

# Wolverhampton Wanderers

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"WOLVES ARMY MARCHING BACK TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP"

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### **FROM THE CHAIR**



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designed & printed by Alp Media, Bromley. T: 020 8466 6462 E: studio@alpmedia.org.uk Hello and Season's Greetings to one and all,

Maybe my pre-season rant of doom and gloom was a tad too early as, at the time of writing, Wolves sit neatly in joint first place in the league and looking fairly good to return to The Championship. Goals are being scored and chances that were wasted over the previous two seasons are finding the net. Not only that, the defence is starting to gel and results are promising.

Manager, Kenny Jackett, seems to have instilled a different mentality into the players that the previous managers failed to do and the football is, to say the least, watchable without flinching. Let us hope the trend continues.

I would like to express my thanks to our Social Secretary, Roy, for his efforts in organising the Christmas lunch which was, yet again, well supported. A full report and pictures of the event are elsewhere in this issue, with more available on the web site.

Believe it or not but plans are already being made for our 50th Anniversary Dinner, with Stef, Roy and myself putting feelers out regarding the venue, a suitable theme and, of course, the guest list. By the time you read this, it will only be some two and a half years away. It seems like only yesterday that those old Cresta Coaches were trundling up the M1. Well, sometimes at least! What I can divulge here is that the venue is looking, most likely, to be The Valley, Charlton Athletic's stadium but if any of you have any other suggestions, we will certainly look into them.

In order to commemorate the event, it is our intention to produce a 50th Anniversary badge for all the members and to that end we need to have it designed. So, we want to organise a competition among the members for a suitable design. We'll put a time limit of end of June 2015 for submissions, and the winning design will be ceremonially unveiled at the Anniversary Dinner. A suitable prize will be on offer to the winning submission.

Finally, just as we are going to print of this newsletter, I have just heard the very sad news that Wolves goalkeeper of the 1950's Bert Williams MBE has just passed away. Bert nicknamed "The Cat" because of his extraordinary agility was considered the perfect gentleman and a true Wolves legend. He will be sadly missed by Wolves fans both old and new, and our condolences go to all his family at this sad time.

My thanks, as usual, go to all your Committee members, especially Dave Slape and Peter Woodifield, for their gargantuan efforts in ensuring the smooth running of the Club's affairs. For the boys wearing the gold and black, all I will say is "Onwards and Upwards".

Stuart

### AGM MINUTES



#### 2012-2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Saturday 10th August 2013.

**Location:** Lych Gates Tavern, Queen Square, Wolverhampton.

Attendance: 31.

Committee: S. Earl, S. Armett, R. Eagles, R. Goddard, M. Hawthorne, S. Leonard, S. Ray, D. Slape

and P. Woodifield.

#### Agenda:

1. Apologies for absence

- 2. Chairman's Address
- 3. Minutes of 2012 AGM
- 4. Matters Arising
- 5. Secretary's Report
- 6. Treasurer's Report
- 7. Travel Secretary's Report
- 8. Social Secretary's Report
- 9. Newsletter Editor's Report
- 10. Website Editor's Report
- 11. Election of Officers
- 12. Membership Fee
- 13. Any Other Business

**Apologies for absence:** Paul Richards (Wolves FC), S. Tetlow, P. Tetlow, P. Bartlett, L. Masters, D. Pearl and A. Marshall.

**Chairman's Address:** Stuart welcomed everyone and thanked the Lych Gates Tavern for aiding the Club at short notice. He thanked Dave, Peter and Steve for their work last season.

#### Minutes of 2012 AGM:

Matters Arising: Stuart said he had heard nothing from EXPRO's solicitors since November 2012 with regards to the Derek Dougan DVD's.

**Secretary's Report:** Dave reported a membership of 229, paying in £2946.00 in subscriptions. Expenses totalled £646.60, £384.55 of which was for stamps. The train competitions raised £163.00 and Sales £49.61. Dave thanked the two Peter's, Rob Goddard and Stefan for their assistance.

**Treasurers Report:** In Tim's absence Dave reported a profit of £761.62. Peter took over and said the High Interest account could be higher with interest added.

**Travel Secretary's Report:** Peter reported a profit of £222.75 but three members still owe for match tickets. Trips were run to 23 home and 15 away matches. There was a good train service from Euston

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and the Call Centre in India had provided a reasonably good service. The highest attended trips were 40 for Nottingham Forest and 38 for Sheffield Wednesday at home, and 22 Peterborough United and 21 Nottingham Forest away. The average number travelling was down on the previous season, which was in the Premiership. Fare prices again varied because of competition with other travellers. Peter needed to book early to get cheaper fares and can make provisional booking three months in advance. Payment is required at the time of booking apart from with Virgin Trains. Debts for the 2011-12 season have been paid, but there has been no progress on previous seasons. Seven Club Season Tickets were purchased on the Wolves Early Bird scheme in March costing a total of £3352.00. A profit of £366.00 was made on the sale of match day tickets. Thanks once again to members who loaned their season tickets when not attending themselves. We have again renewed Club season tickets for the 2013-14 season on the Early Bird Scheme. Early Bird season ticket holders have received refunds because of Wolves relegation, and twelve away season tickets have been bought by Club members. Peter offered thanks to Wolves Ticket Office, and particularly Steve who has now left Wolves. Also, thanks to Dave Slape and Bob Richards for their help last season.

**Social Secretary's Report:** Roy reported the Christmas Party was the biggest yet, but was a rush and finished late. Guests were a good mix, with Matt Murray, Wolves Women and a Club official. The end of season match at Brighton we had a meal in the Snowdrop pub followed by a night at the greyhound racing. For this season Roy has options open for Christmas and a horse racing evening, including a Queen tribute band for the end of the season.

**Newsletter Editor's Report:** Steve stated Stefan is to be more involved this season and the magazine would be A5 size after consulting the membership.

**Website Editor's Report:** Dave reported £174.61 had been spent although £32.36 will show in 2013-14 figures.

**Election of Officers:** The committee was returned with the exception of Tim Richards who will be replaced by Carol Randall. Thanks to Tim for his efforts over the years.

Membership Fee: No change.

#### **Any Other Business:**

- Doug Pearl wished to thank Dave Slape for his weekly phone call of support following his serious heart surgery.
- The Club is to carry on the support for Wolves Women in preference to kit sponsorship.
- Carol asked if the Club was to send a wreath for David Wagstaffe, but it was decided a donation would probably be preferred.
- Roy Eagles won the free draw signed shirt.

Meeting Closed at 12:30pm.

### WOLVES' NEWS\_\_\_



#### **DAVE WAGSTAFFE - LEGEND**

On the 6th August it was announced that Wolves Legend David "Waggy" Wagstaffe had passed away following a short illness. Waggy was a regular attendee of London Wolves functions and will be sadly missed, he was a top bloke and was always happy to spare a few minutes of his time to all those who had the pleasure of meeting him.

The very word, Waggy, conjures up magical memories for a generation of Wolves fans. It symbolises not only a special talent but also an endearing fondness. Waggy was a gifted footballer and whenever he was on the ball there was a roar of anticipation. Fans expected something special to happen, and it usually did. Waggy was an old fashioned winger and more, he could dance down the touchline, leaving opponents trailing before curling over an inviting centre, but he could also create chances when he moved in field and unleashed pinpoint passes.

A goal creator rather than a goal scorer, he still notched 31 goals for the club, many of them classic strikes. Older supporters will doubtless recall the stunner he scored in the snow against double holders Arsenal who were beaten 5-1 at Molineux in November 1971. He helped Wolves to the League Cup triumph over former club Manchester City at Wembley in 1974, having two years earlier scored in the second leg of the UEFA Cup Final against Tottenham as Wolves were beaten 3-2 on aggregate.

In January of this year Waggy was deservedly inducted into the Wolves Hall of Fame on an emotional night at Molineux where team-mates paid tribute to his exceptional ability. Waggy will be sorely missed by all those who knew him and no tribute can do justice to the great man.













### WOLVES' NEWS



#### A TRIBUTE TO PETER THE GREAT

On the 1st October it was announced that another Wolves Legend Peter Broadbent had died at the age of 80 after suffering a long battle against Alzheimer's Disease. Broadbent was the third former prominent Wolves player to have died in late 2013 after our own legend Dave "Waggy" Wagstaffe and Barry Stobart.

Broadbent, who was one of the first inductees into the Wolves Hall of Fame, is ranked alongside such legends as Bert Williams, Billy Wright, Ron Flowers and Bill Slater as one of the club's greatest players of all time. He was part of Stan Cullis' all-conquering team that won the Football League title three times, in 1954, 1958 and 1959 and the FA Cup in 1960. The side captured the nation's hearts in the 1950s after embarking on a series of trailblazing European floodlit friendlies against the best teams in the world, in what were a forerunner of what is now the Champion's League.

Broadbent was part of England's 1958 World Cup squad and also scored Wolves' first goal in Europe, he netted 145 times in 497 games after arriving as a club-record signing from Brentford for £10,000 in 1951. Broadbent was known for his legendary body swerve which bamboozled opponents and entranced fans at a time when Wolves were recognised as the greatest team in the country. After leaving Wolves in 1965, he joined Shrewsbury Town and also played for Aston Villa, Stockport County and Bromsgrove Rovers before hanging up his boots.

Malcolm Finlayson, who was goalkeeper of the great 1950s Wolves team and won two league titles and the FA Cup in 1960, all in the same team as Broadbent, paid tribute to his former team-mate. "It's very sad," said Finlayson. "What's sad about it is he was such a great player and that Wolves side was such a great team and to be honest, those players have never been replaced. "He is irreplaceable. He had no weakness at all. He'd got this silky movement and ball control and was a great player. You could compare him to the other great players at other clubs, but he was better than most of them."

