He explains: "A lady from the FA, who was in Leeds where the under 21s were training, called me to say I'd been selected. I thought it was a friend of one of the Wolves lads who was trying to set me up, so I said 'yeah, yeah, who are you trying to kid' and put the phone down.

"She called back and I asked her who had put her up to it. She insisted she was for real but I just wasn't having any of it.

"Then, half an hour after the lady had given up trying to convince me, I got a call from the gaffer. She decided to ring him instead and get him to speak to me.

"When Colin rang I couldn't believe it. I was really pleased to be called up but how embarrassing that I thought it was all a wind-up!"

Unfortunately the game against Yugoslavia was called off at the last minute, but the experience of training with the under 21 squad made the trip worthwhile for Lee.

He says: "We spent three days training and it was fantastic to spend time with such good young players. I roomed with Joe Cole and really enjoyed the experience of being with the England camp.

"Howard Wilkinson selected a starting eleven for a training game and I was in that, so I think that I would have played had the game gone ahead.

"It would have been my under 21 debut so I was gutted when the match was called off. But I'm only 19 so I will qualify for the squad for another two years.

"Howard called us all together and told us the game was off. But he said that we were to keep our heads up and that there would be other opportunities in the future.

"I hope so!"

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"We are quietly satisfied with the recent purchases and the way the team is coming together. I think the fans can see what we are trying to achieve."

John Ward

YOUTH DATE

Wolves youth team will go into FA Cup action against Derby at the Baseball Ground (not Pride Park) on Wednesday December 1 at 7pm. Tickets cost £3 adults and £1 concessions. In the event of a draw, the replay will take place at Molineux on Tuesday December 7.

HAAVARD'S BACK

Haavard Flo made his return from injury in the reserves' one-all draw with Birmingham City. The Norwegian striker completed XX minutes of football unscathed. See page 13 for full match report.



THE BREAK IN THE LEAGUE PROGRAMME GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO OUR RESERVE PLAYERS

Having quite a few players away on international duty resulted in a few changes to our training programme.

Having fewer players report for training actually meant that we were able to work in more concentrated periods, devoting more time to individuals. Not having a match to prepare for last weekend also meant that we could include more physical sessions and really work on our fitness levels.

The break in the League programme also gave me the opportunity to pay greater attention to our reserve players. We prepared the team for the reserve match against Birmingham the way myself and John Ward would normally prepare the senior side.

We organised a practice match but instead of focusing our attention on

the first team players, we scrutinised the reserves.

I think both the young players and the coaching staff benefited from the morning's work and it certainly gave me the opportunity to have a close look at our youngsters.

One thing I can not fault them for is their attitude on the training field. They are all attentive and hard working but, if they are to break through into the first team, they must produce more consistent performances as individuals and as a unit.

We definitely have some good strong talent within our junior professional ranks, but consistent performances are the key to a successful professional career.

I felt we showed Birmingham - who

fielded an experienced side - too much respect on the night. But otherwise it was a good performance from our players.

With no first team matches to plan for, I spent the extra time we had available out and about watching games and looking at players we have highlighted as being worth keeping track of.

I also went to the Swindon v Norwich game to check out today's opponents. Unfortunately, owing to the fact that John and myself left just before the end, I didn't see Jimmy Quinn make his return to action.

Jimmy - who I worked with at Reading - pulled on his boots for the last few minutes of the game and - I'm told - almost scored!

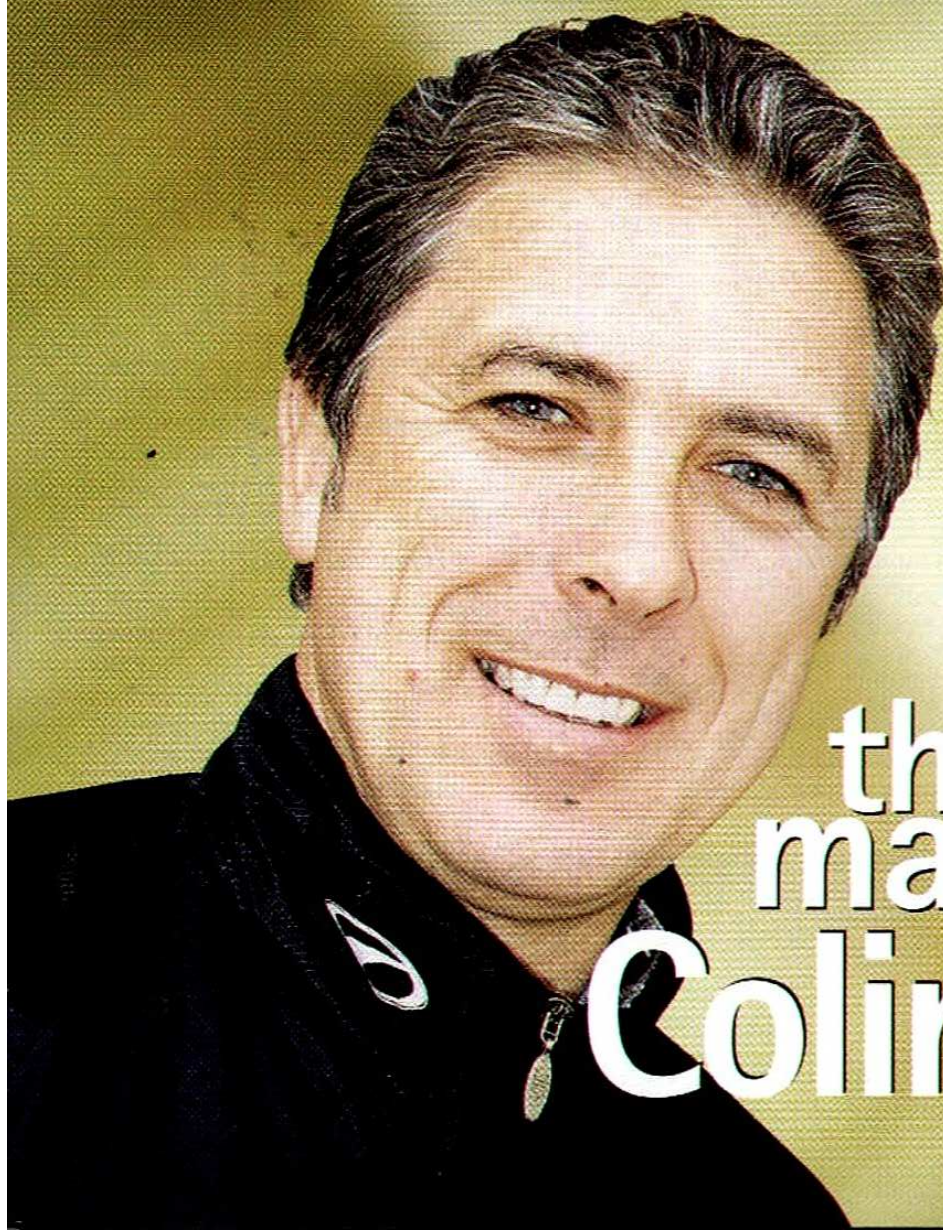
Jimmy is one of the best finishers I've ever worked with and I wouldn't be surprised to see his name on a scoresheet again before he hangs up his boots for good, but hopefully not today.

With Mark Walters gone and George Ndah sold, Swindon are having to cope with limited resources. But, despite the difficult circumstances Jimmy, is doing very well. I'm sure his team will come to Molineux this afternoon determined not to give anything away.

I am continuing to look for potential loan signings while George is out injured. Unfortunately one of my targets is about to be sold by his club and another, who we were waiting to return to full fitness, told us that he had given a commitment to another club to go to them on loan.

However, I am sure that there are other targets and myself and John will be working hard to bring them in.

Enjoy today's game and thanks for your support



the
manager
Colin Lee



WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FC

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1974, 1980

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1971

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1988

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1958-59, 1959-60

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participation:
1960-61

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1974-75, 1980-81

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I FELT A SENSE OF PRIDE THAT OUR PLAYERS WERE BEING CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES

We return to our League programme today after a break for international action.

Obviously the headlines have been dominated by the England v Scotland encounters, but elsewhere other games and training sessions have taken place which have involved Wolves players.

Nowadays when international squads are announced, we all worry about the consequences that the selection of our players might have on our League programme.

We worry that we might have to go into an important game without a key player, or that a game will be postponed and later cause fixture congestion. Then there's the possibility of your players suffering jet-lag when they return, or - worse still - getting injured during their game.

I too shared these concerns when I was told of the selection of Ade Akinbiyi, Kevin Muscat and Steve Corica, but I also felt a sense of pride that our players were being chosen to represent their respective countries.

During this international period Carl Robinson has also been training with his Welsh team mates and Lee Naylor was called up to the England under 21 squad. Had George Ndah not broken his leg, he too would have been joining Ade with the Nigerians.

Having these players recognised at

international level is - while sometimes inconvenient - a tribute to the club, its management and players. It is also something we, as supporters, should be very proud of.

We return to League action today and mark the occasion by opening our disabled room for business.

Sports Minister Kate Hoey officially cut the tape last week and I would like to thank her for her visit. I would also like to thank the Patients Aid Association for funding the room's refurbishment.

While the first team took a break from competitive action, the reserves kept us entertained with a game against Birmingham City. We chose the fixture to stage another of our Family Fun Nights and we were delighted with the attendance of 3,500.

Many of the kids who came along were enjoying their first ever live football match, and they clearly enjoyed themselves.

We look forward to hosting another fun night in the future.



The
managing
director
John Richards

WOLVES 3

GRIMSBY TOWN 0

BIG MATCH ACTION

MATCH STATISTICS

WOLVES

TEAM: Stowell, Muscat, Curle, Emblen, Osborn (Simpson 86), Akinbiyi, Sinton, Naylor, Corica (Robinson 69), Sedgley, Taylor

SUBS UNUSED: Oakes, Green, Tudor

GRIMSBY TOWN

TEAM: Coyne, Butterfield, Lever, Smith, Groves, Gallimore, Coldicott, Hamilton, Smith, Ashcroft (Allen 77), Lester

SUBS UNUSED: Buckley, Burnett, Black, Croudson

BOOKINGS: Hamilton (foul 10), Robinson (foul 83)

SENT OFF: Groves (violent conduct 45)

GOALS: Akinbiyi 6, 79, 89 ATTENDANCE: 19,036

Eight goals in the last nine games - it's a record any striker would be proud of.

Ade Akinbiyi's hat-trick against Grimsby earned him the matchball, and Man of the Match accolades.

Andy Sinton was back in a starting line up which had Kevin Muscat and Ludovic Pollet absent through suspension, and George Ndah through injury.

Also starting were Lee Naylor and Steve Corica who partnered Ade in attack.

It was Sinton's cross which led to the first goal after just six minutes - the new goal hero of Molineux slotting a shot under Grimsby keeper Danny Coyne.

After Corica had twice just missed his chance to increase the lead, the visitors were dealt the blow of having Paul Groves sent off for lashing out at a felled Simon Osborn.

It was Sinton who again created the opportunity for Ade to increase his tally, crossing a perfectly timed ball to be headed home on 79 minutes.

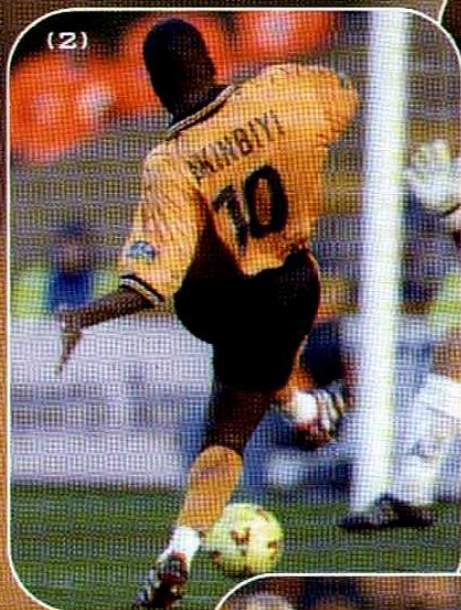
The hat-trick was complete one minute before time - this time Taylor supplying the cross which helped secure the biggest win of the season and extended the unbeaten run to eight games.

Ade celebrates his hat-trick in his own inimitable style

WOLVES 3

GRIMSBY TOWN 0

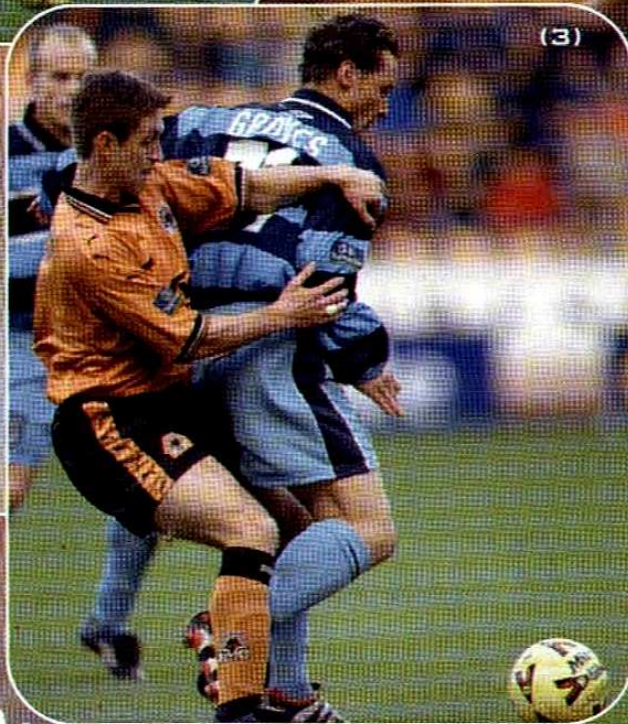
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ATCH ACTION



- (1) Neil Emblen leaves Stacy Coldicott on the wrong foot
- (2) Ade Akinbiyi slots home the first of his treble
- (3) Simon Osborn looks determined to get around Paul Groves
- (4) The gaffer grabs someone's attention

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BY TERRY CONNOR - COACH

WOLVES 1

BIRMINGHAM CITY 1

Team: Oakes, Green, Loughlin, Andrews, Williams, Simms, Niestroj, Crowe, Jones (Carrigan 81), Flo (Larkin 74), Proudlock (Tudor 74), Unused subs: Kerr, Lescott.

I thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere generated at the Family Fun Night on Monday evening when the reserves took on Birmingham City at Molineux. It was a great night out for families and I'm sure many youngsters got their first taste of live soccer.

I hope they enjoyed what they saw and that they continue to show a healthy interest in the game. Long may night's like last Monday's continue. The more people we can get into the ground, even for a reserve fixture, the better.

There were plenty of incidents in the game for the crowd to talk about. The two penalties that were awarded in the first half I didn't consider to be justified. The one that was awarded for Kevin Poole's foul on Adam Proudlock in the second period was more clear cut but, unfortunately, the keeper managed to keep out Seamus Crowe's spot kick.

For the record, the first half penalties were both converted, Seamus getting ours in the 22nd minute, and Martin Grainger getting the equaliser for City just before half-time.

When you look at the line up we

terry's talk

put out, it was a very young and inexperienced one in comparison to Birmingham's team. I believe that every one of their players has played in the first team and they fielded some well known names.

So, looking at the result, I suppose that one all doesn't look too bad. But, knowing the players as I do, I felt disappointed at the end of the game. Playing against such opposition was an ideal opportunity for them to go out and show the manager and coaching staff at Molineux exactly what they can do.

They had the chance to prove that if a first team chance came along, that they were capable of filling it. This was a night where they had the chance to go out and express themselves and show just how they are developing.

But they fell a bit short of the mark. People might think that I'm a hard taskmaster but I feel that in every game they play in, they should improve their reputation. All of the Birmingham players have got their reputations, some our younger lads are still earning theirs.

This isn't a criticism, it's a genuine disappointment because I know, and they know, that they can do it. With the exception of Gordon Simms, who I felt was superb, and Robert Niestroj, who tried to stamp some authority on the game, I believe we showed Birmingham too much respect.

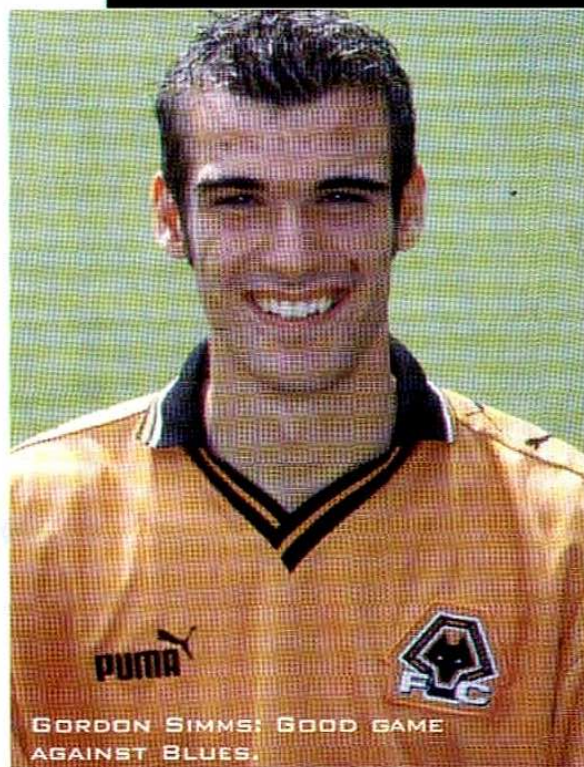
The boys have to know that when they get into the first team, they'll be looking at a team sheet like the Birmingham one every week. I'm very disappointed for them because it was, as I say, a missed opportunity.

It just showed me that there's still a lot of work to be done if they're to realise their dream of first team football.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS FC PONTIN'S LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION FIXTURES SEASON 1999/2000

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	F/A	SCORERS
Mon 16 Aug	West Brom Albion	H	0-0	
Wed 1 Sep	Oldham Athletic	A	2-1	Niestroj, Tudor
Wed 8 Sep	Huddersfield Town	A	1-0	Niestroj
Mon 13 Sep	Burnley	H	3-1	Jones, Corica, Taylor
Wed 29 Sep	Stoke City	A	3-1	Proudlock 2, Green
Wed 6 Oct	Port Vale	A	0-3	
Wed 20 Oct	Manchester City	H	0-2	
Wed 3 Nov	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-1	
Mon 15 Nov	Birmingham City	H	1-1	Crowe (pen)
Mon 29 Nov	Grimsby Town	H		
Mon 13 Dec	Preston North End	A		
Tue 4 Jan	Port Vale	H		
Mon 17 Jan	Stoke City	H		
Mon 24 Jan	Oldham Athletic	H		
Wed 2 Feb	West Brom Albion	A		
Wed 16 Feb	Birmingham City	A		
Wed 23 Feb	Burnley	A		
Mon 28 Feb	Huddersfield Town	H		
Mon 13 Mar	Preston North End	H		
Tue 28 Mar	Grimsby Town	A		
Tue 11 Apr	Manchester City	A		
Mon 17 Apr	Tranmere Rovers	H		

Please note that at present it is our intention to stage all our home Pontin's league fixtures at Molineux, and unless otherwise notified, with a 7.00pm kick-off.



GORDON SIMMS: GOOD GAME AGAINST BLUES.

the kids are alright



BY KEITH DOWNING -
YOUTH COACH

YOUTH ALLIANCE SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	F/A	SCORERS
Sat 14 Aug	West Brom Albion	A	0-3	
Sat 28 Aug	Walsall	H	2-0	Tudor, Easter
Sat 4 Sep	Northampton Town	A	3-1	Tudor, McQuade, Willis
Sat 11 Sep	Oxford United	H	1-0	Coleman
Tue 21 Sep	Shrewsbury Town MYC	H	3-0	Larkin 2, McQuade
Sat 25 Sep	Luton Town	H	5-0	Leonard 2, McQuade, Barrett, Dickson
Sat 2 Oct	Shrewsbury Town	H	1-1	Easter
Sat 16 Oct	Cambridge United	A	1-3	Tudor
Sat 23 Oct	Wycombe Wanderers-Cup	A	3-2	Larkin 3 (2 pens)
Sat 6 Nov	Oxford United-Cup	H	3-0	Larkin, Easter, Dickson
Tue 9 Nov	Walsall - Cup	H	4-0	Larkin 2, Downes, Lescott
Sat 13 Nov	Northampton Town-Cup	A	3-1	Easter 2, Larkin
Sat 20 Nov	West Brom Albion-Cup	H		
Sat 27 Nov	Northampton Town	H		
Sat 4 Dec	Oxford United	A		
Sat 11 Dec	Notts County	H		
Sat 18 Dec	Luton Town	A		
Sat 8 Jan	Cambridge United	H		
Sat 15 Jan	Shrewsbury Town	A		
Sat 22 Jan	West Brom Albion	H		
Sat 29 Jan	Cup (2)			
Sat 12 Feb	Walsall	A		
Wed 1 Mar	Cup Quarter Final			
Wed 22 Mar	Cup Semi Final			
Sun 16 Apr	Cup Final			
Sat 26 Feb	Merit Game*			
Sat 4 Mar	Merit Game			
Sat 11 Mar	Merit Game			
Sat 18 Mar	Merit Game			
Sat 25 Mar	Merit Game			
Sat 1 Apr	Merit Game			
Sat 8 Apr	Merit Game			
Sat 15 Apr	Merit Game			
Sat 22 Apr	Merit Game			
Sat 29 Apr	Merit Game			

Notts County A To be arranged

Unless otherwise notified kick-off for all these games will be 11.00am

*Merit games - Ten dates are available for these but we will actually only participate in eight games. Opponents will be notified after the completion of the league fixtures.

We had a busy week with three games in seven days. It's the first time this season that we've had such a hectic programme of competitive matches, and I'm pleased to report that the team won all three fixtures.

We began our run with a visit from Oxford United. On many occasions you can walk away from a game where the scoreline does little to reflect your performance - be it a good or a bad one. But in this game we thoroughly deserved our three-nil victory.

We worked hard to get more players in the box and carved out several good opportunities.

Our goals were scored by Colin Larkin, Andrew Dickson and Jermaine Easter.

We followed up this solid performance with a Midland Youth Cup game against Walsall at Molineux.

It is always a big occasion to play on the main pitch, and our players rose to the occasion.

We took an early lead through Larkin, but it was during the second half that we really demonstrated our positive play. We had been guilty of one or two lapses of concentration in the first half, but goals from Lee Downes, Shane Tudor and another strike from Larkin made sure we finished the night with a flourish.

Thanks to all those who came along to cheer the boys on. We hope you enjoyed the game.

Our final match of the three-game stretch was

away to Northampton where I rested one or two of the boys.

Our opening 30 minutes saw some nicely controlled play with plenty of useful possession.

We took the lead through Easter but, credit to Northampton, they fought back to equalise just before the break.

The second half was quite an evenly matched affair, but we continued to plug away and Larkin and Easter scored to make the final score 3-1.

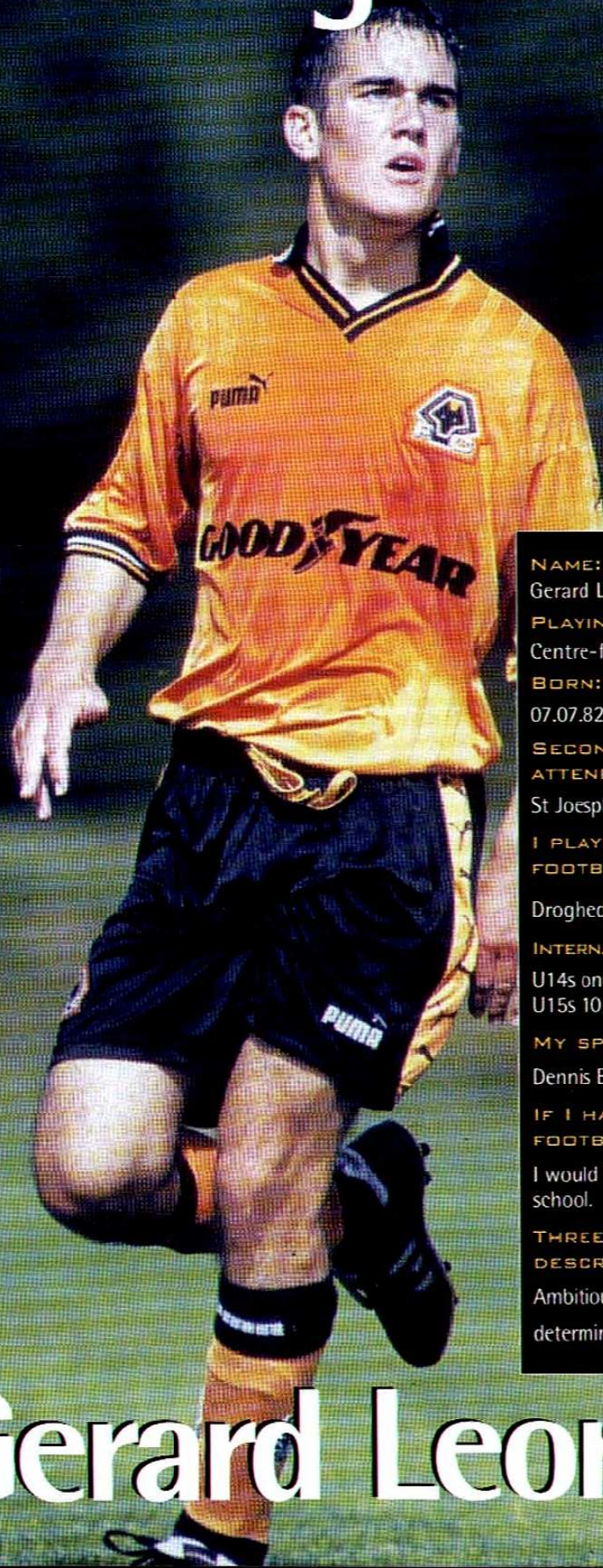
We face West Bromwich Albion today in the last league-stage match of the Alliance Youth League Cup.

We are hoping to avenge the 3-0 defeat we suffered at their hands on the opening day of the season, and I look forward to bringing you news of this game in the next programme.

ANDREW DICKSON: ON TARGET
AGAINST OXFORD



introducing...



NAME:

Gerard Leonard

PLAYING POSITION:

Centre-forward

BORN:

07.07.82 Drogheda, Ireland

**SECONDARY SCHOOL
ATTENDED:**

St Josephs CBS, Drogheda

**I PLAYED SCHOOLBOY
FOOTBALL FOR:**

Drogheda Boys

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MY SPORTING HERO IS:

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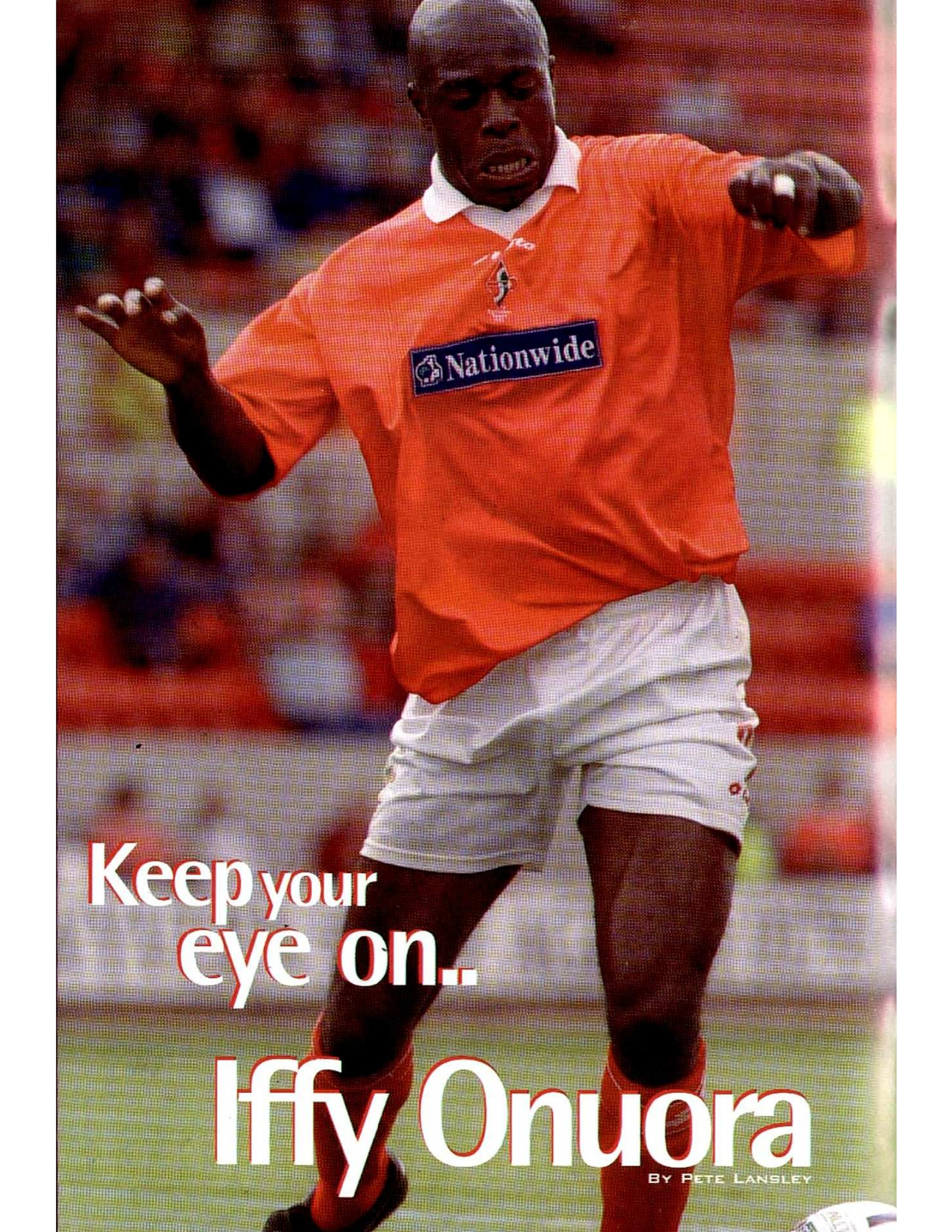
**IF I HADN'T BECOME A
FOOTBALL TRAINEE:**

I would have stayed on at
school.

**THREE WORDS WHICH
DESCRIBE ME ARE:**

Ambitious, dedicated &
determined

Gerard Leonard



Keep your
eye on...

Iffy Onuora

BY PETE LANSLEY

Iffy Onuora thought Wolves pulled off a bargain signing when they splashed out £3.5million on Ade Akinbiyi, and that was even before the Nigerian international started banging in the goals for his new club.

Onuora can claim to be a better judge than most of the strike-force that Molineux fans hope will one day lead them into the Premiership, having become good friends with Akinbiyi during their time together at Gillingham and then playing alongside George Ndah before he left Swindon last month.

And the Robins striker, himself a shrewd £120,000 signing from Gillingham two seasons ago, thinks if Wolves fans can be patient and wait for Ndah to recover from his broken leg, then they will soon enjoy watching potentially the most devastating attack outside the top flight.

"I think George and Ade playing together will be a handful for anyone," said Onuora, 32. "I think the fee Wolves paid for Ade was about right. He is a proven goalscorer in this league and has matured in the last couple of years since I played with him.

"When he was at Gillingham he was quite raw but it seems there is definitely a lot to come from him yet. You're talking about one of the best strikers in the division.

"George probably had to leave because of the financial situation (at Swindon) but it was a good move for him as well. I was sorry to see him go because he is a very good friend of mine. We were room-mates but it was inevitable he was going to go sooner rather than later. I don't think he will have any problems impressing the fans once he gets fit again.

"Of course he was a bit downhearted after picking up the injury but hopefully he should come back from it.

"Ade and I spent a couple of years playing together at Gillingham, and became good mates, and George came on loan for a while too. So Saturday will be a bit of a reunion for us all although we speak regularly anyway on the phone. I meant to ring Ade before he went off to play for Nigeria last weekend, and wish him luck, but I'll have a chat with him and see how he got on."

Glasgow-born Onuora, no slouch himself, points to the pace of Wolves' new strikers as the key to possible future success.

"I think George's pace is frightening. You think he is quick, and then when you play with him and see him at close hand, he's even quicker. Ade has known

him even longer than I have but when we spoke after he had made his debut for Wolves a few weeks ago, Ade said I didn't realise he was that quick. And of course Ade is pretty fast himself. Between the two of them, it would be one hell of a good race!"

The former Huddersfield and Mansfield Town striker added modestly: "Perhaps I'm not in their league when it comes to pace, maybe a few years ago, but I'm a little bit older now."

Swindon's striking problems saw manager Jimmy Quinn, a few days before his 40th birthday, come off the bench and nearly score the winner in a much-improved display by the struggling Wiltshire side against Norwich eight days ago. The game finished goalless but Quinn, on as a late substitute for Onuora, hit the bar to nearly nick the points for the Robins.

"The boss came on about five minutes from the end. It wasn't that much of a shock because we knew he was on the bench and the crowd were chanting his name. I don't know what his plans are but it's another option for us.

"When you look at it, George has gone and another striker, Guiliano Grazioli, has had to have an operation on an injury so that's two strikers out of the equation already. And in terms of having strikers on the bench, we didn't really have much of a choice.

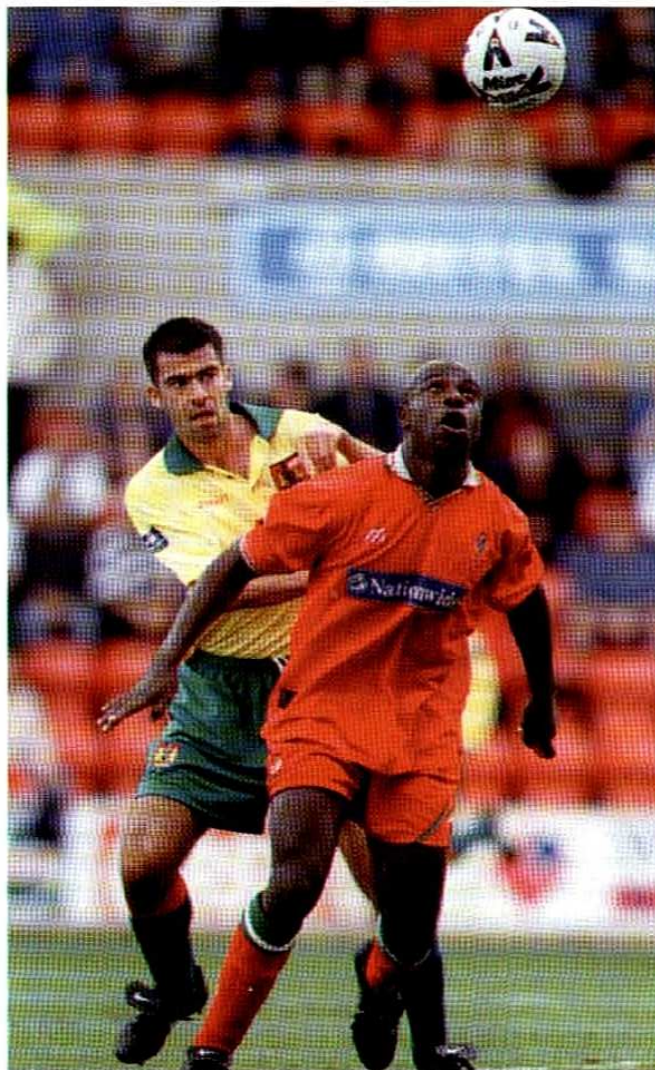
"The boss has been scoring goals in the reserves and although I know that's not quite the same, good luck to him because his record over the years speaks for itself. If he's going to keep being substitute, then maybe that's just the thing we need. I can't see myself playing at 40 but that's another issue.

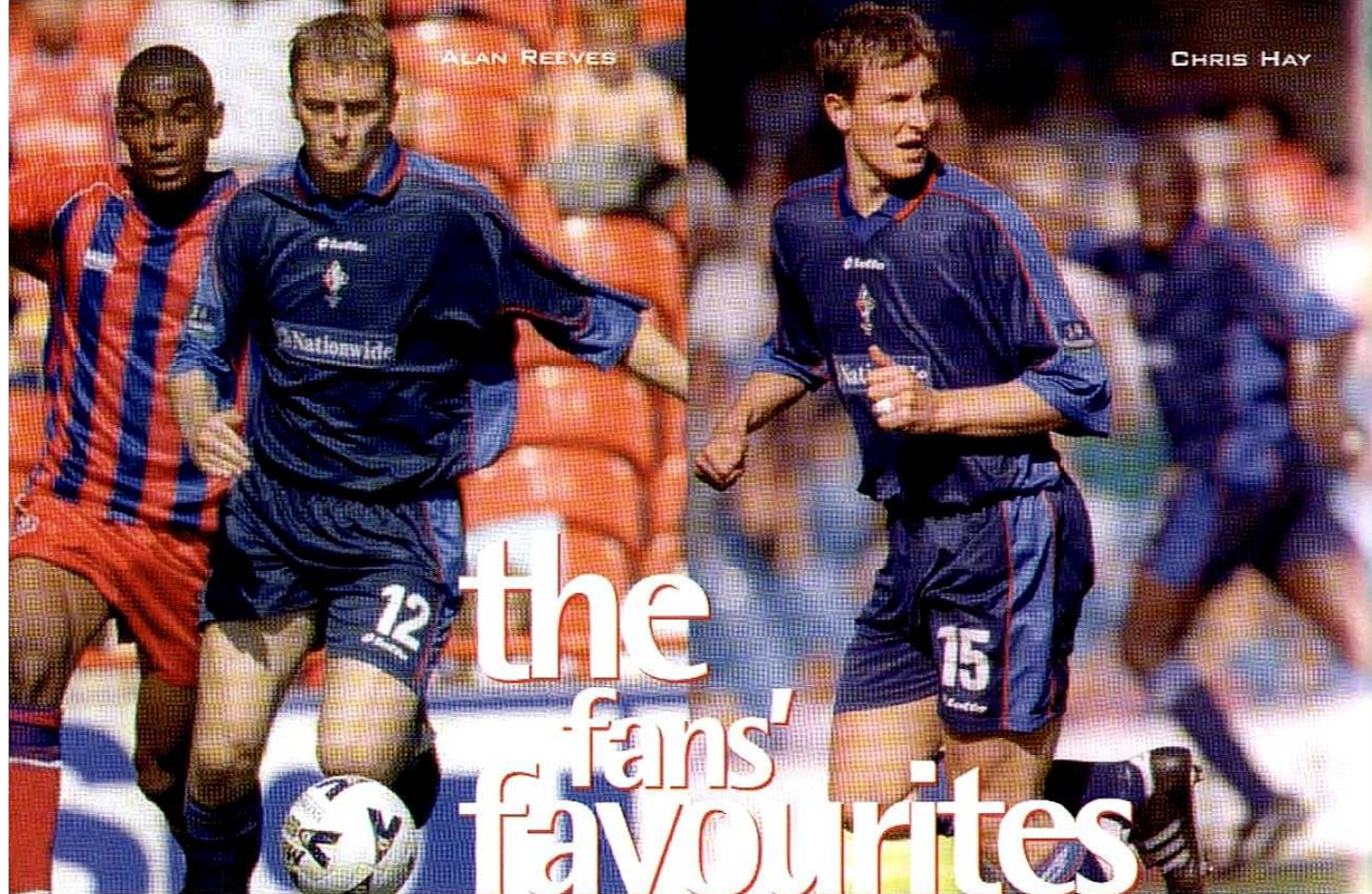
"Maybe we are never going to pull up any trees, we know we are



some way behind some of the richer clubs in the division, but certainly we should be better off than where we are now in the League. If we finish mid-table this season, then people will say we have done okay after the start we have had. Maybe that's the best we can hope for.

