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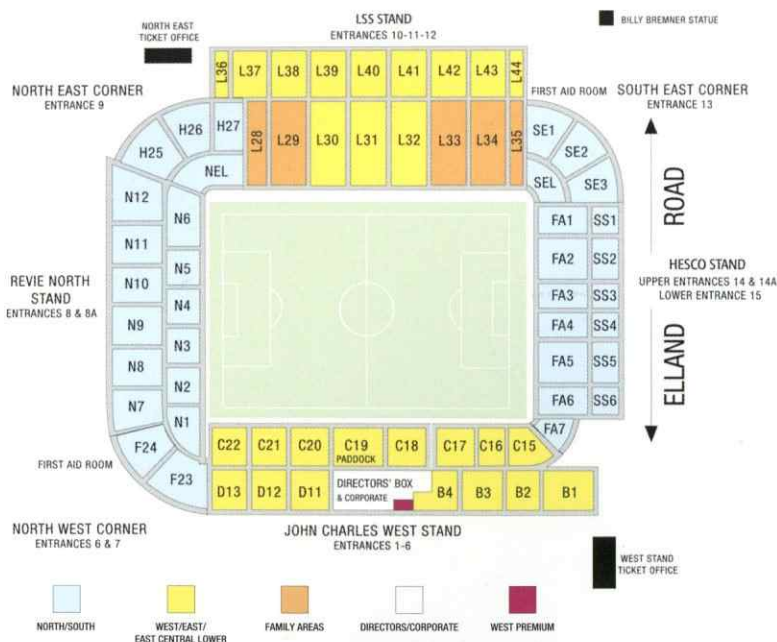
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old favourites too. Make sure you get
your copy before every game.

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I'VE NOT LOST ANY OF MY BELIEF

Last weekend was disappointing from a result point of view, although not for the first time, I felt our performance merited more.

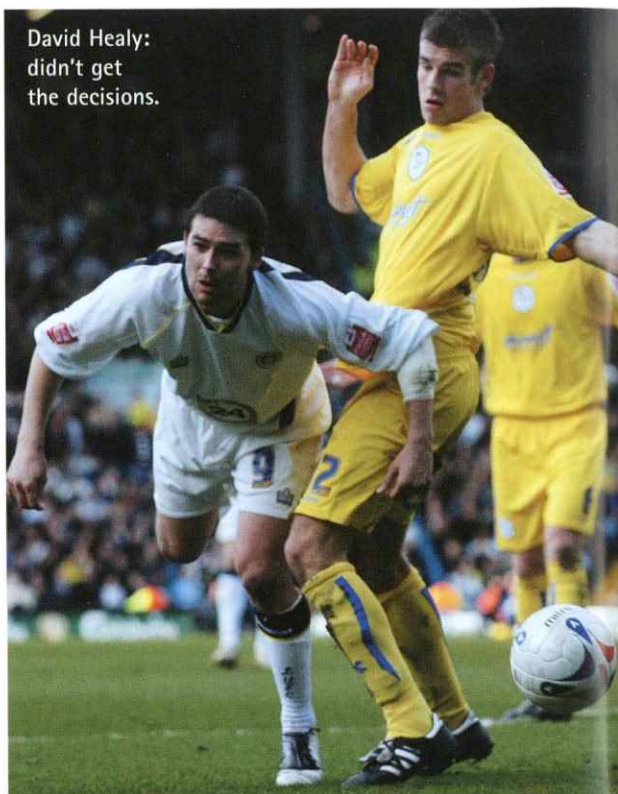
At 1-0 down, we created enough to not only get back in the game, but probably enough to have been in front. We had some good chances and there were one or two very questionable decisions that went against us.

I felt we could have had a penalty for a foul on David Healy early doors and how their centre-half got away with a foul on Dave later on I will never know. But, as I've said before, that's how things are going for us.

After all our pressure and half-chances the last thing we needed was to give a second goal away, and it came courtesy of a wonder goal by their left winger who robbed Frazer of the ball just inside our half. The second half began with their striker being sent off and that gave us a big lift, but almost immediately a lack of concentration by our defenders cost us dearly and allowed them to score a third goal.

But not one of the players jacked it in and that attitude will be very important over the next few weeks. It's a sign of

Radostin Kishishev: pleasing performance last week.



David Healy: didn't get the decisions.

the characters you have and when you are in a battle you need people who will roll up their sleeves and fight their corner. No one can dispute that the lads aren't doing that, because they are fighting at every opportunity.

I've said before that this is a big challenge, but I've not lost any of my belief, nor any of my belief in the players. I said after the Birmingham game that it might take an own goal

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to turn our season around. Well, what happened two minutes from time last week? We got one!

Less than 60 seconds later, Cressy had pulled another back and suddenly Wednesday's backs were against the wall. Okay, 3-2 was how it finished, but it could so easily have been different. Maybe that own goal will prove the turning point. I certainly hope so. No one can say we haven't earned a slice of luck from somewhere.

Other than the spirit we showed and Cressy getting on the scoresheet, another pleasing factor to come out of last week's game was the performance of Radostin Kishishev. We brought Kish in the day before the game on loan from Charlton and his quality was evident from his first training session at Thorp Arch.

I've already said I'd like to him to stay with us longer than a month, but that'll be down to Alan Pardew and Kish himself to decide.

Today's game is another big one against a side who are not too far away from us in the table. Three points isn't enough to get us out of the relegation zone, but it will take us closer to those sides above us, including Luton. I still feel that there are a couple of sides who can be dragged into it, and that's our aim.

I'm still looking at those sides on the fringes because if we catch those...

Finally, I'd like to thank those fans who have sent in emails of support over the past few weeks. It's nice to know you're right behind us and I know how important it is that we give you something to shout about.

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Dennis.



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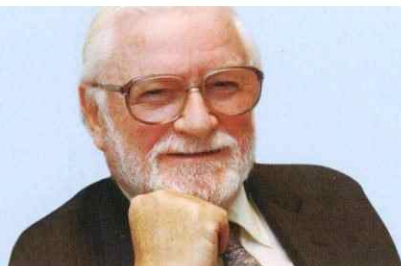
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THE CHAIRMAN KEN BATES

WHY, MR LEVI, WHY?

Never slow to jump on a popular bandwagon Messrs Blair, Brown and Richard Caborn have added their voices to the campaign to reduce admission prices for Premiership matches following the new TV contract which will add millions to the clubs' already large war chests.

What about the clubs outside the Premiership? Well, the Government could put their money (well, yours actually) where their collective mouths are and abolish VAT on admission prices. So far this season Leeds United have been charged a total of £1,217,876.

In rough figures the kids prices would come down from £8 to about £6.80, the £31 price down to £26.40, the £26 ticket to £22.10 and the £15 ticket to £12.75 (all the calculations are in my head as I write but you get the general idea). On top of that business rates (which the Council mostly pass on to the Government) cost us about £700,000, which if abolished would knock off another £1.40 across the board and police charges another 50p.

We can now turn our attention to our own ticket pricing policies and our recent experiments to date. Here are the comparative figures:

GAME	REVENUE
QPR	29,593 paid cash of £298,519
Sheff Weds	25,299 paid cash of £299,613
Luton (as of Weds night)	22,400 paid cash of £143,000

Of course, if the prices were permanently reduced the season tickets would have to come down, too, and the estimated reduction in income would be about a million pounds. Note that the attendance figures quoted above includes season ticket holders and corporates. The conclusion? Too early to tell. That reminds me of the story of Chou En-Lai (the Chinese communist president) when he was

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asked if he thought that the French Revolution 200 years earlier had changed the course of history, he replied that it was too early to tell.

I certainly touched a raw nerve when I took the lid off the Melvyn Levi scandal. He promptly rang his pet columnist who writes in a national newspaper and followed it up with a TV interview in the spacious gardens of his magnificent house. Apart from a lot of hot air he avoided the whole central issue and never was he asked any questions by the interviewer Harry Gration, who is certainly no Jeremy Paxman. Harry also introduced him as a life-long Leeds fan, although I have never met anybody who can confirm that. Come on Mr Levi, why won't you answer the questions...

1. Why did you refuse to complete the share option in 2005?
2. Why are you trying to frighten off would be investors?
3. Are you trying to blackmail me into paying you money to go away?
4. Why won't your wife's first husband pay Leeds United the £190,000 he admits he owes?
5. Why do you keep telling the few people who still listen to you that I am anti Semitic?
6. What did I write in my column that you thought was written in "Nazi" language?

You are just playing the race card again. Everybody knows that I am not anti Semitic, just anti Levi!

Three weeks ago, the CEO of Alamo Rentacar introduced me, at his request, to a man with £100 million cash in the bank. The man flew down to see me in Monte Carlo. We had a pleasant lunch which was repeated last Sunday with detailed discussions about the way forward. All very enthusiastic. Wednesday morning he rang, apologized, but said he would not be proceeding because of the 'Levi factor'.

Thanks Melvyn. By the way, you do know that your phone number is in the book don't you?

The Members Club renewals have started coming in. First form to be returned was by Duncan Edge from Bramley who handed his form in on Monday March 5.