Former Wolves boss Graham Turner, who now manages Shrewsbury Town, said: "I can remember going to Molineux to the Hall Of Fame dinner, both of us were elected there on the same night. His wife was there to collect it, he was unwell. But they did a link with Sir Alex Ferguson on video and he was saying that when he was growing up Peter Broadbent was his favourite player."







### WOLVES' NEWS



#### ABBSWOLF ABB'SENT FOR ONCE



Since our last newsletter you may have seen various articles in different newspapers and TV coverage about an avid Wolves supporter who had not missed a home game for 37 years, yes that person was our own London Wolves member Peter Abbott.

Peter grew up in East London and said he fell for Wolves via the television and magazines and first saw them at West Ham in 1970, when they lost 3-0. He regularly started going to Molineux in the 1975-76 season and the last game he missed there was against Tottenham on 16 March 1976, which

Wanderers lost 1-0. Peter has seen over 1,900 home and away matches since then and only missed one (at Blackburn in 1985, when Wolves lost 3-0) and that was because his train broke down.

When his step-daughter Sarah decided to get married on 19th October 2013 it clashed with Wolves home game against Coventry City. But Peter had the surprise of his life when Wolves legend Steve Bull turned up at the wedding reception. He said "Bully handed me a shirt signed by the team and a programme for the match with Coventry that I had just missed with his signature on it. That really was the icing on the wedding cake as far as I was concerned." Bully stayed for a beer and the pair chatted about the old days. He added: "It was the perfect end to a lovely day. The only thing missing was a Wolves win."







#### Dave Slape's Sales

There are three different badges available each costing £3.00 (Club, 25th anniversary and 40th anniversary). Also, we have one (medium) crested badge weather jacket at a cost of £45.00

### SOCIAL NEWS



#### London Wolves' Summer Walk 2013



This year's London Wolves Summer Walk involved "Following in the footsteps of Samuel Pepys, Charles Dickens, I.K.Brunel, the Pilgrim Fathers and countless pirates" and was again organised by real ale specialist Captain Jeff Castro, who's attention to detail was outlined by persuading the Market Porter Pub to open an hour earlier than usual.

Some of the more seasoned of our beer swilling veteran's assembled at Maria's Market Cafe at Borough Market near to London Bridge to fuel up ready for the walking involved between the various hostelries. But the main congregation of troops assembled at 11am at the Market Porter pub located in the Borough Market.

So it was tin hats on and down to Captain Castro to lead his troops along a pre-planned route that included a massive ten pub "yomp" through the byways of the Thames Walkway.

From start to finish the London Wolves Army did their tour of duty at The Wheatsheaf and Market Porter in Borough Market, The Barrowboy and Banker at London Bridge, The Horniman at Hays, The Anchor Tap in Horselydown Lane, The Bridge House at Tower Bridge, The Mayflower in Rotherhithe, The Prospect of Whitby and the Grapes in Wapping and finally the Cat and Canary at Canary Wharf.



















### SOCIAL NEWS



#### **Christmas Lunch**

There was a change of venue for this year's Christmas Lunch which took place before the home game against MK Dons. Due to the ever increasing numbers, social events guru Roy Eagles relocated the event to the Bluebrick Restaurant in Wolverhampton. The event was attended by over 60 people and his hard negotiating powers ensured the price was held the same for the 5th consecutive year *(photos on back cover)*.

And just when you thought it couldn't get any better Roy really surpassed all previous efforts with an even more brilliant Christmas Party, an excellence which was graced by so many good friends from Wolves. Our guest of honour was Championship winning Club Captain Jody Craddock, as our fundraising was devoted to his @JC6Testimonial fundraising for the Birmingham Children's Hospital where his son Toby is undergoing treatment. We raised £461 towards his testimonial in support of the Birmingham Children's Hospital who are treating his son Toby and @JC6Testimonial brochures raised another £250.

Many other friends joined us - Val Williams, Mike and Barbara Bailey, Terry and Sue Wharton, Mel Eves, Phil "Lofty" Parkes, Paul Richards, and Wolves Women Captain Anna Perks, star Leanne Rimmer Chair Jenny Wilkes and Committee member Peter Wyatt. Lawson, "mine host" of the City Bar, who has looked after us for so many years, also joined us.

#### Congratulations to our prize winners:

- A pair of tickets for the Directors' Box donated by WWFC Paul Richards Howard Thompson
- A pair of tickets for the museum Pam Tetlow
- Wolves 2012-13 squad signed shirt won by Mel Eves pulling his own ticket who promptly auctioned it - George Babb winning
- Wolves signed shirt won by Bob Kent who also auctioned it with Malcolm winning and donating an extra fiver to £40
- Wolves signed football won by Barbara Bailey who also auctioned it Kevin Henworth winning
- Wolves Ladies 2013 squad signed shirt won by Mark Feehan who clearly wasn't going to let that prized possession go!
- Other prize winners Peter Abbott, Peter Myatt. Matt Cleverley

#### **Pre Season Friendlies 2013**



Wolves started life under Kenny Jackett with a series of pre-season friendlies which included visits to East Fife and Livingston in Scotland, and Wrexham in Wales. As always London Wolves were well represented in all of these games, and as you can see from the photos taken that the lads made sure that they were well and truly refreshed before embarking on the serious business of cheering on the boys in Gold and Black.



For the record the scores in all the pre-season friendlies were as follows:



Wednesday 10th July: East Fife 2-3 Wolves Saturday 13th July: Livingston 1-2 Wolves Tuesday 16th July: Wrexham 1-2 Wolves Saturday 20th July: Barnsley 2-2 Wolves Tuesday 23rd July: Chesterfield 1-2 Wolves Saturday 27th July: Wolves 2-3 Real Betis



### WOLVES' LADIES



#### "CARRY ON WOLVES WOMEN"

As we at London Wolves are proud sponsors of The Wolves Women Football Team, I was invited to their presentation evening and, along with Roy Eagles and Mark Feehan, duly took my place at the sponsors' table in readiness to present the "hoodies" we had provided for the ladies. What was to follow would have done Sid James and Kenneth Williams proud. Ooooer Mrs!

Onto the stage came the coaches of the various levels and spoke in praise of their side's performances over the past season. These unscripted comments had our table in fits of laughter, and I do hope there is no offence caused by my versions of their orations, because none is intended. But as one of the other sponsors noted, comedians and scriptwriters take months to write this sort of stuff!

In no particular order, the "offending" Carry On musings:

The outgoing coach stated... "I'm stood here a very, very proud man".

"Melissa (not her real name) could never make up her mind which position she preferred."

"After two years of unprecedented sex, sorry, success" (a statement which was very quickly corrected)! In a brief question and answer session which followed, the coach was asked "what was your best time with the team?" to which he replied.... "I've got far too much to cram in, but probably when we did the double, but now for the biggie!"

And finally, when it came to the presentations to the reserves, only one showed up, and she was on crutches. Sid, Barbara, Kenneth and the rest of the gang, you'd have been proud of the Wolves Women FC!





















### JACKETT OUT TO PROVE A POINT

#### **PRESTON 0-0 WOLVES**

Saturday 3rd August 2013



Well here we go again, and following a dreadful two years our beloved Wolves start against one of the founder members of the league Preston North End in a match to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the football league, unfortunately both teams kick-off in League One (or Division Three to the older members of London Wolves).

Wolves had most of the possession and were the better team in the early stages, the only contribution from Preston was the crude tackling of has-been Kevin Davies who was making his home debut. Both Stearman and Edwards went off injured following cheap tackles by Davies, who for some unknown reason wasn't even spoken to by the weak referee.

The first chance of the game fell to Sako who forced Judd into low save in the 13th minute, before the same player fired another long range effort just over the bar a few moments later. Wolves then twice went close within a minute. Firstly Griffiths watched on as his volleyed effort was headed off the line in the 37th minute, and then a corner on the left by Rickets was pushed onto the top of the crossbar by Judd.

Preston had to wait until the start of the second half for their first chance of the game, Ikeme charged down a shot from Davies which went just wide, and the striker predictably left in a boot as he followed through on the keeper. Even though they had plenty of the ball Wolves still failed to create any kind of clear cut effort in the second half.

All in all it was a closely fought game with chances far and few between for either side. Even so Kenny Jackett should be pleased with the effort put in by the players, and even though his new look team lacked

that cutting edge in the last third of the field there looks to be plenty of promise.

Opinion: Good Steady Start. Man of the match: Batth Team Rating: 6/10 Attendance: 16,583

**Team:** Ikeme, Doherty, Ricketts (capt), Evans, Stearman (Elokobi 32) (Foley 70), Batth, Sigurdarson, Edwards (Cassidy

64), Griffiths, Davis, Sako Unused Subs: Hennessey, Price,

McAlinden, Ismail

Bookings: Davis (62 - foul)

### LETS HOPE THERES MORE'TO'CAMBE

#### **MORECAMBE 1-0 WOLVES**

Tuesday 6th August 2013 (Capital One Cup 1st rnd)



On a sad day for Wolves when legend Dave Wagstaffe passed away the team couldn't manage a win in his memory against League Two side Morecambe in the "Cloth Cap Cup". In a game televised live by Sky Wolves fell victim of a last minute winner after hitting the woodwork on three separate occasions.

It was a lethargic start from Wolves who were forced to make six changes from the team who drew at Preston on the opening day, and the tone was set as early as the first minute when Drummond forced Ikeme into a low save when he let fly from 25 yards. Wolves had to wait until a minute before the break before creating their first clear cut chance, Doherty took a return pass from Forde and took the ball to the by-line before hitting a low cross that struck the foot of the near post before bouncing to safety.