"I know Wolves are going quite well, it won't be easy at Molineux, but if we can keep Ade quiet, although that's easier said than done, then maybe that's half the job done."





ALAN REEVES

CHRIS HAY

the fans' favourites

FRANK TALIA

GOALKEEPER

BORN: Melbourne 20.7.72

HT: 6.1 WT: 13.6

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

Back as first choice after missing only four games throughout last season when his agility and shot-stopping ability proved priceless in the club's successful bid to stay in the First Division. Originally signed on at Swindon, for £150,000 from Blackburn by Steve McMahon from his old Anfield mucker Kenny Dalglish. Kept a clean sheet against Norwich last time out.

ALAN REEVES

DEFENDER

BORN: Birkenhead 19.11.67

HT: 6.0 WT: 12.0

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

Celebrated his 32nd birthday yesterday having recently re-established himself in the heart of the Swindon defence. A commanding central defender who is good in the air, Reeves endured mixed fortunes in his first full season at the County Ground when an ankle injury sidelined him for three months. He had previously earned himself a reputation as an outstanding lower-division defender which encouraged Joe Kinnear

to give him his break in the Premiership and the Birkenhead-born player was a regular in Wimbledon's squad for four years before deciding he needed more assured first-team activity.

MARK ROBINSON

DEFENDER

BORN: Rochdale 21.11.68

PREVIOUS CLUBS: West Bromwich

Albion, Barnsley, Newcastle United A survivor of Swindon's Second Division Championship side of three years ago, Robinson is a top-class performer, whether in the heart of the defence or as an attacking wing-back.

Despite starting at West Brom, he went on to make himself a reputation at Barnsley which encouraged Kevin Keegan to spend £450,000 for his services as Newcastle started taking all before them.

Limited opportunities at St James', however, led to another move and he joined the Robins for £600,000 after their season in the Premiership. Has now played over 200 games for the Wiltshire side and if he can steer clear of injuries, Jimmy Quinn knows he has at least one Premiership-class defender to rely upon.

MICHAEL CARRICK

MIDFIELDER

BORN: Wallsend 28.7.81

PREVIOUS CLUB: West Ham United

One of the most talented young mid-

fielders in the country, Carrick is currently on loan from West Ham where last May he won the FA Youth Cup alongside the likes of Joe Cole and Adam Newton in a 9-0 aggregate demolition of Coventry City. Made his Premiership debut when coming on as a substitute against Bradford in August and has been a fixture on the Hammers bench since, though Harry Redknapp knows first-team action will accelerate his progress. Jimmy Quinn isn't complaining as Carrick's ability to dictate play from the heart of midfield, and with either foot, mark him out as a class act.

CHRIS HAY

FORWARD

BORN: Glasgow 28.8.74

HT: 6.0 WT: 12.5

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Giffnock North AFC, Celtic

An able and potentially prolific striker who has suffered from not being able to get up a good head of steam from playing for a long stretch unimpeded. Scored some crucial goals towards the end of last season, including a brace in a 3-3 draw against Portsmouth and a winner at Huddersfield that ultimately helped Swindon avoid relegation. Has good close skills, as honed in his four years with Celtic, and can also play in the 'hole' behind the main strikers to good effect.

The main man

Jimmy Quinn

BY PETE LANSLEY

Jimmy Quinn, while resurrecting his playing career even as he celebrated his 40th birthday on Thursday, knows that his priorities lie in management. And as he endeavours to steer Swindon Town away from the relegation zone, he is grateful for the education he received from Wolves boss Colin Lee in their two years working together at Reading.

The decimation of his young squad led to the former Northern Ireland international naming himself as a substitute for last Friday's goalless draw with Norwich City - and he thoroughly enjoyed the seven-minute run-out he received in his third 'debut' for the Wiltshire club.

Quinn first joined Swindon - from Oswestry Town, for £10,000 - 18 years ago and returned there from Blackburn Rovers for a second spell five years later. After a long and illustrious playing career, winning 48 caps for his country, he moved into management when succeeding Lee and Mark McGhee at Reading in 1994.

Initially named in the caretaker-management team was our own Adie Williams before ex-Molineux favourite Mick Gooding and Quinn, while still playing, steered a team built around Scott Taylor and Simon Osborn to Wembley and the First Division play-off final. Both Williams and Quinn scored in a dramatic 4-3 defeat by Bolton.

Quinn actually returned to full-time playing with Peterborough United for one and a bit seasons before the lure of returning to Swindon proved too strong. The well-travelled striker vowed to stop playing senior football but the recent personnel crisis at the County Ground has forced an about-turn.

"Too old? You're not wrong," he laughed. "Actually, though, I was fantastic - for seven minutes. I've been playing for the reserves and scored six goals in the previous three games. When Guiliiano Grazioli went in for an operation last week, it confirmed we're a bit thin on the ground for strikers. I've been trying to bring in a loan signing.

"I don't feel too bad though and while I can't get around the pitch like I used to, and I don't think I could make 90 minutes, I might be able to help out

for 20 minutes here and there.

"We haven't got any money here and the team does lack a bit of experience but I wouldn't involve myself if I thought I was letting anyone down. The fans have been asking for me to get involved, and the board suggested it, so in a way I'm just bowing to public opinion.

"I did say I wasn't going to play for the first team again when I became manager here. I'd done that before at Reading and it is a very difficult job to do both. But circumstances have dictated this.

"You get all the shouts of You old 'so and so' but I've had that since I was 30! So it's water off a duck's back now. I scored 25 goals for Peterborough by the end of January, before I struggled to recover from an injury. When I went there I was leading scorer with five goals before I came to Swindon early last season. I don't think you ever lose that knack and I'm still quite fit."

Having lost George Ndah to Wolves, Grazioli to injury and this week Mark Walters to Bristol Rovers on loan, Quinn is eager to strengthen his squad because he knows league results have to pick up if Swindon are to avoid relegation. But he sees plenty of positives to work around. "The team spirit's good and while a little bit of confidence is lacking because we're near the foot of the table, our football hasn't been that bad. I'd be more worried if we were bottom and playing rubbish but our performances haven't been reflected in our points tally. It's my job to keep spirits up but it's not for want of trying we're where we are: these lads have been giving it a right good go."

Reading achieved much back in Quinn and Lee's time at Elm Park as good coaching and team unity helped the side finish as Second Division champions and then second in the First Division five years ago. Quinn rates Taylor - "an athlete as well, who can get about the park" - and Osborn - "one of the best



midfield players in the division" - and remains conscious of the job Lee did in McGhee's shadow at Reading.

"Colin's a top coach," opined Quinn, "one of the best I've ever played under. He's doing very well at Wolves and if he has the time, he can take them where they want to be. I know expectations are very high at Molineux but they certainly have one of the best coaching teams in the business.

"I've had 12 managers at my various clubs and a lot of coaches with them. When you get a good one, they tend to have a bit of extra time for you and then you can learn things from them. Colin is very good in the way he wants to play the game and certainly his training methods are second to none."

Quinn will have so many reunions today he might have his work cut out to warm up and still hold the team talk. But he does have a special word for Ndah who broke his leg so soon after leaving Swindon for Wolves. "George is a lovely lad," said Quinn. "I've been in management for five years and not been associated with as nice a lad as George. It was a horrendous tackle that put him out and I just wish him all the best for a speedy recovery."

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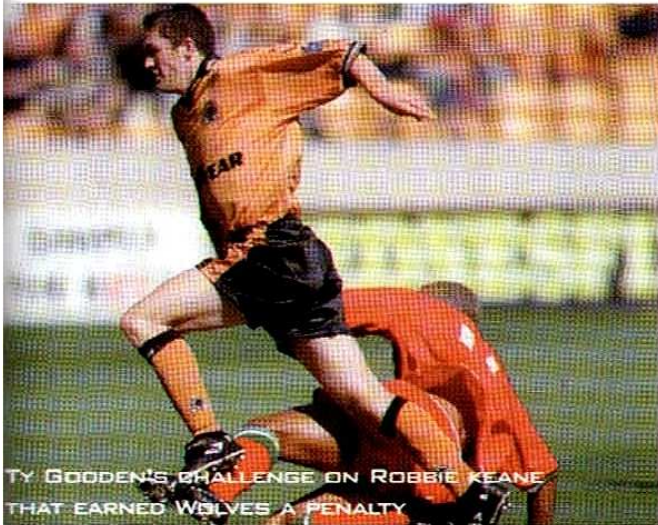
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Both of last season's games between Wolves and Swindon finished with the home side taking the honours courtesy of a single goal victory. What was different was the weather, which was warm and bright when the Wiltshire team came to Molineux in August, 1998.

Going into the game, Wolves were unbeaten in their two League fixtures and they hadn't conceded a goal. And, just four days earlier they had soundly thrashed Barnet in the League Cup with Steve Bull notching his 18th, and final, hat trick for the club in the 5-0 win.

Swindon had just one point in the bank from their opening two games, and talk of another goal rout was in the air. But, as often is the case, the expected didn't happen. Yes, Wolves did win, but only thanks to a Keith Curle penalty. That arrived in the 29th minute when Ty Gooden was judged to have fouled Robbie Keane as he ran into the Swindon area after playing a one-two with Fernando Gomez. The skipper side-footed the spot kick home to beat Frank Talia.

But a poor game could be summed up by the fact that the penalty was the only on target shot that Wolves managed throughout the proceedings. And Mike Stowell was only brought into worthwhile action once.

The game did mark the debut of long term loan signing David Connolly who came off the bench to play out the final seven minutes. Despite the lacklustre performance, the win put Wolves up

to fourth in the table behind three other teams with 100% records, Norwich, Birmingham and Watford.

Swindon's County Ground has never been a particularly happy hunting ground for Wolves who had managed just one win there in seven attempts in the League. And, after the teams had met on Boxing Day, it became one win in eight.

It was a truly awful day with torrential rain and a howling wind making life a misery for the Molineux faithful who were packed behind the goal in the uncovered end of the ground.

The supporters were issued with polythene coats to keep away the worst of the elements but it couldn't have been much fun. The game was the first for Colin Lee since he lost the caretaker tag of his job title.

And it was to end traumatically for the players, the manager and the fans as Town took the points with an injury time winner denying Wolves of a point which was the least they deserved from a game which, at times, they dominated.

Wanderers were without defenders Lee Naylor and Kevin Muscat, both victims of the flu bug that had hit the club. But the strike force of Keane and Connolly were a constant threat to Town and several good opportunities were wasted. They were to prove costly. A free-kick from the right, taken by a man not unfamiliar to Wolves supporters, Mark Walters, was powerfully headed home by Iffy Onuora.

It was so close to the end of the game that as soon as it restarted, the referee blew for time. It was a heart-breaking blow for those sodden supporters, one they knew their team didn't deserve.

What those fans didn't know, however, was that there was only going to be one more defeat in ten League and Cup away fixtures for their favourites between then and the end of the season.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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LEAGUE					
HOME	5	2	1	13	8
AWAY	1	1	6	5	11
FA CUP					
HOME	1	0	0	2	0
LEAGUE CUP					
HOME	3	0	0	8	4
AWAY	0	2	1	3	6

DID YOU KNOW?

Bobby Woodruff joined Wolves from Swindon Town in March, 1964. In a little over two years at Molineux, he made 72 League and Cup appearances for Wolves scoring 21 goals.

This included a hat-trick of headers against Sunderland in April, 1964.

Bobby had one of the longest throws ever recorded in soccer and he could reach the far post from a throw in taken level with the penalty area. After leaving Wolves he played for Crystal Palace, Cardiff City and Newport County.



EMMA 'FEISTY' SORRENTI GIVES A FAN'S EYE VIEW OF THE HAWTHORNS



It's a sunny Sunday morning as we prepare to take on West Brom for the second time in a month.

It's 11.00am and I board coach number 27 of 29 with my friend Hannah and our coach is stewarded by my ticket office colleagues Joanne Smith and Vicky Cox. We depart Molineux at a little after 11.15am and our lengthy convoy makes its way along the M54, M6 and M5 to the Hawthorns. The 5,000 visiting Wolves fans file into the Smethwick End and as kick off approaches, the atmosphere builds and we are all expecting a closely fought derby

game.