Funny thing, mentioning Bramley. Wasn't Bramley Rugby League Club the one that life-long Leeds fan Melvyn Levi was

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involved in when it closed down and the pitch was redeveloped for housing?

Times are tough, that's when the men separate from the boys. Let us get behind the team for the next 10 games starting today. If there are to be recriminations let's leave them until May. All is not lost and our monstrous injury list will decline in the next few weeks.

The question of the ownership of Elland Road is topical again. The straight answer is that neither I or anybody else at Leeds United knows who it is. The previous board sold Elland Road and Thorp Arch to a Mr Jacob Adler, who is based in Manchester, for a total of £12 million in 2004. The rent is paid to an English, Manchester-based company as the landlord's agent. Our buy-back option is attached to the land itself. Consequently, it doesn't matter who owns Elland Road, when we come up with the option money we get the ground and the option does not expire until 2029.

I see that Leeds United fan Colin Burgon MP has had a pop at me in the course of a long rambling article recently. The only problem is that we have no record of him ever coming. The box office computer records go back seven years. His name has never come up so unless he comes on somebody else's ticket or he buys under another name or at the last minute, I don't know how he supports us and he's not even a Club Member. Furthermore Colin, if I have a tendency to pontificate, I learnt that ability from people like you.

Closing, a personal thank you from my wife Suzannah, to Chris and Ian, who were so kind and supportive to her when she sat so disconsolate after the game last Saturday. She did pass on your message to me for which I thank you.

LEEDS UNITED OWNERSHIP – THE FACTS

The Forward Sports Fund is a fund incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The Fund's UK representative is Ken Bates but the Fund is administered from Switzerland.

In January 2005, Mr Bates was approached by Leslie Grayling and John Owen and was informed that Adulant Force Limited, the ultimate holding company of Leeds United Association Football Club Limited was within days of going into liquidation.

The Revenue was owed £1.2m that had to be paid by January 21. It was agreed between Bates, Grayling and Owen that a New Co (LUFC) would be set up to acquire Adulant Force Ltd. FSF would hold 51 per cent of the equity of LUFC, with Grayling/Owen holding 26 per cent. The remainder of the equity (23 per cent) would be placed with investors to be introduced by Grayling/Owen. To date, no investors have been introduced.

Bates' lawyer Mark Taylor, Gerald Krasner and Melvyn Levi of 'the Yorkshire Consortium' met on 17 January 2005 at Mark Taylor's offices in London. The initial proposal was that LUFC would buy the whole of Adulant Force Limited for a nominal consideration but would make up to £5m available for future working capital for LUAFC, including the payment of the Revenue which was fundamental.

It was discovered that a change of control prior to May 2005 would trigger a payment of £5m by LUAFC to the Trustees of a bond previously issued by Leeds United plc. The requirement to make such payment would scupper the deal and so it was agreed that:

- i) LUFC would purchase 50 per cent of Adulant Force Limited
- ii) LUFC would purchase 50 per cent of LUAFC
- iii) LUFC would gain board control of both Adulant Force and LUAFC
- iv) LUFC would be granted a call option over the remaining 50 per cent of Adulant Force
- v) LUFC would procure a loan of £5m available to LUAFC.

There were loans due from Adulant Force Ltd to members of the Consortium as follows: Levi and Simon Morris were both paid sums in excess of £200,000 with the balance of the loans being discharged by the issue of secured loan notes. Loan notes were issued to Morris for in excess of £2m and Levi for £1,439,734. A loan note was also issued to David Richmond, who did not receive any payment on completion.

Since issue, the notes in favour of Morris and Richmond have been redeemed.

The 50 per cent shareholding in Adulant Force Limited was acquired for £81,000 in cash and £2m unsecured loan notes payable to £1m two years after issue and to £1m when the Club returns to the Premier League.

LUFC, via Mr Bates, took control of the Board on 21 January 2005. It was apparent from the outset that further injections of loans/equity would be required. Many millions of pounds were immediately made available to LUAFC by discounting future receipts such as Premier League revenues and transfer fee entitlement. Cash flows showed that the Club would need cash injections of £4.4m by August 2005 and a further £2.5m by September 2005.

In May 2005, LUFC exercised the call option in respect of the remaining 50 per cent of Adulant Force Limited. Melvyn Levi claimed that the option had been incorrectly exercised.

As a result of the failure of the Yorkshire Consortium to complete the option both Grayling and Owen refused to support the rights issue though both said they would have done if the option had been completed. In such circumstances FSF felt unable to take up its rights. The Yorkshire Consortium has now received advice from leading counsel, which advises that the Trustees should not have opposed the exercise of the option. Despite this advice, no move was made by the Trustees to complete the option.

The real reason why the consortium refused to honour its obligations arises out of a dispute between Mr Levi and Mr Bates. He led most of the negotiations with Bates. During negotiations it was suggested that Levi may retain his position as a director of the club following the "Bates" takeover. However, the whole board felt is behaviour was such that he was an inappropriate person to have on the board.

Negotiations took place but at this time Robert Weston appeared on the scene. It appears that Weston may have acted as banker to Levi although Levi always claimed the funds invested in Leeds were his own.

Weston saw the option as a way to gain advantage from Leeds. He made various demands but ended up demanding a payment of £250,000 plus 10 per cent of LUAFC to complete the option.

Without the injection of funds that were to be raised by the



rights issue, LUAFC would have a negative bank balance of £2.453m as at the end of September.

LUFC had no funds and Adulant Force's only asset was its shares in LUAFC. In the circumstances, the Board of LUAFC decided to approach FSF to invite them to invest directly in the Club. FSF had already lent LUAFC £4.4m. It therefore had a major interest in seeing the Company survive. FSF offered to subscribe for 2.5m shares at par (one pound each) and convert £2.5m of FSF's loan to equity.

The directors of all the Companies involved genuinely believe that the placing of the shares was the only realistic way to raise the required funding. If the YC had not delayed completion of the option the LUFC rights issue could have been completed which would have raised more than adequate funds, to provide for both LUAFC and LUFC and a direct placing with FSF would not have been necessary.

The Advice of Leading Counsel was taken and he confirmed that the Directors had acted correctly.

The issue of shares to FSF has diluted the shareholdings of LUFC and Adulant Force to about 6 per cent. That 3 per cent holding was the only asset of LUFC and it had no prospect of raising funds elsewhere.

The name of the Company was changed to Roman's Heavies (RHL) on 2 December 2005 and Mr Bates and Jayne McGuinness resigned in the Spring of 2006. Taylor met with insolvency practitioners to decide the best way to liquidate RHL. The liquidation was made when Levi presented his own petition to wind up the Company.

The Company went into liquidation on 23 August 2006 with Astor its biggest creditor. The Official Receiver investigated the insolvency and said there was nothing adverse to report to the DTI.

BKL were appointed as liquidators and are close to finalising the liquidation.

It must be stressed that if the consortium had honoured the option then the rights issue would have proceeded. In trying to be greedy the consortium shot themselves in the foot.

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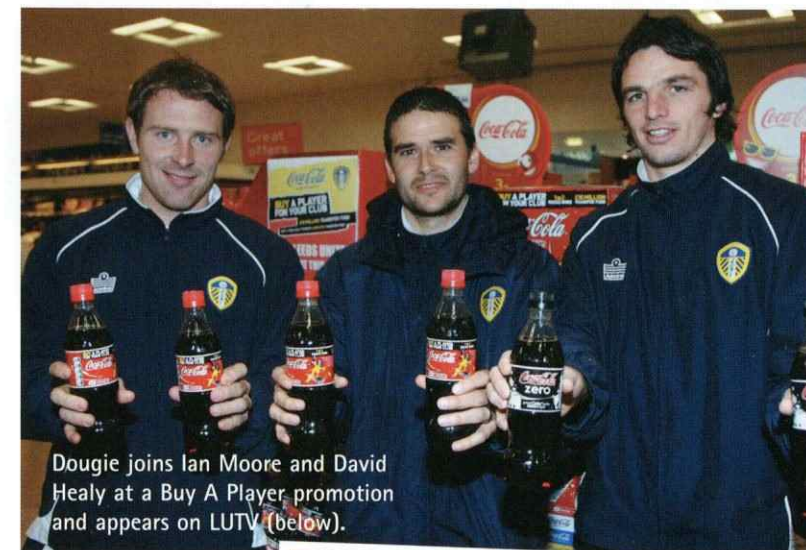
Luton Town are another of those sides who are just above us in the league table and we know that today is a chance to try and drag them back in a bit. Three points isn't enough to pull us out of the bottom three, but it's a starting point and will make things a lot tighter.

There's no reason why we can't collect the win, either. Over the past few games we seem to have been as close as you can possibly get without winning. We hit the post and the bar against QPR, had Cressy's disallowed goal at Birmingham, and we almost came back from two wonder goals against Sheffield Wednesday last week.

I don't think anyone can say that the belief isn't there. We know how close we have come and we all believe that things will turn. It might be a piece of luck, it might be a decision that goes our way, or it could be a shot that hits the right side of the post or the bar for a change.

Until then we'll keep on fighting. I hope that the one thing no one can fault is our attitude - because everyone is fighting for everything. Despite what some people outside of the club might think there is a good spirit among the lads in the dressing room and we are close. We just need that three points to hopefully kick-start things.