Wolves showed much more purpose after the break and the game opened up with both sides creating a series of chances. The woodwork came to Morecambe's rescue again in the 50th minute, Ismail crossed to the far post and Griffiths rattled the post with a powerful header. Then it was Ismail's turn to be denied by the woodwork when he curled a shot over Roche and onto the top of the crossbar.

With five minutes left and the game seemingly heading for extra time Morecambe broke the deadlock, Doherty conceded a foul 25 yards out and Williams curled a great free-kick into the top left hand corner of the net. Wolves immediately brought on McAlindon in a desperate attempt to grab an equaliser but it was too late for him to make any kind of impact.

Opinion: Another Capital One Cup early exit.

Man of the match: Ismail Team Rating: 3/10 Attendance: 2,545

**Team:** Ikeme, Doherty, Reckord, Davis, Batth (capt), Ebanks-Landell, Foley, Forde (McAlinden 88), Griffiths, Cassidy

(Doyle 57), Ismail (Evans 66) Unused Subs: Hennessey, Price,

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Bookings: Davis (62 - foul)

#### ONE FOUR WAGGY

#### **WOLVES 4-0 GILLINGHAM**

Saturday 10th August 2013

What a great start to the home campaign, Wolves dominated this game from start to finish and the only downside to the performance was that they didn't score more goals. It was just rewards for the army of fans who turned up despite the garbage they've had to endure over the last couple of seasons, so much so that the start of the game had to be delayed by 15 minutes to get them all inside the ground.

Before the game both Wolves and Gillingham fans paid their respect with a minute's applause in memory of Wolves legend Dave Wagstaffe who sadly passed away during the previous week. Waggy was a regular attendee of London Wolves functions and will be sadly missed, he was a top bloke and was always happy to spare a few minutes of his time to all those who had the pleasure of meeting him.

When the game kicked off Wolves immediately tore into Gillingham and they got the dream start after just five minutes when Leigh Griffiths opened his account following his return from a loan spell at Hibs. Ricketts sent a diagonal cross towards our new number nine, and in one movement he superbly brought down the ball before swivelling and smashing a left foot volley into the bottom corner of the net from outside the area.





Wolves continued to steam into Gillingham and they had keeper Stuart Nelson to thank as he single handedly prevented a rout. He kept the Wanderers at bay with two superb saves from Griffiths and Ricketts the pick of the bunch, but he could do nothing in the 26th minute when Evans made it 2-0, a shot from Griffiths was deflected into the path of Evans who coolly poked the ball beyond Nelson's reach from six yards. Five minutes later it was 3-0, Ismail crossed from the right side of the area to the unmarked Sako who smashed the ball home from ten yards.

Gillingham simply couldn't cope with Wolves' pace and movement and this was typified by the fourth goal twenty minutes from time. Legge was miles late with a tackle on Evans in the area and Griffiths stepped up to slot home the penalty for his second goal of the game. Gillingham offered very little in response to the Wolves bombardment and left Molineux well and truly with their tails between their legs, and outclassed in every department.

Opinion: A great way to honour the memory

of our beloved Waggy. Man of the match: Griffiths

Team Rating: 9/10 Attendance: 19,102

Team: Ikeme, Doherty (Foley 89), Ricketts (capt), Evans, Stearman, Batth,

Ismail (Price 76), Davis, Doyle (Sigurdarson 64), Griffiths, Sako Unused Subs: Hennessey, Cassidy, McAlinden, Ebanks-Landell

Bookings: None

#### LATE BRISTOLS SHOWING

#### **BRISTOL CITY 1-2 WOLVES**

Saturday 17th August 2013

Wolves grabbed a dramatic late winner to take all three points in the pouring rain at Ashton Gate. The victory made it seven points out of a possible nine and put Wolves in third place in League One after the first three games. Wolves totally dominated the first half but nearly paid the price of not turning their superior advantage into goals when they gifted City an equaliser at the start of the second half.

Wolves set their stall early on and never allowed City anywhere near the ball, they were in total control and the only surprise was that it took them 22 minutes to open the scoring, but when the goal came it was well worth waiting for. The impressive Kevin Doyle was fouled on the edge of the area and Sako stepped up to strike an absolute beauty from the corner of the box into the top right hand corner of the net. City had keeper Frank Fielding to thank for keeping the score down to a solitary goal at half time after making a series of good stops to keep out Wolves.

Against the run of play City equalised in the 53rd minute following some sloppy defending, Stearman lost the ball on the edge of the area when needlessly diving in, and the grateful Baldock pulled the ball back to Emmanuel-Thomas who had all the time and space needed to slot the ball past Ikeme.



The goal completely changed the game and for a period and it was Wolves turn to be on the back foot, and they had Ikeme to thank in the 63rd minute when he made a superb double save from Baldock to keep the scores level. However, Wolves weathered the storm and after playing their way back into the game they finally grabbed the winner with five minutes left on the clock. Sako made a mazy run down the right and crossed to Doherty who was on hand to volley an angled shot that hit the underside of the bar and into the net.

Opinion: Nearly paid the price for not putting the game to bed in the first half.

Man of the match: Doyle Team Rating: 8/10 Attendance: 14,393

Team: Ikeme, Doherty, Ricketts (capt), Evans, Stearman, Batth, Ismail (Cassidy 65), Davis, Doyle (McDonald 85), Griffiths (Sigurdarson 65), Sako

Unused Subs: McCarey, Elokobi, Price,

Bookings: Davis (62 - foul), Sigurdarson (66 – foul), Doherty (85 – goal celebration)

#### JUST ABOUT CREEPY **PAST THE CRAWLEYS**

#### **WOLVES 2-1 CRAWLEY**

Friday 24th August 2013

Wolves briefly went to the top of League One after a dramatic late finish in the Friday night live game in front of the Sky Sports cameras. After a great start by Wolves Crawley fought back and will consider themselves unlucky not to go home without at least a point after losing out to an injury time penalty.

It was Wolves who set the early pace and Sigurdarson was a whisker away from opening the scoring after just five minutes when his header was well saved by Jones. However the striker didn't have to wait much longer to get his name on the scoresheet, two minutes later Doyle sent over a perfect cross from the left and put it on a plate for Sigurdarson who had the simple job of heading home from six yards.

Wolves continued to dominate and seemed to be strolling it, but Crawley constantly frustrated the home strike force as they slowly played themselves back into the game. Crawley gained confidence from a brief spell of possession and should have equalised in the 23rd minute, a cross from the right created all kinds of confusion in the Wolves area, and when the ball fell to Walsh he somehow managed to side-foot the ball wide from five yards out.

Both teams created a series of half chances after the break, but as play entered the first minute of injury time it looked like Wolves had hung on for a win, however a four man Crawley move ended with Clarke firing a low drive past Ikeme for the equaliser. At that point it looked like





Crawley would be leaving Molineux with a point, but there was even more drama to come. In the 96th minute McFadzean was penalised when he was adjudged to have handled the ball in the penalty area following a cross from the left, substitute Leigh Griffiths held his nerve and stepped up to slam the spot kick under the body of Jones for the winner.

Opinion: About time a penalty decision

went in our favour.

Man of the match: Doyle Team Rating: 7/10 Attendance: 17.406

Team: Ikeme, Doherty, Ricketts (capt). Evans (McDonald 72), Stearman, Batth, Ismail (Elokobi 90+5), Davis, Doyle, Sigurdarson (Griffiths 72), Sako Unused Subs: Forde, Cassidy, Price,

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Bookings: Doyle (80 - foul), McDonald (90+6 - kicking ball away after conceding free-kick)

#### THE WOLVES SHIP STEAMS INTO PORT

#### **PORT VALE 1-3 WOLVES**

Saturday 31st August 2013

Wolves continued their unbeaten start to life in League One with a comfortable 3-1 victory against Port Vale. It was their fourth win on the spin and the victory takes them to second place in the table following Peterboro's home defeat against Crawley. After a stuttering first half Wolves stepped up a gear after the break and knocked in three second half goals to end up comfortable winners.

Compared with previous games so far this season Wolves seemed subdued in the first half and the only decent efforts on goal that forced the Vale keeper into any kind of action came from Ismail and Griffiths as the game approached half time.

However the game changed dramatically after the break as Wolves started to apply the pressure, and in the 56th minute they made the breakthrough. Vale failed to clear a through ball played into the edge of their own area and Griffiths nipped in and let fly with a stunning left foot shot to open the scoring. Vale then hit the post and Ikeme made a brilliant save from Dickinson as the home team immediately tried to respond, but it was Wolves who sealed the victory with two goals in an eight minute spell. The first came 15 minutes



from time when Griffiths hit a low cross from the right and substitute Sigurdarson made no mistake with a right-foot volley from six yards. Sigurdarson then turned provider in the 83rd minute; his pace took him past Neal before rolling the ball back to debutant McDonald who stroked the ball into the empty net to make it 3-0.

Vale grabbed a consolation goal in injury time when Pope headed a right wing cross into the net from six yards, but it was the 4,500 Wolves fans following their team who were already celebrating as the referee blew the final whistle a few seconds later.

Opinion: Based on this showing we're

definitely on the up.