The match gets underway and Wolves start brightly with Akinbiyi and Ndah looking particularly threatening. West Brom then seize the initiative and begin to place Wolves under pressure and take the lead when McDermot thumps in a shot from

the edge of Mike Stowell's area. Almost immediately from the re-start Albion score again through home favourite Lee Hughes but the goal is disallowed (shame yeah?). Wolves' problems worsen when having already lost Ludovic Pollet with a head injury, shortly before half time the nightmare continues when George Ndah is forced off with a very bad looking injury.

The second half is also keenly contested but it is difficult to see a goal coming Wolves' way, so the man we all want Colin to turn to is Andy

Sinton. After 70 minutes our new wing wizard appeared when he replaces the always hard working Scott Taylor. Sinton's arrival signals a brighter spell for Wolves as he produces several fine crosses and on 82 minutes Akin-Bully nods an equalising header past Miller into the Albion net and the game is all square. We return to Molineux happy at not losing but cursing our appalling luck with injuries yet again, and hoping to see George Ndah and Ade back in tandem soon.

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Access to ground	5
Quality of away section	8
Helpfulness of Stewards	7
Quality of Match Programme	7
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1 NAME?

Keith Curle signed for £650,000 from Manchester City in July 1996.

2 WHO'S YOUR BEST MATE?

There are two - Ian Holloway and Phil Kite. We were together as apprentices at Bristol Rovers and we've stayed as good friends ever since. Ian is now manager at Rovers and Phil's the club physio. We get together whenever time allows us to.

3 WHAT'S THE FUNNIEST ENCOUNTER YOU'VE HAD WITH A FAN?

This has happened a few times in years gone by. I've got into conversations with fans and signed autographs for people who have thought that I'm Des Walker the former Nottingham Forest and England defender. Mind you, it was always a treat to see their faces when they realised their mistake.

4 WHAT'S THE BEST RANT YOU'VE EVER WITNESSED?

Most of the ones I get involved in! There was a really good one when I was with Manchester City. We were playing at Nottingham Forest one day and City's assistant manager at the time, Sam Ellis, was having a right go at me after the game and I was giving as good as I got. It was a real stand up row and it started to get personal. I was involved with England in those days and as I stormed out of the dressing room door I walked straight into Graham Taylor, the national manager. He must have heard every word.

5 WHAT'S THE WORST 'MARE' YOU'VE EVER SEEN ON THE PITCH?

When I was at Manchester City, we signed Sheffield United's goalkeeper, Simon Tracey, on loan. His first game for us was the local derby with United and they stuffed us 5-0. Simon wasn't at fault for any of the goals but what a nightmare start for him.



6 WHAT'S THE BEST PRACTICAL JOKE YOU'VE SEEN PLAYED?

I have to admit that I've taken part in quite a few. When I was at Wimbledon the odd car would disappear from the car park at the training ground, and it would be discovered later parked in the middle of a traffic island. And we once emptied the entire contents of one of the lads' hotel room onto the hotel patio, furniture and all! Once, on a pre-season tour with Manchester City we tied all of Andy Dibble's clothes together sleeve to sleeve or trouser leg - and lowered them out of the window. They stretched all the way to the ground which wasn't bad considering his room was on the fourth floor.

7 NAME THREE THINGS IN YOUR GLOVE COMPARTMENT?

Some bills, my mobile phone and a copy of the John Ward coaching manual.

8 WHAT'S BEEN YOUR BIGGEST DIY ACHIEVEMENT/DISASTER?

Though I say it myself, I'm not bad at DIY. My best achievement was the patio I built. I was proud of that. The worst was when I tried to rewire the lights at my house. I must have got things mixed up because when I switched the kitchen light on, the hall lights lit up. The dining room light switch illuminated the kitchen. It was a nightmare.

9 WHO WOULD YOU BE ON STARS IN THEIR EYES?

The lead singer of the Real Thing. Then I could sing my favourite song, 'You to me are everything'.

10 WHO'S YOUR HERO OF THE WEEK?

Paul Scholes for his superb goalscoring display at Hampden Park last Saturday. With the atmosphere there the pressure must have been intense but he kept his cool.

11 LIST THREE WORDS THE OTHER LADS WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE YOU

Sarcastic, captain and grandad.

12 WHO WOULD YOU SEND ON TV'S STYLE CHALLENGE FOR A MAKEOVER?

John Ward whose clothes match his sense of humour! (I suppose this will mean another £2.00 fine).

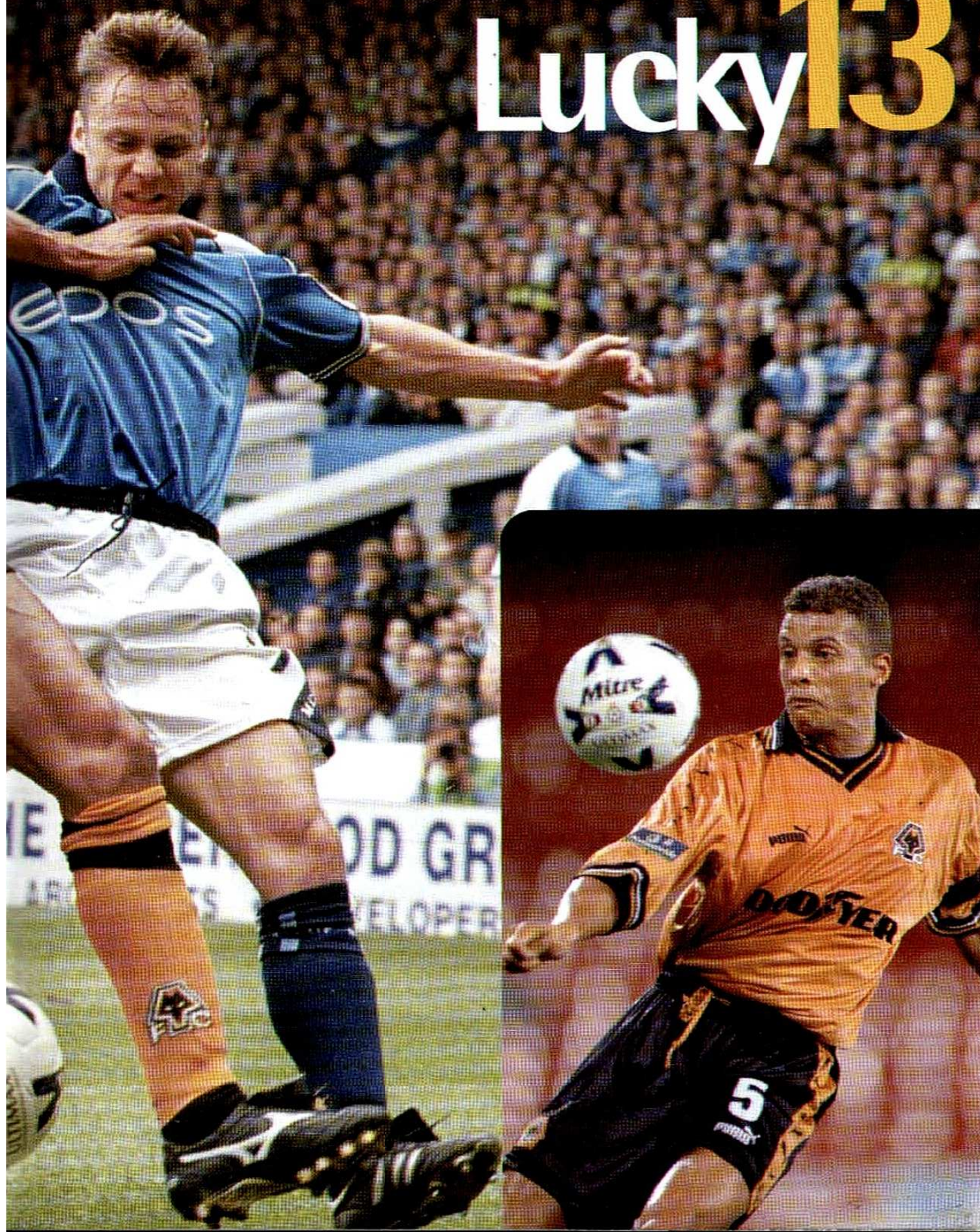
13 WHAT'S THE BEST PIECE OF LUCK YOU'VE EVER HAD?

Being spotted by Bristol Rovers after I'd been rejected by Bristol City. I played in an under 15 trial for Rovers even though I was 16. It was the only way they could take a look at me and that extra year's experience helped me to stand out and my career in football began to take shape.



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FAMILY FUN AT THE RESERVES

The second of Wolves' family fun nights was declared a rousing success.

Nearly 3,500 supporters swelled the normal attendance for a reserve match to see



Wolves fight out a draw with local rivals Birmingham City.

Clowns, face painters, stilt walkers and fire eaters kept the kids amused, and after a turn on the bouncy castle it was off to get an autograph or two from members of the first team squad.

The Roaring Forties cheer-leaders took to the pitch to welcome out the two teams, and at half-time a group of lucky youngsters were the stars of a penalty shoot-out on the hallowed turf of Molineux.

"We had a very enjoyable evening last season for the Albion game and promised we'd do another family fun night this term" says managing director John Richards.

"Everyone said how much they enjoyed the evening, and it was great to see youngsters coming to Molineux for the first time having fun with the clowns and the mascots."

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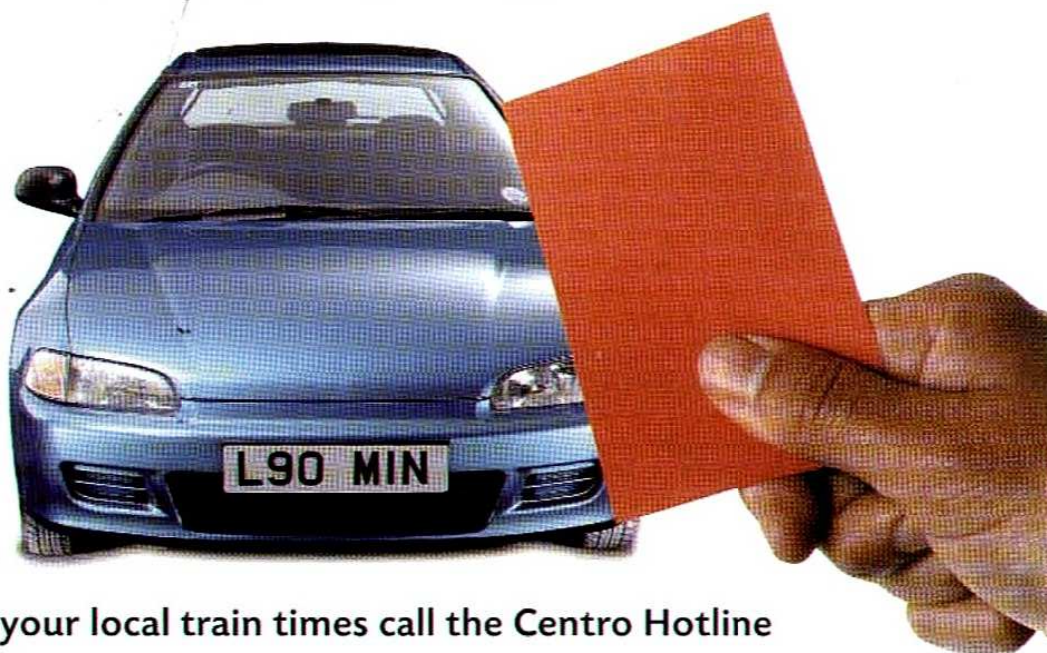
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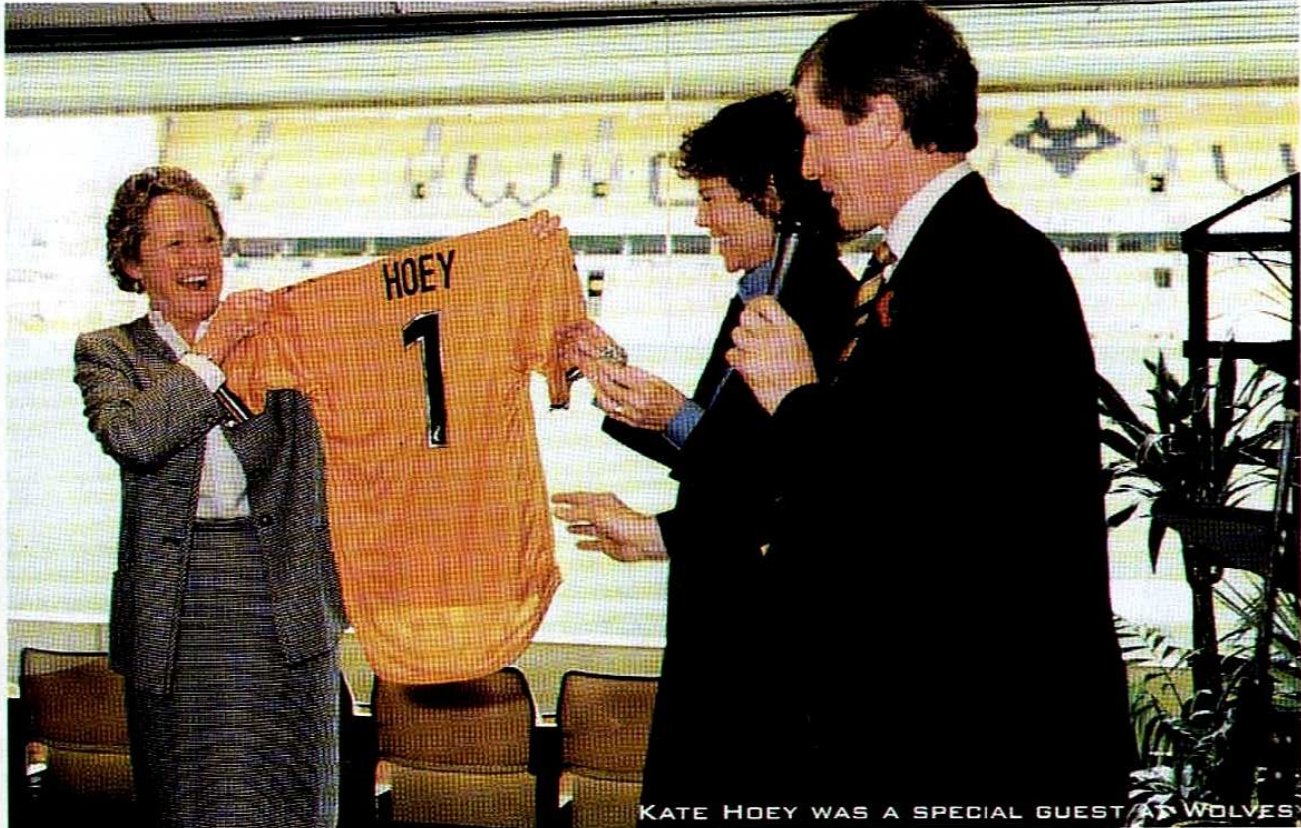
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on the talent trail

