

So, Palace notched up a memorable – if minor – giantkilling against Second-Division Wolves who were the current FA Cup-holders.

In Figure 658 below we see Bill Lawrence – who was with Palace only on amateur terms – at the far right of the picture, scoring Palace's first goal after eleven minutes, equalising the goal which Wolves had scored in the first minute. Wolves goalkeeper Tommy Lunn (1883-1960) can be seen with strapping on his knee from his injury in the first game:



Figure 658 – Crystal Palace v Wolves, FA Cup first round replay, Thursday 21 January 1909: Palace on the attack

This is sometimes cited as being the last time the FA Cup-holders were knocked-out by a 'non-league' team – but that is a somewhat cute interpretation of the reality of 1909 football. The Southern League was the top League for the whole South of England and Palace were third in it at the time, so 'non-league' doesn't have the same significance it does today. Wolves were only mid-table in the Football League Second Division.

The takings were £456 and this enabled Palace to make a rent payment of £100 funded by their half of the of the gate after expenses (Figure 670).

That picture was taken from the point of view of the yellow arrow in Figure 660. There is another surviving photo of the action, which confirms that the pitch was in a '*terrible soft condition*'. It shows Wolves first goal, scored almost straight from the kickoff of the match: