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INTRODUCTION

Greetings Wolves fans wherever you may have wandered and welcome to what I hope is the most comprehensive quiz on Wolverhampton Wanderers in existence. I'm sure it will stimulate debate between supporters. If you notice a slight leaning towards the 1950s on my part it probably reflects two things. Firstly, that the club enjoyed the greatest period in its history by a very wide margin and secondly that I grew up in that decade and those footballing images at an impressionable age stay with you and shine with a greater intensity than later eras.

I need to say a word about the League Cup, which came into being in the 1960/61 season. Among its many sponsors are five companies involved with drinks. There's an early question. Who are they? To me it has always been the League Cup and always will be whatever transient sponsor it has at any particular time. It is a tedious task each time it crops up to look at who is sponsoring it at that point and is a largely futile act. Therefore, in this quiz it is simply 'the League Cup', end of story.

ANYTHING GOES - PART 1

- Who is the odd man out here and why? Neil Emblen, George Saville, Jed Wallace and Andy Keogh
- 2. In season 1907/08 Wolves were represented by five players who shared a surname with a member of a famous rock group. They were a Beatle, a Rolling Stone and the drummers from Pink Floyd, Dire Straits and Genesis. Who were the five?
- 3. What links the following Wolves players? Derek Mountfield, Cyril Regis, Andy Gray and Steve Froggatt?
- 4. Which Wolves player, who shares his full name with a comedian, signed for them in 2013 and has since played for Bradford City, Sheffield United and Wigan Athletic?
- 5. Which colour has scored for Wolves in an FA Cup Final?
- 6. Teams with Wanderers in their name have won the FA Cup 13 times. Which two clubs other than Wolves share nine between them?
- 7. Between 1952/53 and 1959/60 there was only one season when Wolves finished outside the top three in the old First Division. When was it?
- 8. His name sounds like something a surgeon might ask an assistant to pass him during an operation, and after you had played against him the hospital is most likely where you would find yourself! In ten years at Molineux, before Billy Wright signed him for Arsenal, he played more than 200 times for Wolves. Who was he?
- Who is the odd man out here and why?Steven Ward, Steve Kindon, Sam Vokes and Chris Iwolumo.
- 10. 1983/84 was a terrible season. Wolves didn't win in the league until their 15th game. Some compensation came from the name of the ground where Wolves finally won 3-1. What was it?

ANYTHING GOES - PART 2

- 1. Wolverhampton Wanderers have the longest name of any club to have won the FA Cup. Who has the shortest?
- Who is the only man with a palindromic surname to play for Wolves?
- 3. The only post-war player to be capped for England while playing for a Welsh club also had a spell at Wolves during his career. Who is he?
- 4. Which Wolves winger who represented the club between 1959 and 1964 later moved to America to manage Seattle Sounders after ending his career with two medals for winning the league twice with another club?
- 5. Cliff Durandt, Des Horne and Eddie Stuart between them played over 400 games for Wolves in the 1950s and 1960s. How are they linked?
- 6. What was extremely rare about the old Division One league programme for Saturday, 10 December 1955 when Wolves beat Burnley 3-1 at Molineux?
- 7. Wath Wanderers were an important nursery club for Wolves, particularly in the 1940s and 1950s. In which county could they be found?
- 8. A cross between a Rolling Stone and a famous London Street, he came to Molineux from Notts County in 1987, played exactly 200 games in all competitions for the club, before leaving for Birmingham City in 1993. Who was he?
- 9. In 1895/96, Wolves registered their lowest-ever number of draws in a season in the Football League. How many?
- 10. A cross between an assassinated president and the building he lived in, he played over 150 League games for Wolves in the first seven years of the 20th century. Who was he?

ANYTHING GOES - PART 3

- 1. On 14 September 2019, Wolves were beaten 5-2 at Molineux by Chelsea. Which visiting player got three goals for his own team and one for Wolves into the bargain?
- 2. These two Wolves players both have seven letters in their surnames, six of them being the same and in the right order. They only differ from each other in the second letter of their names. One of them was a member of the Wolves team that won the FA Cup in 1960, while the other was a popular goalkeeper from a later time. Who are the two men?
- 3. Who is the only country to have a spell as chairman of Wolverhampton Wanderers?
- 4. Whose 89th minute winner against Manchester City at Molineux on 27 December 2019 was a very acceptable late Christmas bonus?
- 5. Which flamboyant Wolves player won the 'Best dressed man of the year' award back in the day?
- 6. Which member of Wolves' League Cup-winning team of 1974 came to the club from Manchester City, the side that Wolves beat in that final?
- 7. What is the link between the following two players who were members of teams that opposed Wolves in cup finals? The first played right-back for Leicester City against Wolves in the 1949 FA Cup Final, while the second played for Spurs against Wolves in the two-leg UEFA Cup Final of 1972.
- 8. When Wolves recorded their biggest league win by beating Leicester City 10-1 on 15 April 1938, the visitors' consolation goal was scored via an own goal by a Wolves player. Who scored it?
- 9. Who scored his first goal for Wolves in a 2-0 home win over Crystal Palace on 20 July 2020?