BY CHRIS EVANS -
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH



KATE HOEY WAS A SPECIAL GUEST AT WOLVES

Twenty one years ago I joined Arsenal football club on an apprenticeship and a certain lady offered me advice that proved crucial to my future.

The advice, was to give professional football 100% commitment, but to also dedicate myself to further education and study.

Such study and training became my salvation and saving grace, when a single tackle left me with several complicated injuries, multiple fractures and mouths to feed in my family. This lady presented the education programme at Arsenal, and she practised what she preached herself.

I never met her again, but continued to hear her name and see her face on television. She had embarked on a political career and I was so delighted when she was promoted to the Government Cabinet

this year as Minister for Sport.

The advice, ethics and philosophy offered to myself by Kate Hoey I now offer to all our scholars.

I met up with Kate again last week, when she opened our disabled suite at Molineux and was able to congratulate her on her outstanding achievements and also thank her for her guidance so long ago.

In just over a fortnight we travel to Derby County in the FA Youth Cup competition and our players are looking forward to the occasion.

We obviously respect Derby County, and we would have preferred a home draw. However our cards have been dealt and we travel to the Baseball Ground with enthusiasm and confidence.

I accept with young players that we can lose to any side if we have an off day, but rest assured if we perform to our maximum we can provide formidable opposition to

any side as well.

Nobody could have predicted that we would have lost at Middlesbrough last season in this competition, if they had witnessed our display on the night. Football, especially cup football, shows every season, that you do not always get what you deserve.

We long to emulate the 1958 Wolves youth team, who were the only youth side at this club to have won the competition in our 122 year history.

If you are able to travel to Derby to support us, as many of you now do each Saturday, it would be truly appreciated by the players and staff alike.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Sports Minister Kate Hoey was guest of honour at the opening of Wolves' new room for disabled fans.

The newly refurbished room, funded by local health insurance company, Patients Aid Association, will provide a secure area for disabled supporters.

The minister joined John Richards, Colin Lee and fans to cut the tape and declare the room open for business. She said: "Wolverhampton Wanderers and Patients Aid Association have done an excellent job creating new facilities for disabled supporters."

The room, which supporters helped to design and will be in use for the first time today, has been dedicated to Darren Broomhall, a Wolves fan who died in 1992.

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Bushbury Boys under 11s are looking smart in their new team strips.

The boys, who play in the Walsall Junior Youth League, wrote to Wolves and asked the club to donate a signed football to help their fund raising efforts to buy the new kit.

Wolves duly obliged and now the youngsters are looking smart on matchdays.

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

Parents - would you like an extra day of child-free shopping for Christmas?

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If the answer's yes, then sign up to the Wolves community department's Christmas Cracker on Saturday December 18.

We are running four 'Crackers' at the following venues and times:

Venue 1 St Peter's Collegiate School, 10am - 3pm

Venue 2 St Edmund's RC School, 10am - 3pm

Venue 3 Penkridge Leisure Centre, 11.30am to 4pm

Venue 4 Wombourne Leisure Centre 9am - 2pm

Each 'Cracker' is open to children aged between eight and

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the week *that was*

LOOKING BACK

BY JOHN HENDLEY

THE DAYS LEADING UP TO WOLVES V EXETER CITY
20TH NOVEMBER 1973

Bleak Times

On the day that Wolves were due to face Tranmere Rovers in a third round League Cup replay in November, 1973, a state of emergency was declared, because of the ongoing mining and power dispute.

The announcement was made from Downing Street following a cabinet meeting and under the regulations of the act, ministers had the power to regulate ports, public services and facilities, the distribution of food, the supply of gas and electricity as well as the supply and distribution of liquid fuel and refinery products.

Slightly warmer weather had reduced the risk of power cuts though there was still the threat of power reductions. And to add to the gloom, Lord Stokes, the chairman of British Leyland, warned that petrol could cost £1 a gallon within a few years time, and the Bank of England raised its minimum lending rate from 11.25% to 13% after more bad trading figures had been released.

It was a defiant Tranmere side, one that made Wolves fight all the way for victory, that came to Molineux. Rovers had beaten Arsenal at Highbury in the previous round, and then Wolves were well pleased to have come away from Prenton Park with a replay secured.

Wanderers had to wait until six minutes after the break before they finally broke the deadlock, Derek Dougan converting after Steve Kindon had helped on Phil Parkes' long clearance.

Russell Allen, the son of former Wolves manager Ronnie, pulled the Merseyside team back on level terms in the 71st minute, just before a partial floodlight failure. Just five minutes from the end Barry Powell grabbed the goal that gave Wolves a home meeting with Exeter City in the next round of the competition.

Royal wedding

The following day's news was dominated by an event that gave the headlines a lighter touch - albeit temporarily, when Princess Anne married Captain Mark Phillips at Westminster Abbey.



ROYAL WEDDING AT THE ABBEY

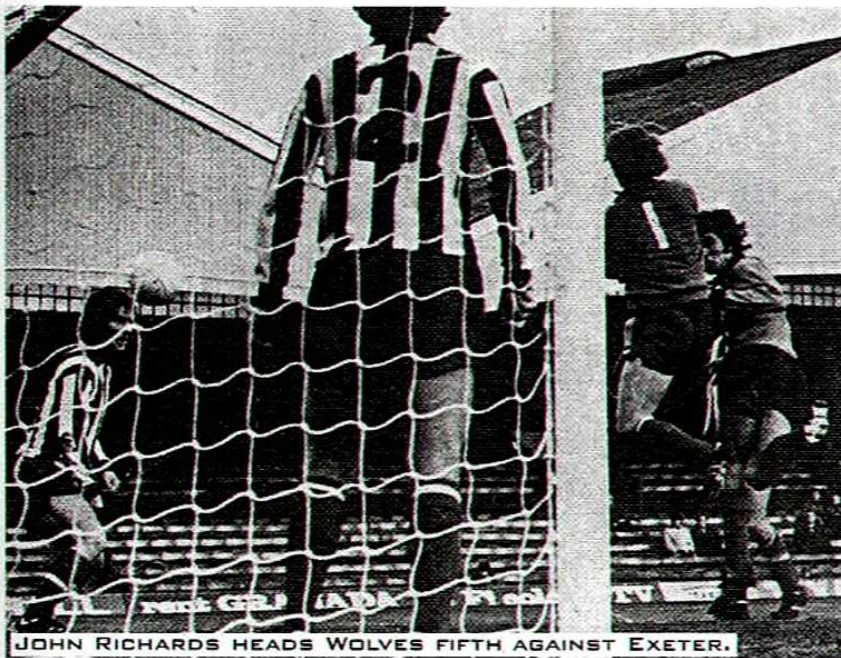
Two thousand people packed into the Abbey and an estimated five hundred million watched the ceremony on television throughout the world. As the couple left for their honeymoon, the trial of nine IRA members ended at the Old Bailey.

They had been accused, and found guilty, of causing the blasts that rocked the Old Bailey and Scotland Yard that year. Five were given life sentences and the others got 20 years.

More than £1,000 million was wiped off share prices as a tense and nervous stock exchange awaited news of a tough mini-budget. There was, however, no confirmation from Whitehall that a budget was imminent.

On the soccer front, England slipped to a 1-0 defeat to the Italians at Wembley, and Wolves enigmatic mid-field star, Danny Hegan, left the club to join Bob Stokoe's Sunderland.

The crisis in the Middle East meant that the likelihood of petrol rationing was getting ever closer. Esso warned 50,000 of their customers, throughout the country, that they faced reduced deliveries.



JOHN RICHARDS HEADS WOLVES FIFTH AGAINST EXETER.

And, to compound matters even further, brewers warned that the price of beer was likely to go up by a penny a pint within a few weeks. These were, indeed, bad times for everyone.

Revie Ban

Martial law was declared in Athens and four people were killed and 120 injured in incidents triggered off by students who were demonstrating for more political freedom.

Italian giants Lazio were in deep trouble following ugly scenes at the end of their UEFA Cup tie with Ipswich Town in October, 1973. Though Lazio won the second leg by 4-2, they went out of the competition on a 6-4 aggregate. As the teams left the field Town players were kicked and hit. The Italians were fined £1,500 and banned from UEFA Cup games for a year.

Leeds manager, Don Revie, received a one match ban for having entered the field of play to speak to some of his players when United were playing at Hibernian in a European tie. The ban meant that Revie would not be able to enter the dressing room for his side's first leg game with Vitoria Setubal of Portugal.

The manager had to watch the game from the stands as a spectator. Leeds trainer, Les Cocker, was also censured for entering the field of play without permission.

At Molineux, an uneventful game with West Ham finished in a goalless draw. The result meant that Wolves had gone six League games without a win, the last four of which had also been without a goal for them either.

The only consolation for the team and supporters on the day was that the single point gleaned lifted the side up

one place to 19th in the table.

League Cup Relief

Because of the power crisis, Wolves had to play their League Cup tie with Exeter on a Tuesday afternoon. Obviously, a large proportion of their fans were stuck at work and that showed in the gate of just 7,623.

But those who did attend saw Wolves get back their scoring appetite as they romped to a 5-1 victory over the Fourth Division side. The game kicked off at 2.15pm and back in the team was John Richards. The striker had missed the previous four games through an ankle injury.

And Richards missed an easy chance within just 30 seconds of his comeback. Geoff Palmer sent a high ball into the area and Richards headed it down for his strike partner, Dougan who hit a shot across the face of the goal back to Richards. But he completely miskicked as he tried to push the ball home.

It was the start of incessant Wolves pressure and they were rarely out of the Exeter half of the field. and Kenny Hibbitt blazed over from 15 yards with only the keeper to beat as Bill McGarry's team tried to break the deadlock.

When a goal finally did arrive, it was with the last kick of the first half when Hibbitt converted after he'd been set up by Barry Powell. It wasn't until 17 minutes into the second period that Exeter finally managed a worthwhile effort on goal, Dick Plumb hammering a fine shot from 20 yards just wide of the post.

Four minutes later, Hibbitt found Dougan who tucked the ball past City keeper Allen Clarke for the second. But,

within a couple of minutes, the visitors reduced the deficit when Plumb headed a Brian Joy free-kick beyond Parkes.

Exeter's joy was short-lived, however, and three goals in the final 17 minutes confirmed Wolves' superiority. Richards got the first, flicking home a Mike Bailey centre, then the home centre-forward found Hibbitt with a delightful pass and the midfielder converted with ease.

The last goal, and the best of the afternoon, was a powerful Richards, header following a Hibbitt corner.

Wolves met, and beat, Liverpool in another midweek afternoon game at Molineux, and then overcame Norwich on a 2-1 aggregate in the semi-final to earn a trip to Wembley to face the might of Manchester City. In a superb game beneath the twin towers, the Hibbitt/Richards scoring combination was at work again to help Wanderers lift the Cup in a 2-1 triumph.

WOLVES 5

EXETER CITY 1

Wolves: Parkes, Palmer, Parkin, Bailey, Munro, McAlle, Powell, Hibbitt, Dougan, Richards, Wagstaffe. Sub: McCalliog.