I wore the captain's armband last week and it goes without saying that it's an honour to be captain. I've done it a few times this season when Nicko or Shaun Derry haven't played and I enjoy it. We won at Hull in January when I did so and a repeat of that result would go down well today.



Dougie joins Ian Moore and David Healy at a Buy A Player promotion and appears on LUTV (below).

Last Tuesday I visited the White Rose Centre with Dave Healy and Ian Moore and it was nice to see some of you come down to pass on your wishes. You might not think so, but it means a lot to the lads in the dressing room to know that you are behind us and appreciate the effort we are putting in. It's not easy when things don't go your way, but we'll keep going and it'll turn around eventually.

We have two away games coming up after this afternoon's match and while I'm not making any daft predictions, they are both games we are capable of winning. Leicester have pulled away from the bottom over the last few weeks, but Southend are right down there, and you have to say the onus



and the pressure could be on them more than us next weekend.

Their fans will probably see it as their big chance and that might suit us. We'll have the backing of a good support and we'll go there and stick to our task. It's an important one for us, but there's six points to play for before then, starting today against Luton.

Thanks for your support and please keep behind the lads, Dougie.

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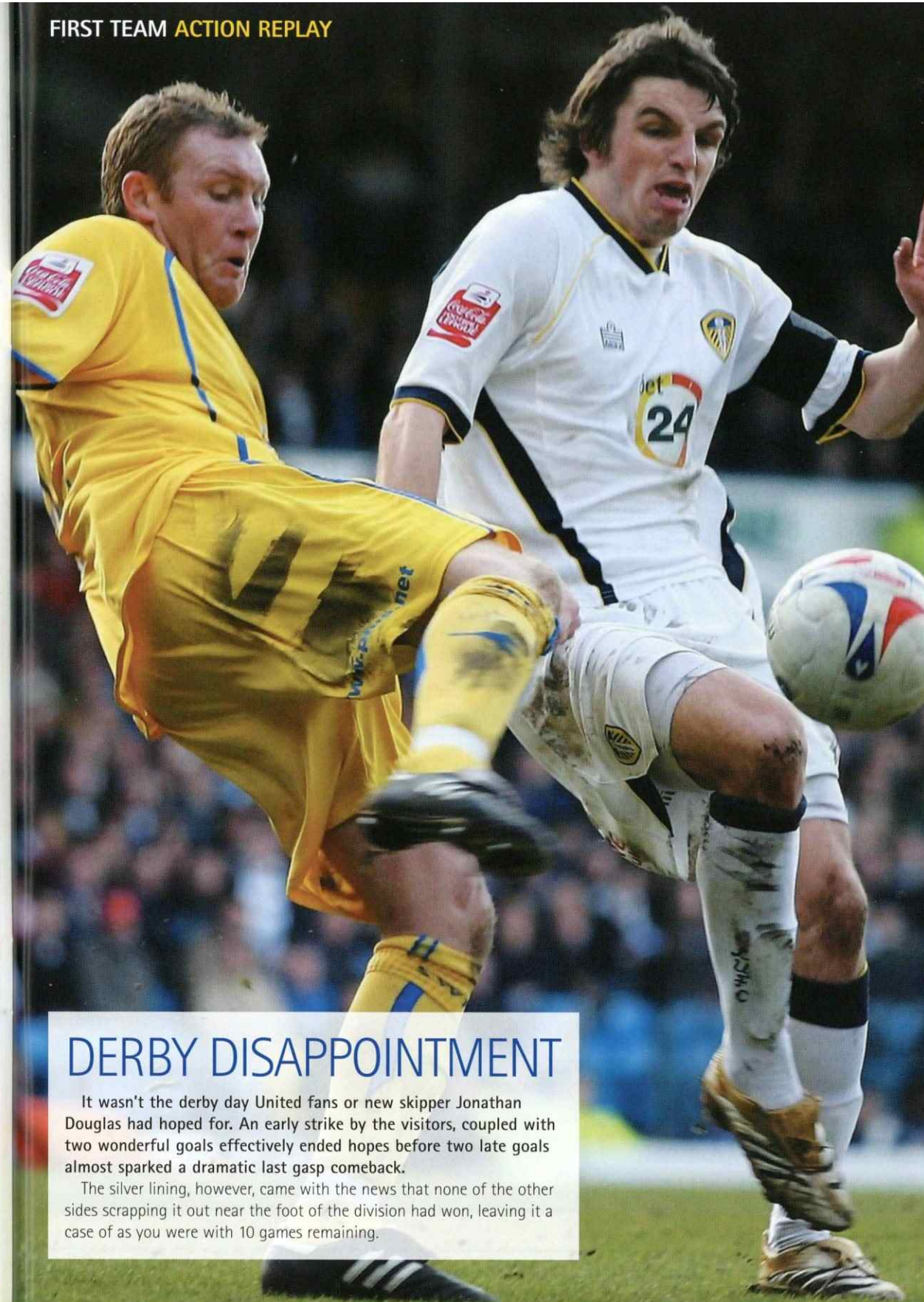


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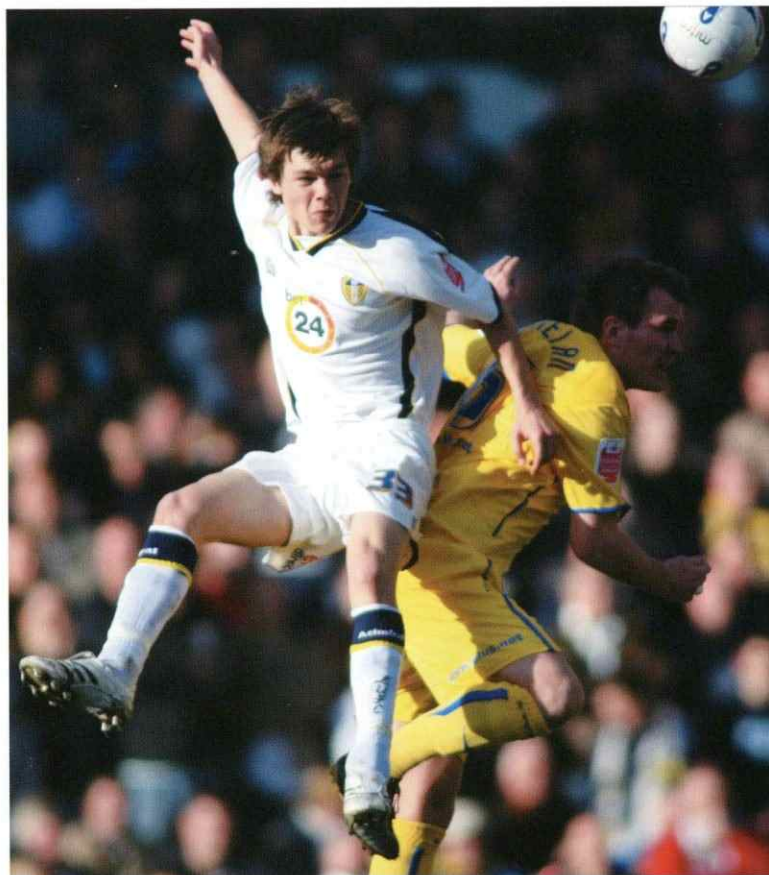
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DERBY DISAPPOINTMENT

It wasn't the derby day United fans or new skipper Jonathan Douglas had hoped for. An early strike by the visitors, coupled with two wonderful goals effectively ended hopes before two late goals almost sparked a dramatic last gasp comeback.

The silver lining, however, came with the news that none of the other sides scrapping it out near the foot of the division had won, leaving it a case of as you were with 10 games remaining.



Radostin Kishishev: on loan from Charlton making his debut in midfield.



Saturday, March 3
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UNITED 2 (Bullen og 88, Cresswell 89),
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 3
(Tudgay 7, Brunt 37, Johnson 54)

United: Stack, Richardson, Marques, Heath, Lewis, Moore, Douglas, Kishishev (Carole 83), Howson (Blake 46), Healy, Cresswell. **Subs not used:** Ankergrén, Johnson, Foxe.

Sheffield Weds: Turner, Bullen, Simek, Wood, Spurr, Brunt, Watson, Whelan, Johnson (Small 72), Tudgay, Burton (MacLean 85). **Subs not used:** Adamson, Gilbert, Folly.

Referee: L Probert (Gloucestershire)

Att: 25,297

A wonderful strike from Chris Brunt proved the decisive moment in last weekend's derby clash at Elland Road. Despite trailing to an early Marcus Tudgay goal, United were dominating the contest against the Owls. Ian Moore, David Healy and Eddie Lewis were all denied by visiting goalkeeper Iain Turner, while Rui Marques had a shot cleared off the line by Frank Simek. Healy also had a penalty appeal waved away, and Owls defender Richard Wood escaped without caution after an apparent tug on the Ulsterman.

But, eight minutes before half-time, Chris Brunt unleashed a superb strike from fully 45 yards to leave Graham Stack with no chance, and the goal proved a decisive blow.

Wednesday were reduced to 10-men on 49 minutes when Tudgay was



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dismissed for kicking the ball away, but the Owls still managed to conjure up another terrific goal when Jermaine Johnson finished off a sweeping move.