Man of the match: Griffiths

Team Rating: 9/10

Attendance: 12,601 (4,461 away supporters) Team: Ikeme, Doherty, Ricketts, McDonald, Batth, Stearman, Ismail (Sigurdarson 65), Davis, Griffiths, Doyle (Horde 75), Golbourne (Evans 45) Unused Subs: Elokobi, Cassidy, Price, **McCarev** 

Bookings: Davis (73 - time wasting), Evans (90+3 – kicking ball away at free-kick)

#### ALL SADDLED UP **FOR PAINT RUN**

#### **WOLVES 2-2 WALSALL**

(Wolves win 4-2 on penalties) Tuesday 3rd September 2013 (Johnstone's Paint Trophy - Northern 1st Round)

As far as Wolves fans were concerned all the talk at the start of the season was for their team to win the League One title and gain promotion back to the Championship at the first attempt, and as the icing on the cake to go to Wembley and win the Johnstone's Paint Trophy. With them sitting pretty in 2nd place in League One after five games, and then knocking out local rivals Walsall in this first round JPT game after a penalty shoot-out things seem to be going along nicely.

Wolves got off to a dream start with a goal after only four minutes, a nice little interchange on the right between Dohery and Price ended up with the latter sending over a low cross that McAlinden side footed in from six yards. It was one-way traffic with the young looking Wolves line-up playing our local neighbours off the park, and as the game reached half-time Kenny Jackett would have been disappointed that his team were only one goal to the good.

Wolves paid a heavy price for not taking advantage of their first half superiority as Walsall equalised eight minutes into the second-half, Hemmings beat McCarev with a diving header following a cross from the left by Westcarr. However, Sako got Wolves' noses back in front in the 64th minute from the penalty spot, O'Donnell saved the first attempt but the midfielder followed up to find the net from the rebound. With nothing to lose Walsall pushed men forward and Hewitt made sure the game went to a penalty shoot-out when he hit the equaliser with a left foot volley five minutes from time.



McCarey was the Wolves hero in the shoot-out as he saved Walsall's first two penalties, and even though the Saddlers converted penalties three and four Wolves were faultless from their first three spot kicks with Davis hammering home the fourth to give his side a 4-2 victory.

Opinion: Don't book your train tickets to

Wembley just yet. Man of the match: Sako Team Rating: 5/10

Attendance: 13,481

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

Unused Subs: Ikeme, Ebanks-Landell,

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Bookings: None



#### **SWINDLED TOWN**

WOLVES 3-2 SWINDON TOWN Saturday 14th September 2013

A goalkeeping master class from Carl Ikeme and some shocking finishing from Swindon enabled Wolves to continue their unbeaten start to the season, and to their fifth successive league win in a row. It was the first time since 2008 that the feat was last achieved and it puts Wolves into third place behind Peterboro on goal difference. It was a lucky day all round for Wolves and it started in the 3rd minute when they took the lead. Scott Golbourne sent over what appeared to be a cross from the left wing, but the ball floated over Foderingham and into the net via the underside of the crossbar. Swindon then took control and up stepped Ikeme to start his one man show when he denied Mason and then Pritchard with



It was happy days again just two minutes before the break as Wolves made it 2-0. Griffiths floated an inch perfect cross from the left hand side of the box and Doyle was on hand to nod the ball into the net from six yards.

Swindon continued to dominate after the break, but they were again guilty of missing some gilt-edged chances. The main culprit was Mason who shot wide from eight yards with only the keeper to beat, and then he hit the post when clean through just a few minutes later. However Mason did have a hand in the goal as Swindon pulled one back with eight minutes left, he threaded a through ball to N'Guessan and the sub hit a low shot past lkeme to give his team a lifeline.

With Swindon piling forward in search of an equaliser Wolves made the game safe in the last minute when Sigurdarson squared for Foley to slot home from ten yards. The action still wasn't finished and Swindon grabbed another goal in the last minute of injury time when Mason beat Ikeme with a terrific drive from outside the area, but it was too late for Swindon to launch another serious attack before the referee brought proceedings to an end.

**Opinion:** You won't find me complaining, it's about time lady luck looked down on our team.

Man of the match: Ikeme Team Rating: 5/10 Attendance: 19,388

**Team:** Ikeme, Doherty, Golbourne, McDonald, Batth, Ricketts (capt), Davis (Ismail 60), Griffiths (Sigurdarson 77), Doyle, Evans, Sako (Foley 84)

Unused Subs: Stearman, Cassidy, Price,

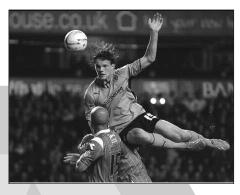
McCarey

**Bookings:** McDonald (51 - kicking ball away at free-kick), Ismail (90+2 - kicking ball away at free-kick)

#### **BLAZING SADDLERS**

#### **WOLVES 0-1 WALSALL**

Tuesday 17th September 2013



Wolves' unbeaten start to the season came to an end when local rivals Walsall won by a solitary goal at Molineux. Wolves, who failed to score for the first time in the league since the opening day of the season seemed to have a touch of the midweek blues, and their lethargic display ended with defeat against the closest of all their neighbours.

Walsall started the brighter of the two teams and even though Sigurdarson arrowed a shot just wide in the 5th minute it was Walsall who came closest to taking the lead just a few minutes later when Westcarr clipped the top of Ikeme's crossbar direct from a free-kick on the edge of the area. Walsall continued to shade the possession, but Wolves nearly grabbed an equaliser in the 39th minute when Sako took an audacious free-kick from all of 30 yards which O'Donnell just managed to tip over the bar.

For a brief period at the start of the second half Wolves looked to up the tempo, but when Doyle was presented with a half chance he headed weakly wide of the post. A double substitution on the hour mark failed to give Wolves any more momentum, and it was Walsall who eventually took the lead in the 69th minute. A free-kick on the right-hand wing from Taylor was headed back across goal where Butler was on hand to head past Ikeme. There was no instant response from Wolves and if anything it was Walsall who finished the stronger of the two teams to deservedly take all three points.

**Opinion:** Lacklustre display against a team we should be beating if we are going to be in the title race at the end of the season.

Man of the match: Batth Team Rating: 4/10 Attendance: 22,240

**Team:** Ikeme, Doherty, Golbourne, Davis, Batth, Ricketts (capt), Evans (Foley 56),

McDonald (Griffiths 56), Doyle,

Sigurdarson, Sako

Unused Subs: McCarey, Stearman,

Cassidy, Price, Ismail

Bookings: McDonald (50 - foul),

Ikeme (89 - hand ball).

#### THE TAMING OF THE SHREWS

#### SHREWSBURY TOWN 0-1 WOLVES

Saturday 21st September 2013

Wolves bounced back from their midweek defeat at Walsall with a 1-0 win in front of a record attendance at Shrewsbury. It was a tight affair with Wolves grabbing all three points after they were awarded a late penalty for hand ball which was converted by Bakary Sako.



There was nothing between the teams in an evenly contested first half. Sako forced Weale into a good save in the 6th minute from the edge of the area, before Taylor responded by forcing Ikeme into a similar save as the game flowed from one end to the other. The Shrews keeper then twice denied Sigurdarson within a two minute spell; he firstly made a smart save from a shot six yards out, and then got down low to his right to keep out a header.



Wolves upped the pace after the break and took command, Griffiths went close with an effort from Golbourne's cross in the 55th minute and then Sigurdarson failed to capitalise after he was put clean through by McDonald. Shrewsbury then missed a golden chance to take the lead on the hour mark. Taylor crossed from the goal line on the right and Curtis Main somehow managed to lift the ball over the bar from just a yard out.

With full-time fast approaching Wolves went in front from the penalty spot when Taylor stuck out a hand to prevent Dohery's header going over the line, and Sako stepped up to hammer home the decisive penalty with six minutes left on the clock. Victory gave manager Kenny Jackett the perfect response after the Walsall defeat and showed his players are more than up for a fight.

**Opinion:** Back to winning ways with plenty of fight and spirit in a cup tie type game.

Man of the match: McDonald

Team Rating: 7/10 Attendance: 9,510

Team: Ikeme, Doherty, Golbourne, McDonald, Batth, Ricketts (capt), Ismail (Edwards 65), Davis, Griffiths (Cassidy 65), Sigurdarson (Foley 90), Sako Unused Subs: Stearman, Price.

McAlinden, McCarey **Bookings:** Davis (75 – foul)

#### NO CUTTING EDGE FROM THE BLADES

#### **WOLVES 2-0 SHEFFIELD UNITED**

Saturday 28th September 2013

After a dreadful first half performance Wolves improved in the second half to finally overcome Sheffield United. It was Wolves seventh win from their previous eight games to keep them in third place in League One, but only goal difference separates them from second place Peterboro.

For the first 45 minutes you would have thought it was Wolves who were bottom of the league and not United, their passing was poor, the ball control was poor and their overall general play was poor. The Blades had the lion's share of the possession in the first half and they must be ruing not making the most of their first half dominance. Wolves had Carl Ikeme to thank for keeping the Blades at bay; he got smartly down to deny Cuvelier in the eighth minute, and then a minute later kept out a long range

effort by Febian Brandy. It was Brandy who tested Ikeme again in the 27th minute when set up by the perennial prison resident Marlon "Cooler" King, before Cuvelier failed to hit the target when well placed on the half hour.

Doyle replaced Sigurdarson at the start of the second half, and the striker's enthusiasm immediately seemed to rub off on his team mates as Wolves showed a lot more energy and enjoyed a lot more of the possession. Griffiths finally opened the scoring for Wolves in the 66th minute, the Wanderers number nine bundled the ball over the line at the second attempt from Sako's left-wing cross after Long had saved his first effort. Wolves had the ball in the net again in the



70th minute when Edwards headed home Griffiths's cross but it was ruled out for offside. Wolves continued to dominate and the game was finally put to bed in injury time, McDonald knocked the ball back to Sako from the edge of the area and the midfielder let fly with an absolute screamer from 30 yards that nearly broke the net.