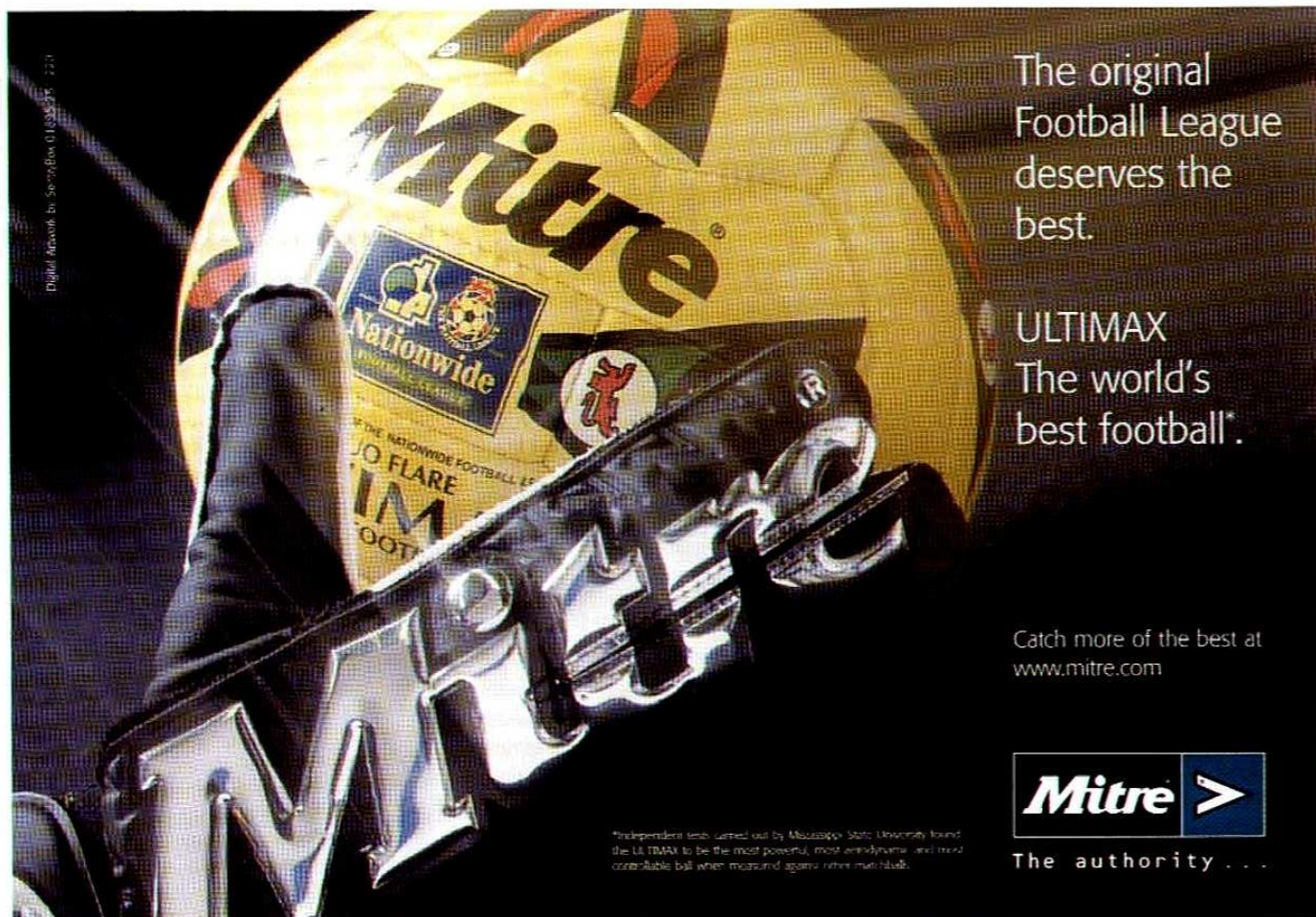
Exeter City: Clarke, Crawford, Blain, Joy, Giles, Clapham, Wallace, Neale, Plumb, Gibson, Wingate. Sub:Devlin.

FOURTH ROUND LEAGUE CUP RESULTS 1973/74

Coventry City 2 Stoke City 1
Hull City 0 Liverpool 0
Liverpool 3 Hull City 1 (replay)
Ipswich Town 1 Birmingham City 3
Millwall 3 Luton Town 1
Queens Park Rangers 0 Plymouth Argyle 3
Southampton 0 Norwich City 2
Wolverhampton Wanderers 5 Exeter City 1
York City 0 Manchester City 0
Manchester City 4 York City 1 (replay)

WOLVES ON 20TH NOVEMBER THROUGH THE SEASONS

1897 Liverpool (a) lost 1-0
1909 Leeds City (h) won 5-0
1920 Birmingham City (h) lost 3-0
1926 Darlington (h) won 2-1
1937 Birmingham City (a) lost 2-0
1948 Burnley (h) won 3-0
1954 Sheffield United (h) won 4-1
1965 Plymouth United (a) drew 2-2
1971 Arsenal (h) won 5-1
1973 Exeter City LC - (h) won 5-1
1976 Blackburn Rovers (h) lost 2-1
1982 Fulham (h) lost 4-2
1994 Middlesbrough (a) lost 1-0



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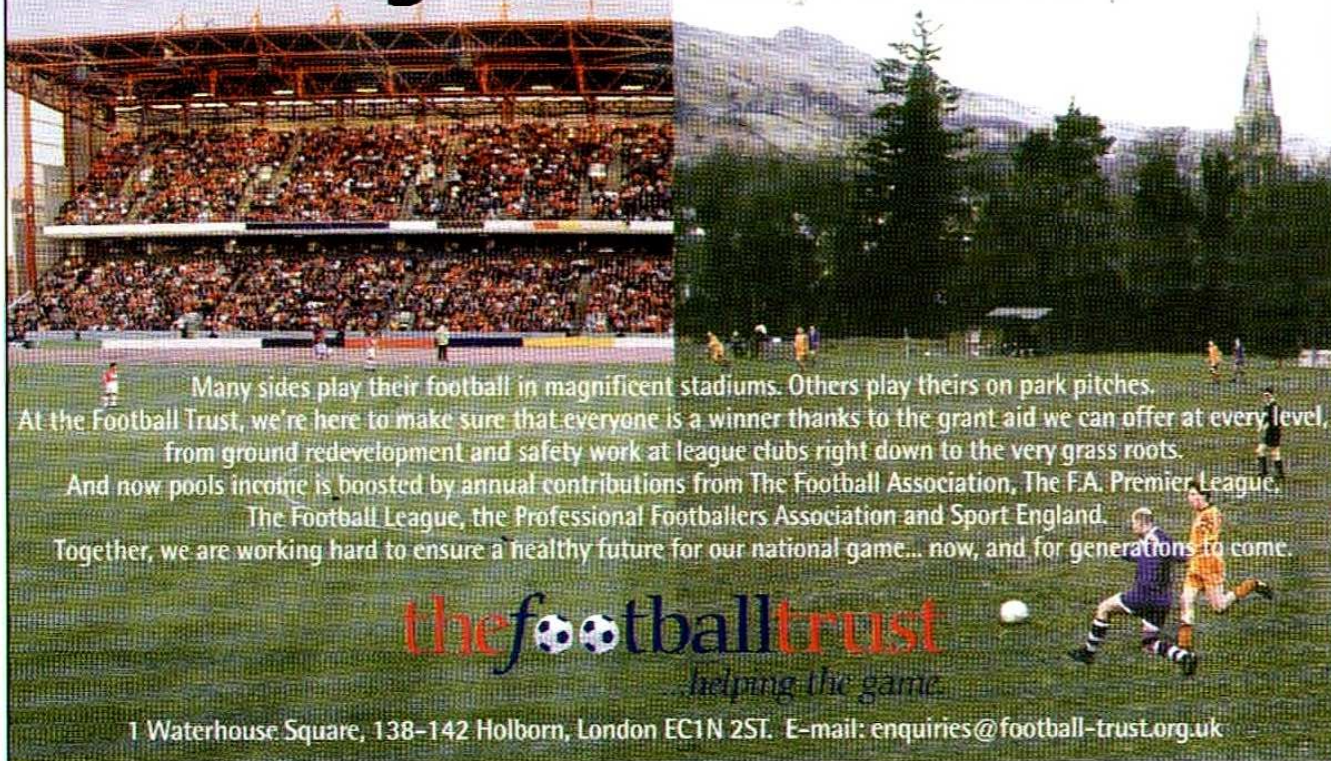
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Young Wolves

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Jake attends Peter's Hill Primary School and his favourite players are Carl Robinson and Mike Stowell.

Jake's dad signed him up to the Young Wolves Club and now he is looking forward to meeting all the players when he leads the team out today.



There's going to be a bit of trouble in the Wilson household tonight. Dad might be a Wolves fan, but son Sam - who is celebrating his 12th birthday - is a Swindon supporter! Happy Birthday Sam from everyone at the Young Wolves club.



Ben Harper (left) and his pal Ryan Draper stopped Andy Sinton for a quick autograph on Waterloo Road. Both boys play for Essington under 11s and are season ticket holders in the Stan Cullis Stand. Ryan will be 11 next month and his uncle Lindon would like to wish him a Happy Birthday!



Your chance to sign up

If you would like to join the Young Wolves or Members Club, then come and meet us at the following venues in Wolverhampton town centre: British Homestores, Tuesday November 16 between 5pm and 8.30pm.

Woolworths, Thursday November 18 between 5pm and 8.30pm.

Boots, Tuesday November 23 between 5pm and 8.30pm.

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Dear Ed...



DEAR EDITOR

Pictured on the left is our well travelled 'Wandering' son Mark with fellow fan Gordon Moir, his wife Hiroko and baby Keryi. They are all proudly wearing their Wolves shirts. Mark is currently working in Japan and we regularly send him reports on the Wolves. This picture was taken in the Shin-Yokohama Stadium which will be the venue for the 2002 World Cup Final.

CHRIS AND OLIVE OSELAND, DUDLEY



DEAR EDITOR

Please could you wish our daughter Sarah Fazey (pictured left) a happy 18th Birthday for November 18, from mum, dad and Laura.

DEAR EDITOR

While on holiday in Santa Ponsa we made friends with a couple named Stephen and Michelle Lee from Dungannon, N Ireland. They told us of a public house owned by Wolves mad fans Ivor and Melvin Davidson in Castle Caufield Co Tyrone. We promised to write to you and ask for a mention for all the Irish Wolves fans across the water.
LYNN, MARTIN AND
SEAN WRIGHT
TETTENHALL

DEAR EDITOR

It would mean a lot to me if you would print a big Thank You message to my great husband Peter Bagnall (below). I have recently had a major operation and Pete has been marvellous throughout the recent weeks and all of our nine and a half years together. Apart from me, Pete loves the Wolves and this would make his day.

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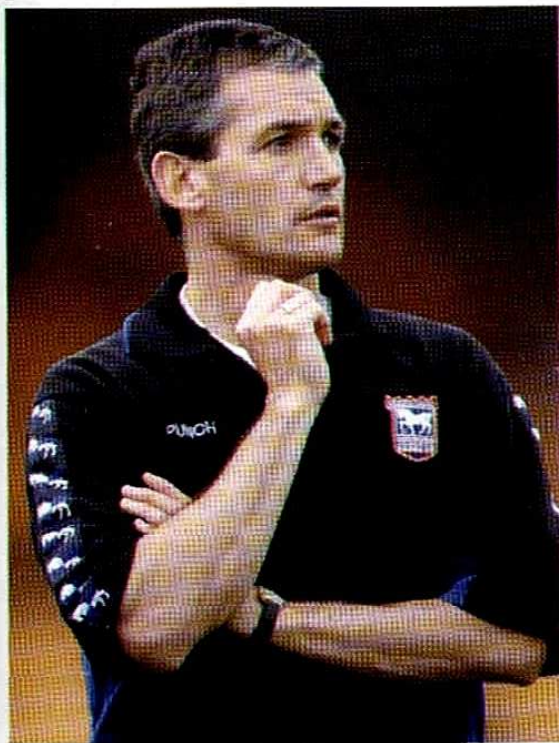
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Who's next

FORTHCOMING GAMES



years, were held 0-0 by Tranmere Rovers and have steadied up recently after leading the First Division table earlier this season. Mark Venus, the former Wolves favourite who has proved such a hit at Portman Road, has spurned two spot-kick opportunities which has cost them points in their bid to win promotion this season.

Ipswich's main man these days is David Johnson, who may eventually play for Scotland but has also represented Jamaica, England B and been selected by Wales, got off to a flier this term and has nine goals to his credit to claim sec-

ond place in the division's scoring charts - one behind a certain Ade Akinbiyi.

With Richard Wright, the England squad goalkeeper, between the white upright things and Matt Holland, in

Away days are coming up for Wolves against two sides whose last action saw them bump into each other and grind out a goalless draw.

Ipswich Town, disappointed in the play-off stakes over the last three

the Republic of Ireland's pool, there is no shortage of talent at Portman Road these days even after the £6 million departure of Kieron Dyer to Newcastle in the summer.

Colin Lee's men go to Ipswich next Wednesday night - just over 12 months on from Mark McGhee's last game in charge of Wolves - before traversing the country to play at Tranmere Rovers next Saturday.

Tranmere, managed by John Aldridge, have zoomed away from the foot of the table with a promising run of late and are now only eight points off the current play-off zone. Mind you, they are also only six points above the relegation section.