At 3-0 down with 36 minutes left, it could have been the cue to give up, but the lads battled hard and got back on the scoresheet with two minutes remaining when Lee Bullen sliced through his own goal. Within 60 seconds it was game on when Richard Cresswell bagged his second of the season, but time ran out on hopes of a dramatic comeback.

Boss Dennis Wise said: "I'm disappointed with the result, but I was chuffed with the players. I thought they did great. We ended up with two wonder goals scored against us that might not happen again. We showed a lot of spirit. At 3-0 down they wanted the ball and they kept going. We didn't have one player hiding and I was pleased with that. They showed a lot of character to try and get back into it."



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INTERVIEW RICHARD CRESSWELL

ALL SYSTEMS GO AS CRESSY PREPARES FOR 'DOGFIGHT'



Stepping into the heat of a relegation battle when you've spent most of the season fighting to recover from a serious knee injury is hardly the ideal situation. But it's the one that Richard Cresswell has found himself in.

"No, it's not the best thing to be facing and it has been difficult for me coming into a team that has not been getting good results but I am just glad to be able to play football again," he said during a break from preparations for today's crunch clash against Luton Town.

Whatever the circumstances, however, Cresswell is right back in it. *"We are in a dogfight, there's no doubt about that. We are bottom of the league with 10 games to go and in a bit of a mess. It would be the great escape if we got ourselves out of it."*

"But the lads still believe we can do it and as far as I am concerned I just hope that I can play my part to the full in keeping Leeds in the Championship."

"The lads will not lie down. We'll be giving it everything we have got until the end of the season. There are still 30 points to play for and we have got to keep our heads up," he added.

United's current situation is one that Cresswell is experiencing as a senior player for the first time in his career. ▶

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"When I was at Sheffield Wednesday about seven years ago we were relegated from the Premier League but I was more of a squad player then and didn't play many games.

"So this is really the first time I have gone through this sort of thing as a senior player and it is difficult. For me, though, it is all about playing for Leeds United and playing as many games as I can," admitted the 29-year-old.

Results at Elland Road have not been as productive as hoped for and with time running out for United in their fight to avoid relegation is it a question of the players feeling added pressure when playing at home?

"I think you put yourself under pressure because you want to get that result so badly for everyone involved



"My wife doesn't get many words out of me if we don't get the right result."

and when it doesn't happen it is very disappointing. It's disappointing for everyone, not just the fans, but for the players.

"It ruins your weekend and your week afterwards. My wife doesn't get many words out of me if we don't get the right result," he added.

Cresswell got off the mark – for the second time this season! – when he scored in the 3-2 defeat by Sheffield Wednesday. "I think I have done alright since I came back in but I now need to get a few more goals. It's been stop-start for me this season and I think I 'scored' against Birmingham the other week, though it wasn't given."

When Cresswell joined United at the start of the 2005-06 season in a

£1.1 million transfer from Preston, he came here in preference to Sheffield United to join the club he has supported since his childhood. It was a dream move for him but things quickly turned sour when he picked up his first knee injury. And, once recovered from that, to pick up a very serious injury to his other knee was devastating.

"You could say it has been a bit of a rollercoaster for me ever since I joined Leeds.

"I think I played some good football over the Christmas period during my first season with the club and then I injured my right knee and had to have another operation, before breaking down again in the build-up to this season," he said.

"You could say it has been a bit of a rollercoaster for me ever since I joined Leeds."



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Ironically, Cresswell had been a player who had managed to steer clear of major injuries before joining United. "I played for five years at Preston without really having a bad injury. I tore my hamstring once in that time but the physios hardly ever saw me in the treatment room."

"I actually told the chairman that when I signed for Leeds so in view of what has happened to me since, I bet that hasn't gone down too well!"

"The trouble I have had with my knees has been horrendous for me but hopefully all that is behind me now. I had three operations on the right knee but it feels great now," he said.

When he underwent the third operation, there were doubts in his mind that things might not turn out right for him. "You do think like that because it was a bad injury. It was very similar to what Ole Gunnar Solskjaer had and he was out for two and half years. Jamie Redknapp had to retire with it."

"But there are people who come back from it and that is what gave me hope. I played with a guy at Preston who had the same op and it worked for him. The surgeon who operated on me has done a great job to get me back to full fitness."

The importance of today's game against Luton is what he has been concentrating all his efforts on. He knows only too well that United missed out on a chance to close the gap when they failed to beat Sheffield Wednesday.

"The other results went our way that day and that made it even more disappointing because we had the chance to lessen the gap and we didn't take it."

"We have got to keep our heads up, keep on training hard and giving 110 per cent when you pull that white shirt on. If you do that I think the fans will see it and hopefully we can turn things around," he added.

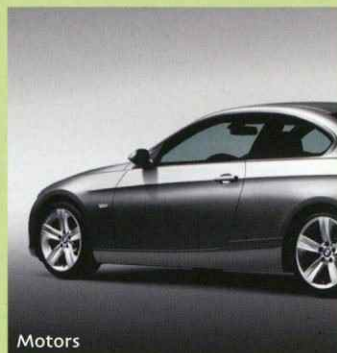


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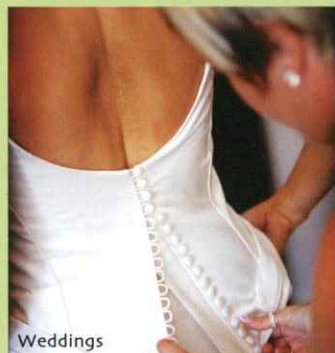
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ON THE SPOT CASPER ANKERGREN

What was your best subject at school? History.

Which is the best ground you have played at away from Elland Road? When I was with Brøndby we played in the UEFA Cup at Eintracht Frankfurt and there were 45,000 people there.

What boots do you wear? I wear Adidas.

What was your worst subject at school? That would probably be French or maths.

What is the worst kit you have ever worn? That must have been when I played in an away game with Brøndby and our kit man forgot all my gear. I had to borrow one from the other team and it wasn't very nice. It was a kind of orange colour.

What's your favourite TV programme? I don't watch much TV but if I had to choose it would be some sort of football programme, maybe Soccer AM.

Have you ever done anything you regret? No, not really.

What is the best pre-season tour you have ever been on? When I had Michael Laudrup and John Jensen as my coaches at Brøndby and we came to London about four years ago. We had some great pitches to use and games against some good teams, one of which was Charlton.

Do you read newspapers after a game? Sometimes, but not a lot. If I get a bad report I don't read too much into it.

What's your perfect night in? Relaxing with my missus and having something good to eat.

What is the craziest thing you have ever done away from football? I can't think of anything that I could really mention here!

Which leader do you prefer Tony Blair or George W Bush? That would have to be Blair.

ANY QUESTIONS?

The Leeds United programme team have a list of 100 questions. Each week one unsuspecting player will be asked to select 20 at random. They certainly don't! Today it's the turn of Casper Ankergrén to step into the firing line...

When you get up in a morning how long does it take you to get ready? Only about five or 10 minutes. I don't mess around.

Are you a good cook? I'm not sure I could do French gourmet stuff but I can do the less difficult things such as spaghetti Bolognese. That's my favourite.

If you could ban a TV programme which would it be? Some of those reality programmes are good but those where people just make a fool of themselves, get drunk and mess around, are just so boring to watch.

If you could star in any film or stage role, which would it be? Probably one of those movies like Braveheart or something similar that tells a really good story.

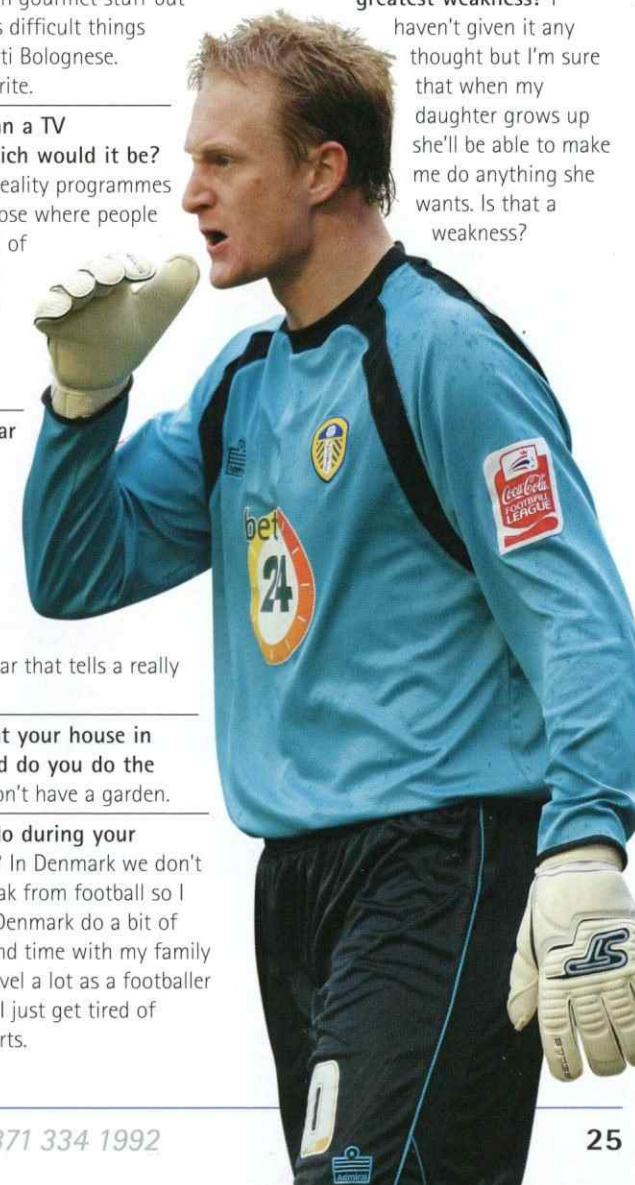
Is the garden at your house in good shape and do you do the gardening? I don't have a garden.