**Opinion:** Better in the second half after an absolutely shocking first 45 minutes.

Man of the match: Ikeme Team Rating: 5/10 Attendance: 20,417

**Team:** Ikeme, Doherty, Golbourne, McDonald, Batth, Ricketts (capt), Edwards (Forde 79), Price, Griffiths (Cassidy 73), Sigurdarson (Doyle 45),

Unused Subs: Elokobi, Stearman,

Evans, McCarey

Bookings: Batth (64 - foul)

#### **GOOD GRIFF**

#### **COLCHESTER UTD 0-3 WOLVES**

Saturday 5th October 2013

Wolves put in one of their best performances of the season to keep the promotion bandwagon rolling on. But it was the clinical nature of their victory which will give Kenny Jackett the most satisfaction, after a slow start Wolves scored against the run of play and never gave their opponents a look in from thereafter.

After Colchester had dominated the early play their momentum was brought to a shuddering halt in the 20th minute when Wolves were awarded a penalty after Doherty was brought down in the area. Leigh Griffiths showed Wolves supporters what they had been missing when on loan at Hibs, the in-form striker stepped up and made no mistake from the spot kick to put his side in front. From that point Wolves went in search of more goals and dominated play in every area of the pitch, their passing was fluent and when they attacked from the flanks the wide men caused havoc with great delivery from both wings.

If Colchester thought the half-time break might give them a chance to regroup then their hopes were blasted out of the water in the 48th minute when Griffiths grabbed his and Wolves second. A ball from the right by new boy James Henry was met by the striker who calmly slotted past the keeper. Just seven minutes later it was game well



and truly over, Doyle made it 3-0 with a right foot effort from inside the box after Henry was again the supplier. With all three points in the bag and Colchester totally out of their depth Wolves took their foot off the accelerator pedal, and with five minutes remaining they nearly paid for their complacency. Carl Ikeme, briefly forced into action, was adjudged to have fouled Bean in the area, but justice was done when he pulled off a superb save to his right to deny Sears from the penalty spot.

**Opinion:** Best start to a season for 64 years and look invincible away from home.

Man of the match: Griffiths

Team Rating: 9/10 Attendance: 7,295

**Team:** Ikeme, Doherty, Stearman, McDonald, Batth, Ricketts, Henry (Forde 90+1), Price, Griffiths (Sigurdarson 80), Doyle (Davis 88), Golbourne



Unused Subs: Elokobi, Forde, Cassidy,

McCarey, Foley

Bookings: Henry (17 - foul),

Ikeme (85 - foul)

#### <u>LIKE WATCHING</u> JOHNSTONE'S PAINT DRY

#### **WOLVES 0-0 NOTTS COUNTY**

(Notts County win 3-1 on penalties)
Tuesday 8th October 2013 (Johnstone's Paint
Trophy - Northern 2nd Round)



After the terrific game against Walsall in the previous round, this one turned out to be the one to definitely give a miss. All hopes of a League and Cup double were blown out of the water as Notts County came to Wolves and played the party poopers.

Kenny Jackett set the tone for the defeat by making four changes from the team that played so well at Colchester just three days previously. Doyle, Batth, Ricketts and Doherty made way for Ebanks-Landell, Cassidy, Elokobi and Foley, and the decision horribly backfired as Notts County refused to play the whipping boys.

Overall it was a bad day at the office for Wolves, they struggled to gain any kind of momentum and matters weren't helped by a quarter full stadium failing to generate any kind of atmosphere. The Wolves strikers failed to make the County goalkeeper into a serious save throughout the game and most of the shots at goal were from long range. On the other hand County kept the hands of Carl Ikeme warm with the goalkeeper making a series of good saves throughout the game.

The game predictably finished 0-0, and as with the last round against Walsall Wolves found themselves in another penalty shoot-out. However, in stark contrast to the last round the shoot-out turned out to be a total disaster. Griffiths got matters started and converted the first penalty to give Wolves the advantage. That's when it all went pear shaped with Sigurdarson and

Foley sending two shocking kicks high over the crossbar. With County scoring their first three that left Henry the task of keeping Wolves in the tournament, but his kick was also another poor effort that was easily saved by the keeper to give County a 3-1 shoot-out victory.

Opinion: That's what happens when you

under-estimate your opponents.

Man of the match: Ikeme Team Rating: 3/10

Attendance: 7,166

**Team:** Ikeme, Foley, Elokobi (Sigurdarson 45), Price, Ebanks-Landell, Stearman (capt), Henry, McDonald.

Griffiths, Cassidy (McAlinden 62),

Golbourne

Unused Subs: Batth, Davis, Flatt

Bookings: None

### CONSPICUOUS BY HIS ABB'SENCE

#### **WOLVES 1-1 COVENTRY**

Saturday 19th October 2013

Well it was honours even as local rivals Coventry scored a late equaliser to grab a point in a closely fought contest. But it wasn't the football making the news at Molineux it was the absence of London Wolves member Peter Abbott who missed his first home game since 1976, the excuse being he was attending his stepdaughter's wedding. Well Peter you didn't miss much, and with Bully turning up at the reception I would say that you had a right result.

Even though Wolves had more of the possession in the first half neither side looked like breaking the deadlock. There was some nice build up play from Wolves especially James Henry, but the end product was poor with the City keeper never really threatened, in fact the only notable effort in the first 45 minutes came five minutes before the break when Doyle's cross eventually found Griffiths, but his angled shot inside the box flew over the bar.

However, the striker wasn't going to make the same mistake in the 68th minute. Griffiths latched onto a knockdown from Batth and fired a ferocious shot under the body of Murphy to give Wolves the lead. It was no more than Wolves had deserved for upping the tempo after the break. But Wolves paid the ultimate price of not turning their superior possession in the second half into goals as City grabbed an equaliser with five minutes left. Wilson picked out Phillips, who had only been on the field for



three minutes, and in a flash he rifled an unstoppable shot past the outstretched arm of lkeme.

It was too late for Wolves to search for a winner, although City goal scorer Phillips made a crucial block on the clean-through Sigurdarson in the third minute of injury time before the referee blew the final whistle.

**Opinion:** The general opinion was that a draw was a fair result, but it's still two points thrown away at the end of the day.

Man of the match: Henry Team Rating: 6/10 Attendance: 22,939

**Team:** Ikeme, Doherty, Golbourne, McDonald, Batth, Ricketts (capt), Henry, Price (Davis 35), Griffiths (Sigurdarson

74), Doyle, Sako

Unused Subs: Edwards, Stearman,

Forde, Cassidy, McCarey Bookings: Henry (85 – foul)

#### **RAIN MEN**

#### **WOLVES 2-0 OLDHAM ATHLETIC**

Tuesday 22nd October 2013

Wolves' excellent start to the season continued with a comfortable two goal win against Oldham at a rain drenched Molineux. Two second-half goals earned them a ninth win in 11 league games and got their promotion push back on track after effectively dropping two points in their previous game against Coventry.

Oldham brought the Lancashire weather with them to the Black Country and the rain lashed down as Wolves kicked off towards the North Bank End. It was an uneventful first half with the downpour creating difficult conditions and players continually losing their footing, matters weren't helped by an unusually subdued crowd that was affected by people staying at home due to the weather conditions.

Goal bound efforts were far and few between, and we had to wait until first half



stoppage time for the first real attempt when a great effort from Henry forced the keeper into good save that was palmed away for a corner.



It was a much improved performance from Wolves in the second-half, they immediately went close four minutes after the break when Batth headed Golbourne's cross just wide. However a minute later the impressive Henry did make the breakthrough when he bundled home a Sako cross as Oxley in the Oldham goal let the ball slip from his grasp. The goal settled the nerves and it became a stroll as confidence grew within the home team players, and Griffiths made sure of the points in the 65th minute when he fired home a low shot from the edge of the area after a great through ball from Sako.

Opinion: Just three points off top spot

now with a game in hand. Man of the match: Henry Team Rating: 7/10 Attendance: 15,959

**Team:** *Ikeme, Doherty (Stearman 37), Golbourne, McDonald, Batth, Ricketts (capt), Henry, Price, Griffiths (Doyle 90+2), Evans (Edwards 88), Sako* **Unused Subs:** *Forde, Sigurdarson,* 

Ismail, McCarey
Bookings: None

#### FEELING BRAD ALL OVER

#### **BRADFORD 1-2 WOLVES**

Saturday 26th October 2013

The race for promotion to the Championship continues at full steam ahead with Wolves gaining their fifth win on the spin away from home. The hard fought win at Bradford puts Wolves just three points behind leaders Orient with a game in hand.

Right from the off it was good entertainment for the neutrals with the game flowing from end to end and it was Bradford who broke the deadlock with 14 minutes on the clock. A left-wing cross found De Vita in the box, and even though his first time effort was cleared off the line by Batth the striker followed up to hammer the rebound in at the second attempt.

Unlike Mick McCarthy who seemed unable to change things around when the game plan wasn't working, Kenny Jackett seems to have the tactical nous to act sooner rather than later when events need turning around. On this occasion he substituted Lee Evans who had done nothing wrong with Kevin Doyle after just 24 minutes to add another man in attack, and just four minutes later the decision paid trumps when Wolves grabbed the equaliser. On loan James Henry took advantage of a mix-up in the Bradford defence which left him with a clear shot at goal, and even though his effort from just outside the area lacked pace it still crept under the body of keeper McLaughlin.



Wolves then shook Bradford with a second goal just five minutes later, Henry's left-wing corner was partially cleared by the City defence and Henry returned the ball into the goalmouth where Stearman reacted smartly to head the ball into the net.