10. One member of the Wolves side that won the League Cup in 1980 by beating Nottingham Forest had a surname that was shared by a player on the opposing team that day. What was that surname?

OUIZ No. 4

APPEARANCES

- 1. Who is the only player in the history of the club to make more than 500 league appearances for them?
- 2. In season 1987/88, Wolves played 61 games in all competitions, creating a new club record. Which two men appeared in all 61 games?
- 3. Season 1953/54 was the only one between the resumption of league football after the war and the 1960s where a Wolves player appeared in every game for the club. Which forward made all 42 games that season?
- 4. Billy Wright was capped for England 105 times while with Wolves. No other Wolves player has reached even 50. True or false?
- 5. Which Wolves defender's time at Molineux spanned three decades, beginning in 1965 and ending with a move to Sheffield United in 1981? By the time he left, he had made just over 500 appearances in all competitions for the club.
- 6. Did those Wolves favourites Derek Dougan and John Richards between them start under or over 600 league games for the club?
- 7. Who played in all 42 league games for Wolves when they finished runners-up in the old First Division in the last completed season before World War Two of 1938/39?
- 8. Who made 107 league appearances for Wolves from 1986 to 1990 but had previously made over 500 for another club not a million miles away?
- 9. Which Wolves player started all 38 league games in the club's first season back in the big time of 2018/19?
- 10. In the 1920s, Noel George played 126 consecutive games in the Wolves goal. Which goalkeeper broke his record for Wolves in September 1973?

ATTENDANCES

- 1. Wolves have appeared in eight FA Cup finals. When was the only occasion that the official crowd was in six figures?
- A crowd of 2,500 turned up at Wolves' first league game on 8September 1888 when they entertained which club in a 1-1 draw?
- 3. Outside of an FA Cup Final, the first 20,000 crowd to watch Wolves play came to an away game on Boxing Day 1891 against which northern club?
- 4. Wolves have figured as the away side in the attendance records at a number of grounds. One such record came in the fourth-round FA Cup tie on 2 February 1952 at which northern ground, where 61,905 fans were crammed in?
- 5. How many attended when Wolves won the FA Cup for the first time in 1893? Was it 25,000, 35,000, 45,000 or 55,000?
- 6. Wolves set the record for an Old Trafford attendance in an FA Cup semi-final on that ground on 25 March 1939 with a figure of 76,962. Wolves were also the visitors when their semi-final opponents on that day broke their own ground record on 20 February 1937. Who were they?
- 7. Which now defunct Midlands ground had its record crowd of 51,455 when Wolves were their visitors for a Division Two game on 29 April 1967?
- 8. Which Lancastrian ground's attendance record was set at 38,098 when Wolves came to town on 17 September 1955?
- 9. On which northern ground did Wolves attract a crowd of 72,569 for an FA Cup fourth-round replay on 31 January 1948?
- 10. Which London ground that no longer exists had 67,311 supporters inside it for the visit of Wolves for a league game on 4 September 1937?

OUIZ No. 6

AWAY FROM MOLINEUX

Name the following Wolves men who played in cup finals for other clubs:

- He was with Wolves between 1991 and 1994 after signing from Aston Villa. While with Everton, he had appeared in three successive FA Cup finals in the mid-1980s.
- 2. This Welsh international goalkeeper joined Wolves in 1937 and played for them through the war years before joining Liverpool in time to play for them against Arsenal in the 1950 FA Cup Final.
- Before joining Wolves in the following season, he had played for Manchester United against Bolton Wanderers in their losing FA Cup Final of 1958.
- Previously he was a member of the Crystal Palace team that lost to Manchester United after a replay in the 1990 FA Cup Final and he joined Wolves in 1993.
- A surprise choice up front for Leicester City in the 1961 FA Cup
 Final against Spurs, he joined Wolves from Carlisle United in 1964
 before returning to that club in 1967.
- 6. At Wolves in the mid-1970s, he had previously been a member of Arsenal's 'double'-winning side of 1970/71.
- He was an unused substitute for Coventry City when they beat Spurs in the 1987 FA Cup Final before finally winning the cup in 1991 when Spurs beat Forest. He came to Molineux from Ipswich in 1997.
- Signed for Wolves from junior football after the war, he spent
 a decade at Molineux before moving to Aston Villa in 1956.
 A year later, he took part in their FA Cup Final win over
 Manchester United.