What do you do during your summer break? In Denmark we don't have a long break from football so I usually stay in Denmark do a bit of fishing and spend time with my family because you travel a lot as a footballer and sometimes I just get tired of looking at airports.

When you are feeling down what do you do to cheer yourself up? Going out shopping with the family would definitely cheer me up.

What do you consider to be your greatest weakness? I

haven't given it any thought but I'm sure that when my daughter grows up she'll be able to make me do anything she wants. Is that a weakness?



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PLAYER TALK SHAUN DERRY

Tottenham's 1991 FA Cup final victory over Nottingham Forest is a game that United midfielder Shaun Derry singles out as a particular memory, not because he was supporter of either team but solely because he idolised Paul Gascoigne.

"When I was a kid I was a big fan of Paul Gascoigne, as I'm sure every other young lad was at the time. He was my hero and I had watched him have an unbelievable World Cup in 1990, although it did end in tears for him," Shaun recalled.

Gascoigne, of course, was in the Tottenham side that went on to win the FA Cup 2-1 after extra time and Shaun was there with his Forest supporting brother Rob.

"My brother was very much behind Forest, of course, but being a Notts County fan, I had no allegiance to either of the teams at Wembley. But as a massive fan of Paul Gascoigne I was really looking forward to seeing him play in the final.

"But I remember that he completely lost his rag in that game. He two-footed Garry Parker after about a minute and should have been sent off and then he did a silly tackle on Gary Charles and he snapped his own cruciate ligament and got stretchered off," said Shaun.

That was after 14 minutes. Nayim took Gascoigne's place and Spurs were soon trailing to a 15th minute goal from Stuart Pearce's free-kick. They had to wait until the 53rd minute for the equaliser scored by Paul Stewart. The game went to extra time and was settled in Spurs' favour in the 94th minute with an own-goal from Des Walker.

Shaun said that he had tears in his eyes as he watched Gascoigne being carried from the field. *"He was only about 22 years old but he had done so well in a World Cup finals and I thought that he was at the top of his game,"* he added.

Shaun said that as a 15-year-old he was striving to get a YTS scholarship at Notts County – which he went on to achieve – but that the injury to a young player at the top of his profession provided him with a valuable lesson.

"It taught me that you can't take anything for granted and that football can change from one extreme completely to the other. Paul Gascoigne was playing perhaps in his biggest individual game that day. The whole football world was watching, the whole football press was on him

FACE IN THE CROWD

Whether it's on the terraces, in the stand, on TV or even in the dug-out, watching football is just as much a part of life for those involved with the game... This afternoon Shaun Derry looks back at one of his most memorable experiences from the sidelines...



Paul Gascoigne at the 1991 FA Cup final at Wembley.



and he lit his own blue touch paper and simply exploded.

"Ever since then I have taken nothing for granted," he added.

Coincidentally, Shaun suffered a similar injury to Gascoigne's only three weeks after taking up his YTS scholarship at Notts County but went on to make a full recovery.

OUR STRIKERS NEED TO START STICKING THESE CHANCES AWAY



David Healy and (right) Ian Moore: looking to score more.

This is it. We've definitely reached crunch time now.

There is no good beating about the bush. We are in a hole and it is getting to the stage now where if we don't do something about it we will be in it too deep to climb out.

It is strictly down to the players and they have to stand up and be counted during the remainder of our matches. They have to display confidence, a belief in themselves and a will to win.

And if they can do that then they definitely have the quality to get us out of trouble.

I fully appreciate that we are fast running out of matches. The Sheffield Wednesday game was another that

came and went without us being able to take advantage of it. Another home disappointment.

A few weeks ago we had plenty of games but now we are down to 10 – five at home and five away. That's 30 points at stake.

You have to say that our last few home games have, by and large, been very disappointing. We had a couple of good results – against Coventry City and Crystal Palace – but we couldn't beat Barnsley, Hull City, QPR or last week Sheffield Wednesday. Realistically, these were all games I fully expected us to win.

I thought there were 12 points there for us but we managed to take only three from them so it is now becoming pretty critical. We really have to start winning our home games. Certainly this one today against Luton is a 'must win' because if we don't manage that, and they beat us, then the gap would widen still further. They would be eight points ahead of us and that would be a big gap to close with only nine games then remaining.

We have got to win and if we do, we drag them into it. We would be right back in the pack – though, obviously, one or two of the other teams down at the bottom might win also. When you saw what the other results affecting teams down near the bottom were we clearly missed a wonderful opportunity

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last week against Sheffield Wednesday. Had we got a win against Wednesday then we would have been right in among it. But we didn't, so we are where we were.

The pressure is obviously on the players but to be quite honest we have been creating lots of chances. The problem has been that the strikers have not been putting them away.

Once they start doing that we will win matches. But the longer they go missing chance after chance, the opposition take confidence from that and can break away and stick another one in and then you are in trouble, as happened last week against Wednesday.

Putting the ball in the back of the net has been one of our big problems all season. Our goal tally of 36 in as many games is poor. In fact it's very poor.

What I can't understand is that when you look at our strikers – David Healy, Ian Moore, Robbie Blake and Richard Cresswell – you have players who have all been 20-goal a season strikers at times in their careers so it is hard to accept that none of them at this particular time are getting goals.

This game today is a 'must win' because if we don't manage that then the gap would widen still further.



The worrying thing about it is that these are not young and inexperienced strikers. They are strikers with proven track records. They need to have a belief in themselves and to start sticking these chances away.

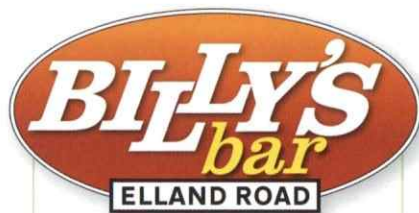
After today's game we've two away matches – at Leicester City and Southend – and a win against Luton would send us into those games with a bit more optimism. We could then go to Leicester on Tuesday and do ourselves big favour.

Southend have been struggling lately, and Leicester are below mid-table so both these games are winnable as far as we are concerned.

One of the fortunate points for us is that we still have to play one or two teams who are down there near the bottom and it is up to us to beat them and that would get us out of trouble.

Although we haven't managed to win our recent away fixtures we have looked a better side. We looked quite good against Birmingham at St Andrews and for periods of the games at Norwich, Wolves and Cardiff we looked the better side.

We should have a reasonably big crowd here today following the price reductions and it will be nice to see a big crowd get behind the players. I just hope the lads will put up a better performance for the fans than they did against QPR. So here's hoping...



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Jonny was beaten to the Coca-Cola Championship award by Cardiff City's Chris Gunter – but the hometown youngster said it was an honour to be shortlisted.

"It was very good to be nominated," said Jonny, who featured in the reserves against Barnsley at Elland Road on Tuesday afternoon.

"It's recognition of what you're doing and the hard work you are putting in."

"We had training on the Monday for the reserve game so it would have been inappropriate for me to go down, but it was a nice honour."



Over 750 guests were in attendance at the Grosvenor House Hotel on Park Lane to see a total of 19 awards presented during a gala evening, the second of what is to become an annual event in the football calendar.

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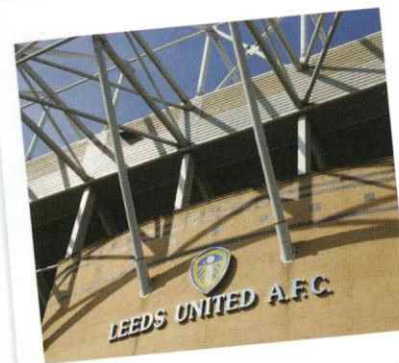
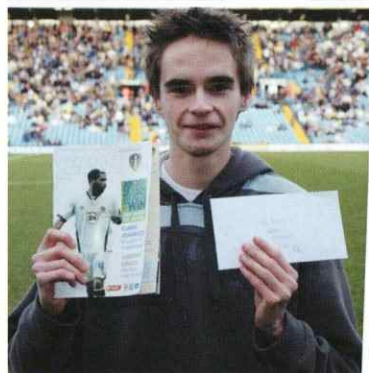


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Hello friends and welcome back to Elland Road.

The games just seem to get bigger and bigger and I couldn't wait for today's to come around. Luton are just above us in the table and if we can get a win today it will close that all-important gap to safety.