Bradford had a sustained spell of pressure in the second half as they went in search of an equaliser, but Messrs Batth and company stood firm to limit the home side to a few half chances. Henry and Griffiths also went close on the break as Wolves searched for the decisive third goal, but both saw their efforts drift wide.

**Opinion:** Full marks to Kenny Jackett for turning the shambles of the previous two years completely around.

Man of the match: Henry Team Rating: 7/10 Attendance: 18,044

**Team:** Ikeme, Stearman (Ebanks-Landell 58), Golbourne, McDonald, Batth, Ricketts (capt), Henry, Davis, Griffiths (Sigurdarson 79), Evans (Doyle 24), Sako **Unused Subs:** McCarey, Edwards, Forde, O'Hara

Bookings: McDonald (58 – foul),

Davis (71 - foul)

#### **FLYING JACKETT**

#### **WOLVES 2-0 STEVENAGE**

Saturday 2nd November 2013



Another win for Wolves saw them leapfrog Peterboro into second place in League One. However it wasn't all plain sailing after Doyle had given the home side an early lead, Ikeme kept the score at 1-0 with a series of good saves before Henry settled it with a second goal near the end. Wolves got off to the perfect start when Doyle, who had started the previous two games on the bench, made an instant impact on his return to the starting line-up. Sako whipped in a cross from the left and Doyle nipped in between two Stevenage players to knock the ball in the net from six yards. It was nearly 2-0 just two minutes later, but Sigurdarson was just beaten to the ball by the goalkeeper after a huge clearance up field from Ikeme.

Although Wolves had most of the possession it was Ikeme who kept the lead intact with a low save to his right from Freeman in the 19th minute, and then he tipped over a pile driver from Tansey on the half-hour mark. Lee Evans went desperately close to increasing the lead a minute before the break when a good run by Ricketts left him clear in the box, but his shot was cleared off the line by Smith.

Wolves made hard work of it in the second half, and they again had lkeme to thank when he came to the rescue with two stunning saves in the space of as many minutes to deny Zoko. However, Wolves wrapped up all three points with a second goal in the 80th minute, Henry beat the offside trap and latched onto a pass from Evans before coolly slotting the ball home from just inside the area.



After taking him off the transfer list Kenny Jackett handed Jamie O'Hara his first start of the season with six minutes left. It was a mixed reaction from the crowd on the arrival of the midfielder, some of whom will never forgive his outrageous gestures towards them at Brighton at the end of last season.

Opinion: Hard fought win after a flying start.

Man of the match: Henry Team Rating: 6/10 Attendance: 17,700

**Team:** *Ikeme, Stearman, Golbourne, Evans, Batth, Ricketts (capt), Henry, Davis, Doyle, Sigurdarson (Griffiths 61),* 

Sako (O'Hara 83)

Unused Subs: Edwards, Forde, Cassidy,

Ebanks-Landell, McCarey
Bookings: Batth (72 – foul),

Evans (88 - foul).

#### A SPARKLING START ENDS IN A DAMP SQUIB

#### **CARLISLE 2-2 WOLVES**

Tuesday 5th November 2013

Wolves missed a golden chance to go level on points with leaders Leyton Orient as they twice allowed Carlisle to come from behind to take a point with a 2-2 draw at Brunton Park, this meant that all hopes of a club record sixth consecutive away win went up in the Bonfire Night smoke. After dominating play in the first half Wolves seemed unable to match their efforts in the second period, and in the end were rather fortunate to finish up with a point at the final whistle.



It was a typical League One encounter with plenty of action to keep the crowd entertained, and it was Wolves who drew first blood in the 8th minute. Griffiths picked up a ball on the half way line and in one movement turned and slotted an inchperfect pass into the path of Sako, the midfielder took one touch before rattling a superb shot into the bottom right hand corner from 20 yards.

Wolves oozed confidence all over as they gave Carlisle the run around with some great one touch football, but it was the home team who grabbed the equaliser on the half-hour mark with a spectacular goal of their own. Buaben gathered the ball on the edge of the area, and with nothing seemingly on he suddenly curled a shot into the top right-hand corner of Ikeme's net.

Wolves immediately looked to hit back, and they were unlucky just a minute later when Sako drilled a shot against the inside of the post, and then Doyle just failed to force home the rebound in the ensuing scramble. Wolves continued to threaten up front and deservedly regained the lead three minutes before the break, Golbourne sent over a cross from the left and Griffiths was waiting at the far-post to head home with the ball striking both posts before sneaking over the line.

After looking in good form before the break and good value for their 2-1 lead Wolves looked a different team in the second half. It was now Carlisle's turn to run the show and they drew level in the 54th minute following a Noble penalty after a foul by Evans on Buaben.

Despite their lethargic second half display Wolves still had their moments and Cassidy came close in the 77th minute when his shot was deflected agonisingly wide. But it was honours even at the end, and even though they rode their luck in the second half Wolves overall performance deserved a point.

**Opinion:** Great respect to the 1,335 supporters who made the long Tuesday

Bonfire Night trip.

Man of the match: Griffiths Team Rating: 5/10

Attendance: 5,369

**Team:** Ikeme, Ricketts, Golbourne, Davis, Batth, Stearman, Henry, Evans (O'Hara 56), Griffiths (Cassidy 75), Doyle

(Sigurdarson 75), Sako

Unused Subs: Edwards, Forde, Ebanks-

Landell, McCarey

Bookings: Evans (53 - foul)

#### G'OLDHAM BOY

#### **OLDHAM ATHLETIC 1-1 WOLVES**

Saturday 9th November 2013 (FA Cup 1st rnd)

Wolves played in the first round of the cup for the first time since November 1988 and came away with a draw from what looked on paper a tricky away tie, even so though they will be disappointed that they didn't finish off Oldham after having most of the possession and creating the better chances. As with the league game at Molineux two weeks previously the weather conditions were absolutely atrocious and at times the game was played in near monsoon conditions, but both teams still managed to provide a good old fashioned game of cup football for the supporters who turned up.

Wolves got off to the worst possible start as Oldham went in front after just two minutes, a free-kick was curled into the box from the left and Kusunga rose above the Wolves defence to powerfully head past Ikeme. However the goal failed to unsettle Wolves, they quickly took control of proceedings and played some neat patient passing football with Oldham watching on and unable to win any kind of possession.



Edwards came close to an equaliser in the 24th minute, but could only find the side netting after Sako put him clear with a through ball that split the Oldham defence. The midfielder missed an even better chance in the 35th minute when a mistake in the Oldham defence left him clean through, but he made a real hash of things and shot weakly wide with only the keeper to beat. However the pressure finally paid off just two minutes later, Golbourne got on the end of a superb Henry cross from the right and his powerful header gave the keeper no chance.

The second half ended in stalemate with the game turning into a scrappy affair as the weather conditions worsened. Man of the match Golbourne had a chance to win it for Wolves in the 79th minute, a through ball ended up at the defenders feet just six yards out but unfortunately he blazed it over the bar. Wolves easily played out the final minutes to earn a replay, but will be disappointed not to have won the game at the first time of asking.









Opinion: Should finish off the job in the

replay.

Man of the match: Golbourne

**Team Rating:** 7/10 **Attendance:** 3,916

**Team:** Ikeme, Ricketts (capt), Golbourne, Davis, Batth, Stearman, Henry, Edwards, Cassidy (Griffiths 79), Price (Doyle 60),

Sako

**Unused Subs:** *Elokobi, Forde, Sigurdarson, Ebanks-Landell, McCarey* **Bookings:** Cassidy (62 – foul), Ricketts (70 – foul)

TOP NOTTCH

#### **NOTTS COUNTY 0-1 WOLVES**

Saturday 16th November 2013

Wolves overcame a potential banana skin when they won by a solitary goal against bottom club Notts County, and the win along with Orient's defeat at home takes them to the top of the table for the first time this season. It was Ebanks-Landell making his first league start who scored the goal that gave Wolves another precious three points in their bid to bounce back to the Championship at the first attempt.

As with most of the Wolves games so far this season their opponents treated the game as if it were a cup final, and County upped their work rate as if their lives depended on it. In the 19th minute County's endeavor almost paid dividends when Stearman blocked a header in the six yard area, but Smith blasted over the rebound when it fell to him just a yard out. Thereafter though, Wolves showed why there was such a huge difference in league standing as County began chasing shadows. Bialkowski in the County goal became the busier of the two keepers and he made good saves from Cassidy, Sako and Henry as Wolves started to turn the screw.



Griffiths replaced Davis at half time and the Scot soon made his presence felt with his pace and movement dragging his markers all over the shop, and he looked to have opened the scoring when Henry found him with a superb through ball, but Bialkowski came to County's rescue with yet another good save. However County's relief was short lived, and moments later Henry's free-kick was met by Ebanks-Landell who fired home through a rook of players to give Wolves the lead. Wolves never really looked under threat from then onwards and should have sewn it up with five minutes remaining, but Sigurdarson hit the outside of the post when clean through.

Opinion: Top of the league..... Enjoy it

while it lasts.....

Man of the match: Henry Team Rating: 7/10 Attendance: 7,520

**Team:** Ikeme, Ebanks-Land ell, Golbourne, Davis (Griffiths 45), Batth (capt), Stearman, Henry (Elokobi 82), Edwards, Cassidy (Sigurdarson 85),

McDonald, Sako

Unused Subs: Flatt, Evans, Jacobs,

Foley

Bookings: Batth (22 - foul), Davis (33 -

foul)

#### **SCUPPERED**

#### **WOLVES 1-2 OLDHAM ATHLETIC**

Tuesday 19th November 2013 (FA Cup 1st Round Replay)

Only 4,226 bothered to turn up on a freezing cold night to watch this 1st round cup replay, and they were served up the most ineffective display from a Wolves team since Kenny Jackett took charge at the beginning of the season. On this performance you would have thought Oldham were top of the league and it was indeed Wolves struggling near the bottom.