- 9. He joined Wolves from school in 1969 before moving on to Arsenal in 1977. Two years later, he experienced the joy of scoring the winning goal in an FA Cup Final against Manchester United.
- 10. Two goalkeepers to end with whose names begin with the same letter. The first spent eight years at Molineux as understudy to Bert Williams before moving to Aston Villa in time to win the FA Cup with them in 1957. The second was with Wolves from 1954 to 1961 before also leaving to join Aston Villa where he straight away won a League Cup winner's medal with that club, playing in one of the two legs of the final against Rotherham United.

OUIZ No. 7

CAPITAL CITIES

- When Wolves famously entertained clubs from Hungary and the Soviet Union under the Molineux lights in the mid-1950s, one of the numerous headlines was 'Wonderful, wonderful Wolverhampton'. This was a corruption of a popular song of the time about a capital city. Which one? It might help you to know that Steve Bull's first game outside Britain for England came as a substitute in this same city.
- Which is the only capital city in which Wolves have played a European final?
- 3. In which European capital did Wolves draw 1-1 on 11 November 1959 in the European Cup?
- 4. Which is the only capital city in which Wolves have scored nine goals in a game?
- 5. When England beat Chile 2-0 in the World Cup on 25 June 1950, Wolves provided three players for the national team. They were Bert Williams, Billy Wright and Jimmy Mullen. In which capital city was the match played?
- 6. Wolves' popular winger Norman Deeley played just twice for England, both times away from home and both times in a capital city. He made his debut in a 2-0 defeat to Brazil in Rio. In his second match, they lost again, this time by 4-1. In which capital city did this take place?
- 7. In which capital city did Bert Williams make his England debut in a 3-1 win on 22 May 1949?
- 8. In which capital city did Wolves play their first match in the European Cup Winners' Cup, going down 2-0 in a first-leg tie on 12 October 1960?

- 9. Billy Wright's 50th cap for England came in a 2-1 defeat on 31 May 1953 in which capital city?
- 10. On 20 May 1956, Wolves forward Dennis Wilshaw scored in England's 5-1 win in which capital city? If it helps, Mixu Paatelainen was born there.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

- 1. Wolves met the same club at Molineux two Boxing Days running in the First Division in 1996 and 1997, winning both matches by 3-1 and 1-0. Who were their visitors who once shared Wolves' colours?
- 2. Boxing Day of 1963 remains legendary because 66 goals were scored in the ten top-flight games that day, a number highly unlikely to ever be beaten. Wolves entertained Aston Villa that day at Molineux. What was the outcome?
- 3. On Boxing Day of 2018, who levelled for Wolves in the 85th minute of their game at Craven Cottage against Fulham?
- 4. Wolves were away on Boxing Day four years in a row between 1983 and 1986. They played at Ipswich Town, Shrewsbury Town, Notts County and Hereford United. All of the games ended the same way. Did Wolves win all four, draw all four or lose all four?
- 5. Which Midlands club did Wolves meet at Christmas three years in a row in 1971, 1972 and 1973, twice away and once at Molineux, winning two and drawing the other?
- 6. Wolves met Derby County on Christmas Eve in 1966. Hatton, Wharton and McIlmoyle were all among the scorers in a festive treat for 24,378 inside Molineux. By what score did Wolves win the game?
- 7. In which post-war season was the weather so severe for such a long time that Wolves played no Yuletide fixtures? In fact, Wolves drew 3-3 at Manchester City on 15 December and their next match took place on 19 January. The long wait ended, as such things tend to, with a 0-0 draw at home to Sheffield United.
- 8. In which post-war season did Wolves play their last game on Christmas Day? It was a 3-1 home defeat against Everton.

- 9. Which northern club did Wolves beat 7-0 at Molineux on Boxing Day 1931?
- 10. Which team have Wolves met the most times over the Christmas period?