Last weekend, I couldn't believe my paws as I watched their second goal. How many times do you see a player score from 45 yards? It was a once a season thing, but it had to happen against us. It wouldn't have been so bad, but we were far and away the

best team for most of the game so to lose was unbelievable.

I was stood at the end of the tunnel for those last few minutes and I chewed my claws right down. These close finishes are no good for anyone, least of all us snow leopards who are of a nervous disposition!

I've read Dennis talking about luck. We must be due some from somewhere. I'm not superstitious, but from today I started a new routine that will see me eat 21 blueberries for breakfast and 21 before the game. Why 21? Because if we finish 21st or higher in the league it will keep us in this division!

Hopefully, there will be another big crowd in today and that should create a cracking atmosphere. The last two home games have been like that and I'm sure the lads are going to pull off a win for you.

A lot of my friends are coming down today and hopefully if we get a win I'm sure we will see you all again for the Preston game in two weeks.

Before then, we have two away games. I'm not going to Leicester on



Tuesday because I've never been a fan of Foxes, and I've decided against going to Southend next Saturday because a friend of my mine told me they eat jellied eels down there!

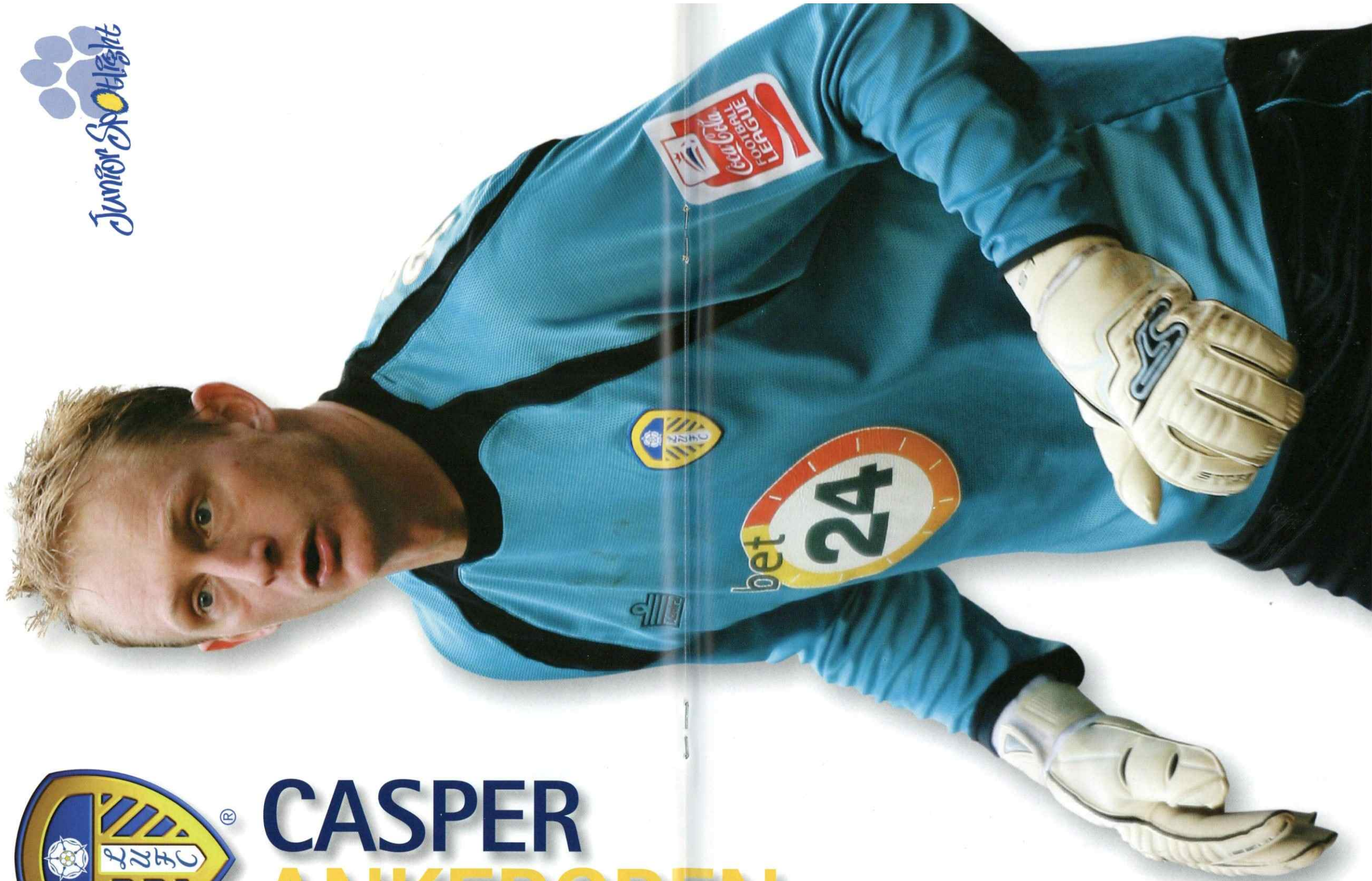
Jellied eels? What's that all about? If they make eel-flavoured jelly, I dread to think what they might make of harmless snow leopard! What's wrong with blueberries anyway?

Enjoy the game, and wave to me!

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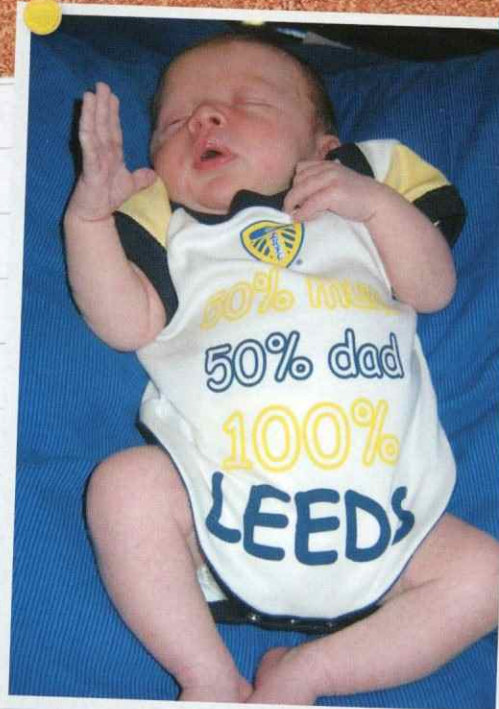


Dennis (with me, above) is right to say we are unlucky.



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Junior Spotlight



LITTLE JACK WEIGHS IN

"This is a picture of my son Jack Benjamin Lorriman, who was born on February 8, 2007," writes proud dad Mark Lorriman. "Hopefully we will be back in the Premiership when he is old enough to come to Elland Road with me," he adds.

MEMBERSHIP MASCOT

JOSHUA DIXON

Age: 6

From: Alwoodley

Favourite Player: Eddie Lewis

Hobbies: Football and PlayStation

Match Prediction: 2-1 Leeds Win



The Cheeky Challenge

Five cheeky questions to test your knowledge of today's opponents Luton Town. (Answers are at the bottom of the page - no cheating, now!)

Who is manager of Luton Town?

What is the name of Luton's ground?

What are Luton's first choice colours?

What is Luton's nickname?

What was the result when we played at Luton this season?

Anagrams

And, can you solve these?

He plays for Chelsea...

**BEARD
RIDGOLD**

He's a Championship manager...

**WHONY
ALLAWI**

A football ground...

LINX EUMO

Seen at a ground...

GAFSL

You can buy these at the club shop...

SINK GREY

Cheeky Challenge Quiz: Mike Newell; Kenilworth Road; white shirts, black shorts; The Hatters; Luton 5, United 1.
Anagrams: Didier Drogba; Ian Holloway; Molineux; flags; key rings.

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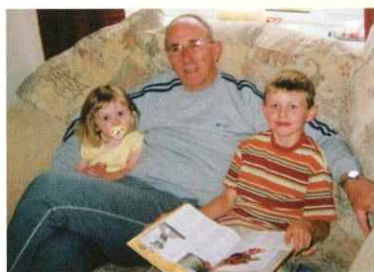
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KEN HAYWOOD

It is with sadness that we record the death of **Ken Haywood**, who died on February 6. He was a dedicated Leeds fan for 56 years, supporting the team both home and away.

FIRST TIME VISITORS

Attending Elland Road for the first time today are **Joanna Whitehead** and **Sally Davey**. The pair have never been to a football match before and are guests of **Cliffhanger Ltd** in the South Stand for today's game.

Richard Jowitt would like to thank them for attending and hopes they enjoy a good match enough to let him have a corporate box next season... on the company, of course!

Over from Ireland

A very warm welcome today to 23 visitors from Ennis in County Clare, Ireland, who are over for today's match.

Among the group are **Alan Murphy** and his eight year old son **Tadhg**, who is making his first visit, **Tommy Kelly** and daughter **Suzanne**, **Kieran** and **Kaki Ryan** (also first timers), **Marty Brennan**, **Paul Guckian** and son **Paul** and **Dom O'Rourke**.

Paul Nihill tells us this is the 10th visit made by most of the group since the 2001-02 season.



UNITED FANS ON TOUR

United fans travel far and wide, as this picture, taken by **Stuart Leather**, a John Charles Stand season ticket holder, clearly shows.