Everything about the Wolves approach to the game seemed wrong on the night and from minute one the body language of the players said it all, this was emphasised by the fans having to wait until the 15th minute before McDonald finally forced Oxley into a save with a long range effort. Oldham stuck first blood in the 19th minute when Ikeme made an uncharacteristic error to gift them a goal, the keeper appeared to have held on to a low free-kick but he let the ball squirm from his hands to the feet of Philliskirk who tapped it into the net from two yards. Oldham then continued to enjoy the better of the possession as Wolves constantly gave the ball away with incessant poor passing and what seemed a lack of interest.



Kenny Jackett made a double substitution at half-time to try and turn the tie around, but it was Oldham who nearly doubled their advantage straight after the break when Philliskirk forced lkeme into a spectacular save with his legs. The Oldham striker then went close again when he drilled another shot off the foot of the post in the 72nd minute, however Rooney made no mistake 60 seconds later and it all but sealed the victory when he beat lkeme with a low drive from the edge of the area.

The frozen Wolves supporters finally had something to cheer about in injury time when Griffiths put the ball in the Oldham net after a cross from Ismail, but it was far too little far too late. The referee blew the whistle as soon as the game re-started to leave Oldham the deserved winners with the prospect of a home tie against Mansfield in the next round.

**Opinion:** Worst display of the season so far in front of the lowest crowd for over 20

Man of the match: Stearman

Team Rating: 2/10 Attendance: 4,226

Team: Ikeme, Ebanks-Landell (Ismail 45), Elokobi (Ricketts 45), McDonald, Batth (capt), Stearman, Price, Sigurdarson (Evans 69), Griffiths, Cassidy, Golbourne Unused Subs: Flatt, Davis, Foley, Keita Bookings: Elokobi (19 – foul), Stearman (35 – foul), Price (75 – foul)

#### **NEARLY THE BEES KNEES**

#### **WOLVES 0-0 BRENTFORD**

Saturday 23rd November 2013

Wolves lost their place at the top of League One after they could only muster up a goalless draw at home to Brentford. The home team had most of the play and possession, but Brentford always looked dangerous on the counter attack. As the season has progressed Wolves have









become more and more difficult to beat with the best defensive record in the division, and with Brentford also claiming four straight clean sheets on the spin this game was always going to be tight.

Wolves sped out of the starting blocks and could have been ahead inside the first minute when Doyle had a shot deflected over the bar, and then the striker went even closer when he headed just wide from the resulting corner. Then in the 11th minute Doyle linked up with Griffiths who hit a screamer from 25 yards that nearly broke the foot of the post. In the 26th minute Brentford showed how dangerous they could be on the break when a lightning move ended with Forshow ghosting in at the far post and blasting wildly over from six yards. The game was fast becoming an entertaining affair with Griffiths again denied by a good save from Button in the Brentford goal, and Donaldson just wide when chipping over Ikeme following another quick breakaway.

The second half became a game of cat and mouse with Wolves again claiming the lion's share of the possession, Griffiths was again Wolves main threat and he should have done better in the 73rd minute when firing wide after being put clean through. However Ikeme made sure the game finished all square when he made two good saves from Diagouraga and McCormack as Brentford made a late effort to snatch all three points.

**Opinion:** Need to be more clinical in front of goal in tight games like this one.

Man of the match: McDonald

Team Rating: 6/10 Attendance: 19,061

Team: Ikeme, Doherty, Ricketts (capt), McDonald, Batth, Stearman, Jacobs (Ismail 72), Edwards, Griffiths (Cassidy 88), Doyle (Sigurdarson 88), Sako Unused Subs: Price, Ebanks-Landell,

Golbourne, McCarey
Bookings: None

#### JACOBS A CRACKER

#### **WOLVES 2-0 TRANMERE ROVERS**

Tuesday 26th November 2013

With Orient only able to manage a draw Wolves leapt back to the top of League One with an impressive win over a Tranmere side that arrived at Molineux on the back of a six-match unbeaten run. The game finished 2-0 in favour of Wolves with the home team in total control from start to finish. Carl Ikeme had his easiest game of the season and wasn't forced into a single save all game as Tranmere failed to create a single worthwhile chance.

Wolves kicked off towards the North Bank End and the tone for the game was set after just 45 seconds when Fon Williams saved a low shot from Doyle. It was all high tempo stuff from the Wanderers, on-loan forward Jacobs was in the thick of everything and went close to scoring when he smashed a long range effort just wide in the 16th minute. Wolves fans didn't have to wait much longer for the opener as Griffiths opened the scoring just a minute later, the striker tried a long range effort that Fon Williams looked to have covered, but the keeper dropped a real howler and let the ball squirm from his grasp and over the line.



Wolves continued to bombard the Rovers goal and the impressive Jacobs created further chances for Doyle and Sako before Edwards eventually added a second four minutes before the break. A Griffiths header was deflected wide for a corner, and when Sako sent it over from the right Edwards rose above the Tranmere defence to head home.

Cassidy replaced the injured Griffiths at half-time and should have scored with virtually his first touch, Doyle played a lovely flick into the youngster's path to put him clean through, but he shot agonisingly wide with only the keeper to beat. Wolves

continued to attack and played some of the best football seen from the team in a long while, their passing was neat and precise and they created a host of chances which somehow failed to find the back of the net. The game finished 2-0 and Kenny Jackett was probably disappointed his team didn't convert their dominance into more goals to improve the goal difference, but that shouldn't take away a great performance from the team.

Opinion: Great display and the team looking

better by the game.

Man of the match: Jacobs

Team Rating: 9/10 Attendance: 14,989

**Team:** *Ikeme, Golbourne, Ricketts (capt), McDonald, Batth, Stearman, Jacobs (Price 85), Edwards, Griffiths (Cassidy 45), Doyle, Sako (Ismail 89)* 

Unused Subs: Evans, Ebanks-Landell,

Doherty, McCarey Bookings: None

#### REF JUSTICE

#### **PETERBORO 1-0 WOLVES**

Saturday 30th November 2013



Wolves eleven game unbeaten run in the league ended after losing a scrappy game against a Peterboro side who had lost their previous five league games. It was a game of very few chances and when Michael Bostwick scored from a free-kick late in the second half it was Peterboro's only shot on target throughout the whole of the game. However, Wolves will feel aggrieved that they were denied a clear cut penalty early in the first half when everybody in the ground except referee Robert Madley thought that Peterboro defender Kgosi Ntlhe had handled the ball

Wolves dominated what was an indifferent first half, and not for the first time this season they lacked that cutting edge in the final third of the field. Leigh Griffiths fired high and wide in the second minute, and that



really set the tone of what was to follow. In the sixth minute Wolves were on the receiving end of a shocking refereeing decision when they were denied a stone wall penalty, Sako crossed the ball from the right and Ntlhe more or less caught the ball and carried it out of the area before launching it to safety. That apart, Griffiths missed a golden opportunity to give Wolves the lead in the 25th minute, Jacobs sent over an inch-perfect cross from the left, but the striker all on his own on the edge of the six yard box sent his header sailing over the crossbar.

Both teams were poor in the second half with chances at a premium, a series of substitutions failed to ignite any urgency into the game and a goal from either team was always going to win it, unfortunately for Wolves it was Peterboro. With just over ten minutes left on the clock Stearman brought down former team-mate Mendez-Laing 25 yards from goal, from the resulting free kick Bostwick blasted the ball through a crowded penalty area and past Ikeme into the bottom left-hand corner of the net. That was Peterboro's only shot on target during the game but it was enough to send Wolves crashing to their first away defeat of the season.

**Opinion:** What a contrast to the midweek romp against Tranmere, need to find more firepower up front.

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Man of the match: McDonald

Team Rating: 3/10 Attendance: 8,170

**Team:** Ikeme, Golbourne, Ricketts (capt), McDonald, Batth, Stearman, Jacobs (Ismail 79), Edwards, Griffiths (Cassidy 79), Doyle (Sigardarson57), Sako **Unused Subs:** Hennessey, Davis, Price,

Ebanks-Landel

Bookings: Stearman (78 - foul)

#### **DON IN**

#### **WOLVES 0-2 MK DONS**

Saturday 14th December 2013

In their last home game against Tranmere Wolves recorded a two goal win in what was probably their best performance of the season, since then they have lost two league games and more alarmingly not troubled the scorers in either of those games. MK Dons came to Molineux on the back of one win in their previous six league games, but they were by far the better team and ended up comfortable 2-0 winners.

Wolves started lively enough and Martin in



the Dons goal did well to tip over a James Henry shot in the 10th minute. But thereafter it was all downhill and Dons stunned the Molineux crowd when they went in front in the 21st minute, Banford made a diagonal run across goal and collected a through ball before sending an angled shot past Ikeme. A lacklustre Wolves struggled to get any kind of fluency within midfield and lacked that final touch and finesse to open up the Dons defence, and just before halftime Reeves almost doubled the lead with a long range effort that was deflected over. A double substitution at half-time failed to make any impact as the Dons immediately went 2-0 up just five minutes into the second-half, Reeves received the ball 25 yards out and out of nowhere lashed an unstoppable shot past Ikeme.