Ex-Wolves ace Andy Thompson came on as a substitute in Tranmere's draw at Ipswich as the Molineux-Prenton Park connection dwindles though David Kelly has mustered one hat-trick this season.

The next game at Molineux is certainly a 'biggie' - with a rematch of the opening weekend of the season as Manchester City seek revenge for their 1-0 home defeat in front of the live television cameras here on Friday December 3. City have gone from strength to strength, topping the table, and Joe Royle's newly-promoted side will provide Wolves with an excellent gauge of their own progress.

Ipswich Town

Wednesday 24th November

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	gls	8	0	0	8
BAZELEY 3 5.10.72	aps	16	0	2	18
	gls	1	0	0	1
CORICA 14 24.03.73	aps	9(2)	0	2	11(2)
	gls	1	0	0	1
CURLIE 5 14.11.63	aps	16	0	2	18
	gls	1	0	1	2
EMBLEM 6 19.6.71	aps	16	0	2	18
	gls	2	0	1	3
FLO 9 4.4.70	aps	5(1)	0	2	7(1)
	gls	0	0	0	0
JONES 17 7.9.79	aps	0(1)	0	0	0(1)
	gls	0	0	0	0
KEANE 8.7.80	aps	2	0	0(1)	2(1)
	gls	2	0	0	2
LARKIN 22 24.7.82	aps	1	0	0(1)	1(1)
	gls	0	0	1	1
MUSCAT 2 7.8.73	aps	15	0	2	17
	gls	0	0	0	0
NAYLOR 12 19.3.80	aps	7(4)	0	2	9(4)
	gls	0	0	0	0
NIESTROJ 16 2.12.74	aps	0(1)	0	0	0(1)
	gls	0	0	0	0
NOAH 26 23.12.74	aps	3	0	0	3
	gls	0	0	0	0
OSBORN 8 19.1.72	aps	14	0	0	14
	gls	0	0	0	0
POLLET 23 18.6.70	aps	8(1)	0	0	8(1)
	gls	0	0	0	0
ROBINSON 4 31.10.76	aps	8(5)	0	2	10(5)
	gls	1	0	0	1
SEDGLEY 15 26.5.68	aps	11(2)	0	2	13(2)
	gls	1	0	0	1
SIMPSON 7 26.7.66	aps	0(8)	0	1(1)	1(9)
	gls	0	0	0	0
SINTON 11 19.3.66	aps	8(3)	0	1	8(3)
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	gls	0	0	0	0
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	gls	1	0	0	1

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Saturday 13th November - Wednesday 24th November
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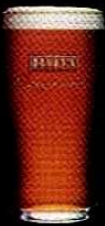
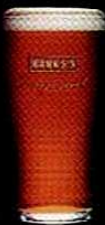



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Charlton	16	7	1	0	16	5	4	1	3	16	12	35	
Huddersfield	18	7	2	0	27	9	3	2	4	9	11	34	
Barnsley	17	7	0	2	22	8	3	1	4	11	18	31	
Ipswich	17	6	1	2	19	10	2	3	3	12	12	28	
Fulham	17	5	2	2	10	6	2	5	1	10	8	28	
Birmingham	17	5	2	1	17	7	2	4	3	10	12	27	
Stockport	17	5	4	0	16	10	2	2	4	6	13	27	
Bolton	17	5	3	1	17	11	2	2	4	9	8	26	
QPR	17	3	5	0	12	8	3	2	4	12	13	25	
WOLVES	16	3	3	2	10	7	3	4	1	8	8	25	
Norwich	17	5	0	3	9	7	1	6	2	7	8	24	
West Brom	16	1	6	2	8	9	3	3	1	8	7	21	
Tranmere	18	4	3	2	15	12	1	2	6	8	15	20	
Portsmouth	18	4	3	2	16	9	1	2	6	9	22	20	
Grimsby	17	4	2	2	9	9	1	2	6	8	19	19	
Nottm Forest	17	3	4	1	14	9	1	2	6	7	12	18	
Crystal Palace	17	3	3	2	15	8	1	2	6	8	22	17	
Blackburn	15	2	4	2	9	8	1	3	3	8	10	16	
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Walsall	18	1	4	4	6	11	2	2	5	8	17	15	
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Crewe	16	2	2	3	5	8	1	2	6	10	19	13	

Nottingham Forest have been at the centre of a flurry of transfer activity following new manager David Platt's apparent realisation that his present team aren't good enough to return to the Premiership.

After recently splashing out big money on Bristol City left-back Jim Brennan and missing out on the loan capture of Stan Collymore, they took Danish striker Mikkell Beck on a two-month loan from Derby and this week invested £1.5m in Stern John, the 22-year-old Trinidad and Tobago striking partner of Dwight Yorke.

John has come to England from US club Columbus Crew to try to address a goal-scoring problem that has been apparent at the City Ground since Ian Wright's departure to Celtic.

Platt is facing the sternest test of his fledgling career in management after Forest surrendered their unbeaten home record in Division One to

impressive Huddersfield last Sunday.

He has also seen his side lose six times already on their travels going into today's game at improving Tranmere, and said of Huddersfield's continued emergence as a promotion force: "There are no complaints from me.

"We got exactly what we deserved. Right from the start, I felt we were not at the races and made too many bad decisions and too many mistakes."

Huddersfield boss Steve Bruce, newly elected to the Yorkshire club's board, has no such worries following a day on which Forest were jeered from the field.

He said: "It's my job now to keep everybody's feet on the ground.

Although we've done well, it's very early days."

Forest, whose keeper

Mark Crossley has been mentioned as a possible target for Premiership strugglers Sheffield Wednesday, are finding life almost as tough as Blackburn.

But the fallen giants have taken a major step forward in the search for the successor to sacked boss Brian Kidd.

They have drawn up a list of names and Ewood Park chief executive John Williams said: "We are clear in the direction we are going.

"We are working towards a strong set of requirements and it goes without saying just how important a decision this is for the club."

Rovers, struggling just above the First Division relegation zone, would not be drawn on a timescale in the build-up to today's home date with Fulham.

Joe Kinnear, Colin Todd, Graeme Souness and Roy Evans have all been strongly linked with the vacancy and Blackburn have compiled a lengthy list of quality applications. They have received a hands-off from Preston, though, over Deepdale manager David Moyes.

Blackburn's near-neighbours Bolton have been busy in the market, selling Neil Cox to Watford for £500,000, the full-back having previously played in relegated teams at Bolton and Middlesbrough. But new Reebok boss Sam Allardyce, who is reported to have suspended defender Andy Todd for an off-field incident, has had a quick pay-back from his loan signing Gareth Farrelly.

The Everton and former Villa player scored with his first touch for the club - a superb 25-yard drive - as Bolton added to Sheffield United's problems with a 2-1 Sunday win at Bramall Lane.

The game was followed by a demonstration by Blades fans upset at the sale of their team's players over the last couple of years, and manager Adrian Heath said: "I fully understand the supporters' reaction.

"With continually seeing the better players sold from the club, they don't think we've put adequate replacements in. Couple that with bad results and poor performances, and you don't have to be Einstein to work out that's



MARK CROSLEY: POSSIBLE PREMIERSHIP TARGET



GARETH FARRELLY: A QUICK PAY-BACK FOR BOLTON

not a particularly good recipe."

Albion, who have cancelled the contract of full-back Paul Holmes, at long last recorded their first home win of the league season - 3-2 over a Portsmouth side who had Fitzroy Simpson sent off for his second booking.

On the same day, QPR's good form came crashing to an end with a 3-0 defeat at London rivals Crystal Palace - an afternoon made all the more gloomy for Rangers by the sendings-

off of Chris Kiwomya and Karl Ready.

More joy for Palace has come from the lifting of the bar on them making signings. They have given a trial to Swede Anders Torstenssen and sealed the capture of Venezuelan forward Fernando De Ornelas.

Three other low-key deals have seen Mark Walters move from Swindon to Bristol Rovers on a free transfer, Charlton step in to sign keeper Antti Niemi - once on trial at Wolves - from

Rangers on a three-month loan deal and Walsall increase their foreign legion by snapping up Argentinian utility man Gino Padula on a short-term contract.

The cynics might be wondering how long it will be before Fulham splash out again. Last Saturday's First Division action saw them lose 3-1 at home to Barnsley, who are looking an increasing threat in the promotion stakes.

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DATE OPPONENTS H/A ATT F-A POS

AUGUST 1999

Sat Aug 8	Manchester City	A	31,755	1-0	-	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	4.Robinson	5.Curle	6.Emblen	12.Naylor
Tue Aug 10	Wycombe Wanderers, W Cup 1(1)	A	4,564	1-0	-	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	4.Robinson	5.Curle pen 54	6.Emblen	7.Simpson
Sat Aug 14	PORTSMOUTH	H	21,024	1-1	7	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	4.Robinson	5.Curle	6.Emblen	12.Naylor
Sat Aug 21	Queens Park Rangers	A	13,239	1-1	7	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	4.Robinson	5.Curle	6.Emblen	12.Naylor
Tue Aug 24	WYCOMBE WAND, W CUP 1(2)	H	13,723	2-4	-	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	4.Robinson	5.Curle	6.Emblen 89	12.Naylor
Sat Aug 28	WALSALL	H	24,439	1-2	12	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	4.Robinson 31	5.Curle	6.Emblen	8.Osborn

SEPTEMBER 1999

Sat Sep 11	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN	H	20,385	0-1	18	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	12.Naylor	4.Robinson	5.Curle	6.Emblen	3.Bazeley
Sun Sep 19	Nottingham Forest	A	20,694	1-1	19	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley 19	4.Robinson	5.Curle	6.Emblen	8.Osborn
Sat Sep 25	Sheffield Utd	A	14,163	0-3	21	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	4.Robinson	5.Curle	6.Emblen	8.Osborn
Tue Sep 28	Crystal Palace	A	12,720	1-1	22	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	5.Curle	6.Emblen	8.Osborn	10.Akinbiyi 43

OCTOBER 1999

Sun Oct 3	WEST BROM ALBION	H	25,500	1-1	20	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	4.Robinson	5.Curle	6.Emblen	8.Osborn
Sat Oct 9	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	18,665	1-0	18	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	5.Curle	6.Emblen	8.Osborn	10.Akinbiyi 3
Sat Oct 16	Barnsley	A	14,923	2-1	12	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	5.Curle	6.Emblen	8.Osborn	10.Akinbiyi 33
Tue Oct 19	Fulham	A	13,160	1-0	10	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	5.Curle	6.Emblen 57	8.Osborn	10.Akinbiyi
Sat Oct 23	PORT VALE	H	20,488	2-2	10	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	5.Curle p 89	6.Emblen	8.Osborn	10.Akinbiyi
Tue Oct 26	SHEFFIELD UNITED	H	24,402	1-0	9	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	5.Curle	6.Emblen 89	8.Osborn	10.Akinbiyi
Sun Oct 31	West Brom Albion	A	21,097	1-1	10	1.Stowell	2.Muscat	3.Bazeley	5.Curle	6.Emblen	8.Osborn	10.Akinbiyi 82

NOVEMBER 1999

Sat Nov 6	GRIMSBY	H	19,036	3-0	10	1.Stowell	3.Bazeley	5.Curle	6.Emblen	8.Osborn	10.Akinbiyi 6,79,89	11.Sinton
Sat Nov 20	SWINDON	H										
Wed Nov 24	Ipswich	A										
Sat Nov 27	Tranmere	A										

DECEMBER 1999

Fri Dec 3	MANCHESTER CITY	H										
Sat Dec 11	FA Cup (3)	-										
Tue Dec 14	Crewe Alexandra	A										
Fri Dec 17	BIRMINGHAM CITY	H										
Sun Dec 26	Stockport County	A										
Tue Dec 28	NORWICH CITY	H										

JANUARY 2000

Mon Jan 3	Blackburn	A										
Sat Jan 8	FA Cup(4)	-										
Tue Jan 11	CHARLTON ATHLETIC	H										
Sat Jan 15	Portsmouth	A										
Sat Jan 22	QPR	H										
Sat Jan 29	Walsall / FA Cup(5)											

FEBRUARY 2000

Sat Feb 5	CRYSTAL PALACE	H										
Sat Feb 12	Charlton	A										
Sat Feb 19	TRANMERE/FA CUP(6)	H										
Sat Feb 26	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	H										

MARCH 2000

Sat Mar 4	Huddersfield	A										
Tue Mar 7	Grimsbly	A										
Sat Mar 11	IPSWICH TOWN	H										
Sat Mar 18	Swindon	A										
Tue Mar 21	CREWE ALEXANDRA	H										
Sat Mar 25	STOCKPORT	H										

APRIL 2000

Sat Apr 1	Birmingham City	A										
Sat Apr 8	BLACKBURN/FA CUP S/F											
Sat Apr 15	Norwich	A										
Sat Apr 22	BARNSELY	H										
Mon Apr 24	Bolton	A										
Sat Apr 29	FULHAM	H										

MAY 2000

Sun May 7	Port Vale	A										
Sat May 20	FA Cup Final											

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