He recently returned from a holiday in Australia during which he went to the Test match between Australia and England in Sydney. "I took the photograph of these banners which were tied up in front of the 'Barmy Army' supporters."

"Leeds United supporters 10,000 miles away from Elland Road!" he writes.

CELEBRATION TIME FOR PETER

Special birthday greetings to **Peter O'Malley**, who is a season ticket holder and is at today's game with his wife **Eileen** and relatives from Cork and Portlaoise, **Rose** and **John Kelly**. Peter celebrated his birthday on Wednesday and though he's not broadcasting the fact, it was his 49th!

Timothy is 21



Happy birthday to **Timothy Williams**, from Anglesey, who recently celebrated his 21st birthday, and is at today's game.

The picture was taken when Timothy attended the League Cup final between Leeds and Aston Villa at Wembley in March 1996.

TORLEIF IS OVER FROM NORWAY

Torleif Bjondal Lund is over from Haugesund in Norway to see today's game. The visit is an 11th birthday present from his dad **Oystein Bjondal Lund**.

Torleif has been to Elland Road twice before, when he was seven months old and 18 months old which, of course, he cannot remember.

His dad says they watch all the Leeds home games together live on Viasat Sports, another good thing, he says, with the Bet 24 sponsorship deal.

Torleif has seen Leeds in pre-season games in both Sweden and Norway over the past three years, having stayed at the same hotel as the players and also having collected a lot of autographs.

"I don't have to tell you that Torleif is excited and really looking forward to this week-end in Leeds," adds his dad.



MORE UNITED FANS ON THE ROAD...

Adam Baker and his sister **Layla**, who were there to see England in World Cup action, proudly display the banner of the Ferrybridge Whites in Stuttgart.



CELEBRATION FOR CAITLYN

Claire and Danny Seton's daughter **Caitlyn**, from Swindon, was six years old on March 8 and is celebrating her birthday today by coming to see her favourite football team.

Both her and her dad, and also mum **Claire**, get to as many home games as they can and always cheer the team on if they are not able to make it to a game.

Caitlyn's favourite player is **David Healy** and she has never seen Leeds lose a game in all of her visits to Elland Road.

Katrina is 18

Happy birthday to **Katrina May Womack**, who was 18 yesterday. A true Leeds fan through thick and thin, Katrina will be in the Kop today, cheering the lads on as ever.

Love and birthday greetings come from **mum** and **dad** and extended family and friends.



Calvin is seven

Happy seventh birthday to **Calvin Sanderson** (left) from Hertfordshire. "Come on Leeds!"



ELEANA PROUD TO BE LEEDS

Eleana Gobbi, who celebrated her seventh birthday on March 7, is proud to wear her Leeds gear, even when she attends Football in the Community courses run by Bradford City.

"Eleana likes to play football and as we live in Bradford she attends the courses run by City," says dad **Peter Gobbi**. "She obviously gets stick from the Bradford City staff and all those glory-hunting Man United, Chelsea and Arsenal fans," adds her dad.

She has a season ticket in the family stand with her dad and 22-year-old sister **Rebecca** but, says her dad: "We've had some good times but Eleana's season and a half of watching has seen more downs than ups."

"By the way, congratulations to the club for giving the £25 of club vouchers to junior season ticket holders," he adds.

Have a great day Joseph

Joseph Thompson will be 11 years old on March 19 and his **mum**, **dad** and brother **Jack** send their love and say, "Have a great day!"

Joseph, pictured with his brother **Jack**, is a season ticket holder in the family stand and attends every home match, and most away games, with his dad.

He has every faith that Leeds will stay up but will continue to support them regardless. Have a great day, from **mam**, **dad** and **Jack**.



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GREATEST GAME **SOUTHAMPTON 1972**

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS...

Don Revie's United side were at their brilliant best and it was no surprise to find that this 7-0 thrashing of **Southampton** in March 1972 is among the front runners for the fans' choice as United's greatest ever game.

United's class shines through in seven-goal spree

Current United director Peter Lorimer notched a hat-trick as Don Revie's side turned on the style and went goal-crazy with a scintillating display of attacking football.

This was the season when Revie let his players off the leash and gave them the freedom to express themselves – and express themselves they certainly did in a display which saw plenty of individual flair as well as teamwork and a burning desire to bulge the back of the net.

Everyone played their part to the full and, frankly, the Saints didn't know what hit them once United had taken the lead.

Lorimer's three goals came in the 42nd, 64th and 70th minutes and took his tally in the League to 18. The first of those strikes in this game made the score 2-0 and came two minutes after Allan Clarke had hammered the ball into the Saints net following a superb pass from Eddie Gray.

That was the foundation for victory but at the interval few of us at the game could have envisaged quite what would happen in the second half. Such was United's supremacy that they knocked in five goals in a devastating 18-minute period.

Clarke scored his second in the 62nd minute to make it 3-0, then Lorimer scored his second and third goals while Jack Charlton (right) got his name on the scoresheet in the 74th minute, to mark his 599th

league appearance for the club, before Mick Jones finished off the scoring 10 minutes from the end.

Billy Bremner's partnership in midfield with Giles was a major factor in United's dominance but there were, also, some classy touches from Gray while United's forwards demonstrated lethal and clinical finishing. The goal that Charlton scored proved to be a popular one and it was set up for him by his central defensive partner, Norman Hunter. The pair of them had had very little to do in defence, especially in the second half and they were both fed up.

I remember Norman telling me that he had had enough and that he decided to have a run down the flank. To his surprise the ball was passed to him and in turn Norman crossed to the far post where, upon looking up, he



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saw Big Jack with a huge grin on his face as he headed the ball into the net.

Well, Revie had told his team to express themselves so the defensive duo had a ready-made excuse when they got back onto the dressing room!

The fans lapped it up and as United began to keep possession late on there were chants of 'Ole!' from the crowd every time the ball was passed from one United player to another without any Saints player being able to get near the ball.

When, later, I asked Big Jack how he felt about his approaching 600th league game he replied: "A bit sick really, I suppose. Seriously, though, I haven't given it a lot of thought. It will be just another game for me."

That, typically, was Big Jack.

UNITED: Sprake, Reaney, Madeley, Bremner, Charlton, Hunter, Lorimer, Clarke, Jones, Giles, Gray. Sub: Bates.

SOUTHAMPTON: Martin, McCarthy, Fry, Stokes, Gabriel, Steele, Paine (Byrne), Channon, Davies, O'Neill, Jenkins.

Referee: D. Corbett (Wolverhampton)

Att: 34,275

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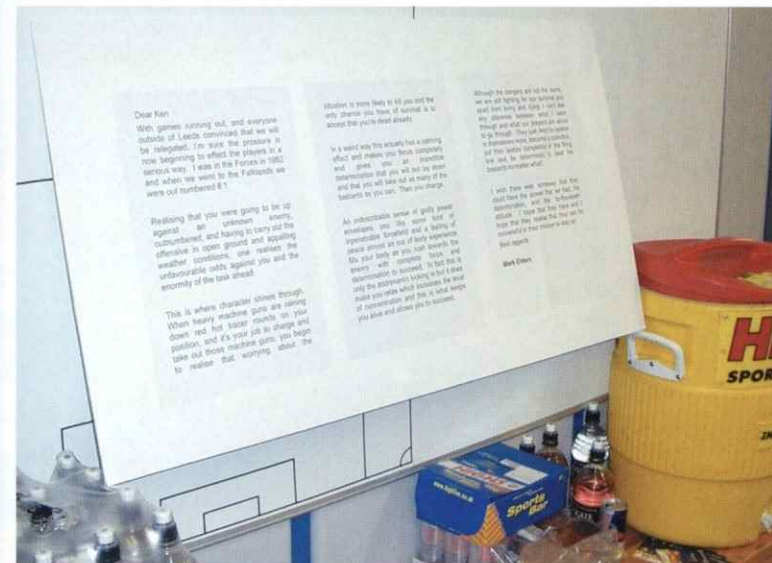
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AN INSPIRATION

Dennis Wise is hoping Falklands veteran Mark Elders can provide inspiration to his players in the closing weeks of the season.

Lifelong fan Mark sent an email to chairman Ken Bates, detailing his harrowing experiences during the conflict in 1982, and as our exclusive pictures show the email is now pinned up in the dressing room.

Dennis explained: "It's talking about the Falklands and how he was one of these lads who were outnumbered eight to one. He thought they were dead and buried. He believed that so he said, 'Let's go for it' - and he survived."

"It was the way that he spoke and the

way that he said it. It was fantastic and he lived to tell the tale because he said the adrenaline just let him go and he went for it - they all went for it - and he was one of the fortunate ones who survived.

"It was good what he sent - now it's up the lads can read it and see what life is really about. It tells you about life in general."



Meet your heroes

Fans who book a ground tour on the day of a game never know who they will bump into.

This young fan couldn't believe his luck ahead of last weekend's game against Sheffield Wednesday when, on being shown around the dressing room, he came face to face with our Californian star Eddie Lewis.

Tours on a match day commence at 10am and you can book by contacting 0871 334 1992.

The chairman said: "It's an inspirational email which I showed to Dennis. The guy was in the Falklands and he lived to tell the tale, the point being survival depends on how much you want it."