The subdued Wolves fans suddenly came to life on the hour mark when Doyle put McAlinden through on goal, but he drilled his show just wide of the right-hand post. Then two minutes later Edwards found himself unmarked just eight yards out, but he seemed to scuff his shot that went straight at Martin. Wolves seemed to have finally found a bit of desire and McAlinden found the net in the 70th minute but his effort was ruled marginally offside.

Henry wastefully blazed over in the 80th minute and another double substitution with two minutes left failed to provide any breach of the MK Dons defence. The players left the pitch to a chorus of boos and afterwards Kenny Jackett also blasted his team for their lack of "appetite and desire".

**Opinion:** Need to get back to winning ways before it all goes pear shaped.

Man of the match: McDonald

Team Rating: 1/10 Attendance: 17,142

**Team:** Ikeme, Golbourne, Ricketts (capt), McDonald (Cassidy 88), Batth, Stearman, Henry, Edwards, Griffiths (McAlinden 45),

Doyle, Sako (Jacobs 45)

Unused Subs: Hennessey, Davis, Price,

Ebanks-Landel

**Bookings:** McDonald (22 - foul), Sako (38 - foul)

#### **HOORAY HENRY**

#### **ROTHERHAM 3-3 WOLVES**

Saturday 22nd December 2013



Wolves looked dead and buried at 3-1 down against Rotherham, but two goals in five second half minutes rescued a valuable point and put them level on top with Orient. The point ended a run of two defeats and sets them up nicely for the games over the Christmas period which includes a home game against Orient on Boxing Day.

The game started at a high tempo with both teams intent on attack, and it was Wolves who struck first in the 10th minute when Batth stooped to head home from a free-kick whipped in by Henry. However the celebrations were short lived as Dicko slotted home to level the scores just a minute later. It was Rotherham who then took the lead in the 26th minute, and it was Dicko again who made no mistake when he was given a free header from six yards out.

Dicko completed his hat-trick nine minutes after the break when he chested the ball home from four yards following a cross from the left, and at that point Wolves looked out of it at 3-1 down. On the hour mark the comeback started when Wolves were awarded a penalty, and Sako stepped up and blasted the ball into the roof of the net to make it game-on. Then six minutes later the comeback was complete when the impressive Henry latched onto a through ball from Edwards and held off two challenges before lashing a fierce shot into the back of the net.

Griffiths should have won the game for Wolves in the 70th minute, but he let himself down with a woeful touch after going one-on-one with the goalkeeper. Wolves were in the ascendancy and in the end could







have taken all three points, but on reflection a draw was probably a fair result.

**Opinion:** Much better performance in the second half and could have nicked it in the end.

Man of the match: Henry Team Rating: 8/10 Attendance: 11,092

**Team:** Ikeme, Golbourne, Ricketts (capt), Price (Davis 68), Batth, Stearman, Henry (Jacobs 90), Edwards, Sigurdarson

(Griffiths 62), Doyle, Sako

**Unused Subs:** Hennessey, Evans, McAlindon, Ebanks-Landell

Bookings: Ricketts (51 - foul), Henry (67

- dissent), Davis (87 - foul)

#### RAILWAYMEN DERAILED

#### **WOLVES 2-0 CREWE**

Saturday 26th December 2013

Wolves eased to a comfortable victory against a poor Crewe side in this Boxing Day fixture. It was in total contrast to Boxing Day 2012 when they were beaten 3-0 at home by Peterboro in a game that was instrumental in costing Stale Solbakken his job.

Wolves got off to the perfect start with a goal after just three minutes; a cross on the left from Golbourne was met at the far post by Jacobs and he made no mistake with a powerful header. But in a subdued Molineux atmosphere Wolves failed to capitalise on the early goal and make any real impact until Danny Batth had a great chance to increase the lead on the half hour. The centre half found himself in front of goal just four yards out with the keeper in no man's land, but he somehow managed to hit the post with the empty net begging.

After a scrappy end to the first half Wolves performance was much improved after the break, especially when Griffiths replaced Edwards on the hour mark. That signalled a spell of pressure which saw Cassidy, Ebanks-Landell and Jacobs all go close, then Griffiths went even closer in the 68th minute when his header was tipped onto the post by the keeper.

Batth then had the ball in the net five minutes later, but his effort was ruled offside. Wolves continued to push forward and the game was finally put to bed in the second minute of injury time. Griffiths received the ball from Henry just inside the area and he unleashed a terrific left foot shot that ripped



into the back of the net to make it 2-0.

**Opinion:** Bring on the Orient !!! **Man of the match:** Griffiths

Team Rating: 7/10 Attendance: 22,693

**Team:** Ikeme, Golbourne (Ebanks-Landell 56), Ricketts (capt), McDonald, Batth, Stearman, Henry, Edwards (Griffiths 59), Cassidy (Doyle 90+2), Price, Jacobs

Unused Subs: Hennessey, Sako, Evans,

McAlindon

Bookings: Jacobs (40 - foul)

#### NO TAKEAWAY FROM THE ORIENT EXPRESS

#### **WOLVES 1-1 LEYTON ORIENT**

Sunday 29th December 2013



Wolves missed a glorious chance to go back to the top of the division when they failed to take advantage of a host of chances created in front of goal. They dominated from start to finish and after a great start they got caught by a sucker punch in the second-half when Orient equalised with virtually their only shot on goal.

In front of the biggest crowd of the season Wolves got off to an absolute dream start against the league leaders, with their first attack McDonald sent a square pass into the path of Ebanks-Landell and the young full-back advanced to the edge of the area before unleashing an unstoppable shot past Larkins. Wolves continued to tear into Orient and the lead should have doubled in the 24th minute, a shot from Jacobs was

parried by Larkins into the path of Cassidy, but unfortunately the young striker screwed the loose ball wide. Then Cassidy almost made up for his miss when he narrowly headed wide ten minutes later.

The pressure continued after the break and Henry saw a pile-driver from the edge of the area go just wide. Then McDonald had an even better chance five minutes later when he was put clean through, but he shot straight at Larkins with the goal beckoning.

Wolves paid the ultimate price for all their misses on the hour mark as Orient equalised against the run of play. A quick free-kick found Cox on his own on the right wing, and when he sent in a low cross into the area Baudry was waiting at the far post to tap the ball into the net. Roared on by the crowd Wolves piled forward in search of a second goal, and even though Kenny Jackett sent on star strikers Doyle and Griffiths it wasn't to be and they had to settle for a point.

Opinion: May regret all those misses at

the end of the season.

Man of the match: Jacobs

Team Rating: 8/10
Attendance: 28,598

**Team:** Ikeme, Ebanks-Landell, Ricketts (capt), McDonald, Batth, Stearman, Henry (Griffiths 71), Sako, Cassidy (Doyle 85), Price (Edwards 45), Jacobs **Unused Subs:** Hennessey, Evans,

Golbourne, Bancessi

Bookings: Cassidy (73 - deliberate hand

ball)

# TRAVEL DETAILS



#### Travel arrangements for matches during February and March are:-

#### **Home Matches**

Meeting place: Station concourse outside main ticket office, at least 20 minutes before train departure.

Fare: To be advised.

Sat 01/02/14 v Bradford City	<ul><li>Outward</li><li>Return</li></ul>	<ul><li>Depart Euston 09:43 Arrive Wolverhampton 11:37</li><li>Depart Wolverhampton 18:45 Arrive Euston 20:55</li></ul>
Sat 15/02/14 v Notts County	<ul><li>Outward</li><li>Return</li></ul>	<ul><li>Depart Euston 09:43 Arrive Wolverhampton 11:37</li><li>Depart Wolverhampton 18:45 Arrive Euston 20:55</li></ul>
Sat 01/03/14 v Port Vale	<ul><li>Outward</li><li>Return</li></ul>	<ul><li>Depart Euston 09:43 Arrive Wolverhampton 11:37</li><li>Depart Wolverhampton 18:45 Arrive Euston 20:55</li></ul>
Sat 15/03/14 v Shrewsbury	<ul><li>Outward</li><li>Return</li></ul>	<ul><li>Depart Euston 09:43 Arrive Wolverhampton 11:37</li><li>Depart Wolverhampton 18:45 Arrive Euston 20:55</li></ul>
Tue 25/03/14 v Colchester	<ul><li>Outward</li><li>Return</li></ul>	<ul><li>Depart Euston 13:43 Arrive Wolverhampton 15:37</li><li>Depart Wolverhampton 22:41 Arrive Euston 01:15</li></ul>

#### **Away Matches**

#### Sat 18/02/14 v Stevenage

No official Club trip. Stevenage train station is about 1 mile away from the ground.

From Stop E at the nearby Bus Station take Arriva Bus No. 5 to Monkswood Way opposite the entrance to the retail park. Journey time 10 mins

#### Sat 22/02/14 v Brentford

No official Club trip, Nearest railway station is Brentford, which is about a five minute walk away to the ground. This station is on the Waterloo to Reading line, which normally has services running every 15 minutes. South Ealing (Piccadilly Line) is the nearest tube station to the ground. It is then about a 15 minute walk to the ground along Ealing Road.

Sat 08/03/14 v Walsall

(Fare TBC)

Outward

- Depart Euston 10:43 Arrive Birmingham new St 12:08

- Depart Birmingham New St 13:57 Arrive Bescot Stadium 14:18

Return - Depart Bescot Stadium 17;04 Arrive Birmingham New St 17:29

- Depart Birmingham New St 18:33 Arrive Euston 20:45

Tue 11/03/14 v Swindon (Fare TBC)

Outward

- Depart Paddington 15:00 Arrive Swindon 15:55

◆ Return

- Depart Swindon 22:32 Arrive Paddington 23:41

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#### **FEEDBACK**

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCH