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LEAGUE PLAYING CAREER

	Apps	Gl's
1983 Crewe Alexandra	3	-
1983-86 Wigan Athletic	72	25
1986-87 Luton Town	63	18
1987-89 Leicester City	81	21
1989-91 Everton	68	15
1991-96 Blackburn Rovers	130	28
1996-97 Birmingham City	15	1
1996 West Ham United (loan)	7	-
1997 Bradford City (loan)	7	-
1997-99 Aberdeen	44	6
1999 Crewe Alexandra	4	-
1999-00 Doncaster Rovers (Conference)		
2000-01 Blackpool	18	2
TOTAL	512	116

HONOURS

With Wigan:

Freight Rover Trophy, 1984-85

With Blackburn:

Promotion from Division Two, 1991-92;
Premier League Championship, 1994-95

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

England B 2, U-21 4

MANAGEMENT

2002-03 Hartlepool United
2003 Luton Town (from June 2003)

HONOURS

With Hartlepool:

Promotion from Division Three,
2002-03

With Luton:

League One
Championship,
2004-05

This season's meetings with The Hatters would rank high on any list of pivotal fixtures. For Luton the difference between October and now is almost the length of the division. For Leeds the return match is a double-edged opportunity to bury an unpleasant memory.

The two clubs have gone through many emotions in the five months since Leeds lost 5-1 at Kenilworth Road. In the north it has been a long haul at the wrong end of the table. In the south there was a huge mood swing as Luton plunged towards the danger zone.

The fans dared to think about a promotion challenge when Luton went up to fifth place in the autumn but within two months they were down to 20th after seven consecutive league defeats – the worst run in Mike Newell's 24 years as manager or player.

"It's been a horrible time for us," he said of a losing sequence that began with a 5-0 defeat at Ipswich and only stopped one match short of the bleakest spell in over a century. In 1900 they lost eight in a row and failed to secure re-election in their third season in the Football League.

Re-admitted in 1920, they eventually planted their flag at the summit with an FA Cup Final in the first of three spells in the old First Division

and finally a golden decade until relegation in the last season before the formation of the Premier League.

By 2001 they had fallen back to the lowest level but the recovery was satisfyingly swift with a first promotion under Joe Kinnear and then a League One championship at the end of Newell's second season in 2005.

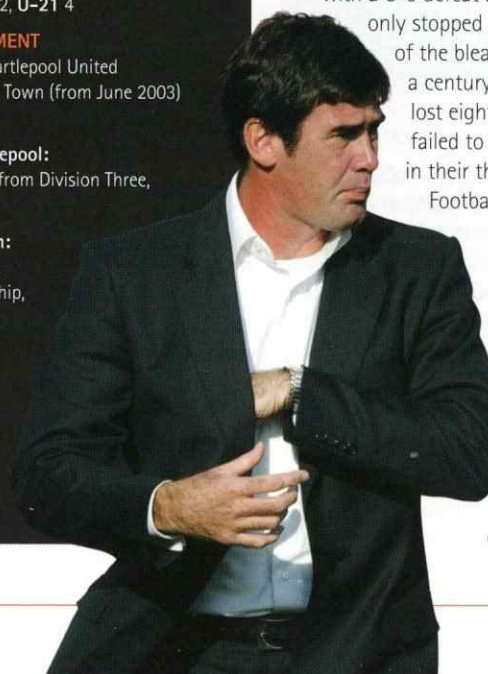
Shrewd management is essential within the constraints of a stadium with a capacity of only 10,000. Newell has often said that a new ground is the only way forward but until one is built – probably close to the M1 – the club has to juggle its resources.

The management team can only wonder what heights might have been reached had they been able to develop a successful squad. In two seasons since coming up, five players, who cost under £300,000 in transfer fees, were sold for almost £9 million.

The defence was shorn of a potential England player when Curtis Davies went into the Premiership with West Brom, and the damage to scoring power was incalculable with the departures of Steve Howard and Rowan Vine. They shared 51 league goals in the past two seasons and Vine was this season's top scorer when he left in January.

Midfield also took a double hit with the loss of Kevin Nicholls and Carlos Edwards. Suffice to say that Edwards and Vine shared three of the goals against Leeds in the match that preceded the appointment of Dennis Wise at Elland Road.

Other experienced players joined the long-term casualty list. Former England semi-pro international PAUL UNDERWOOD, who played for Rushden ►



EX-LEEDS MEN AMONG RECRUITS

Et Diamonds against Leeds in 1999, has been out all season and Australian defender **CHRIS COYNE** has made only intermittent contributions.

October was perhaps a typical example of the misfortunes. In the weeks on either side of the win against Leeds, they lost the services of two players. New striker **SAM PARKIN** has not featured since undergoing ankle surgery but full-back **SOL DAVIS** was back in a couple of months after a health scare on the journey to Ipswich.

Both players put down roots at Swindon Town. Davis played for the Wiltshire club for four years before joining Luton for £600,000 in 2002 and Parkin left Chelsea to score 73 goals for the Robins until he was bought by Ipswich for £450,000. The Hatters then paid £340,000 for his second move in a year.

Even with the return of Davis and Coyne at Christmas, the defence caught for the worst of new problems in

January. Three-quarters of the back four in the early-season rise to the play-off positions missed a battling performance against West Brom at The Hawthorns. As at Birmingham a fortnight earlier, the Hatters were denied a point by a last-minute goal.

A legacy of the Birmingham match was a badly gashed leg keeping **MARKUS HEIKKINEN** out of the side for seven weeks. The former HJK Helsinki player arrived at Kenilworth Road from Scotland last season and he is now a regular in the Finland team at the top of their qualifying group for Euro 2008.

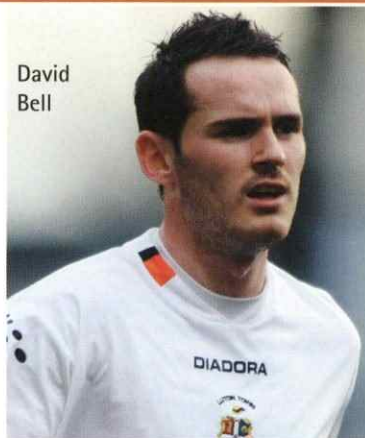
KEVIN FOLEY, who missed the first four games in January, is a younger player making progress on the international ladder. Capped at B level in November, the Republic of Ireland full-back was called into the senior squad in February.

With Heikkinen and Foley back in the club side, Luton secured a hard-earned point at Stoke but their resources were again stretched. Davis faced suspension after a red card and they were without **LEON BARNETT**, an impressive young centre-back with 31 consecutive league and cup appearances up to January.

Irish U-21 international **KEITH KEANE** had a run of starts when the injuries decimated the defence and was needed again at Stoke when a more experienced deputy, **RUSSELL PERRETT**, had to drop out at half-time. Perrett, now 33, came out of non-League football to play for Portsmouth and Cardiff.

Four goalkeepers have been named in the squad during the season,

David Bell



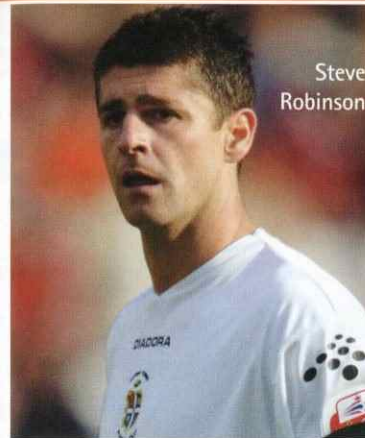
although the shuffling here was not attributable to injuries. **MARLON BERESFORD** crammed more than half of his 500-plus appearances into six seasons at Burnley in the 1990s. Now 37, he was Luton's No 1 from the promotion year until serving a one-match suspension this season.

DEAN BRILL, who made his debut three seasons ago at the age of 17, stepped in on that occasion, with teenager **ZAC BARRETT** on the bench, and then Dean Kiely spent two months on loan before Beresford reclaimed his place in the Championship side in February.

The turnover of strikers underlined the scale of the selection issues facing manager Newell. By last month he had none of the trio who started league games in the first part of the season. With Vine sold and Parkin injured, **WAYNE FEENEY** was the one survivor until the Northern Ireland international sustained a knee ligament injury.

The £500,000 summer signing, **ADAM BOYD**, eventually came into contention, though not up to the speed of his career at Hartlepool, where he won promotion under Newell in 2003 and scored

Steve Robinson



29 goals in 2004-05. With Boyd mainly used as a sub, reinforcements were needed in January.

BJORN RUNSTROM, a Sweden U-21 striker in his first season with Fulham, was signed on a month's loan and **DREW TALBOT**, a Play-Off final scorer for Sheffield Wednesday in 2005, completed a £250,000 transfer after ending a temporary stint at Scunthorpe. The payback was a goal for each striker in a win against Sheffield Wednesday – the first in nine games since December 23 – but three straight defeats kept the Hatters in the danger area. With the goals-against record worsening, Newell brought in the former Leeds defender, **CLARKE CARLISLE**, on loan from Watford.

A new-look midfield evolved around the consistent **STEVE ROBINSON**, a Northern Ireland international in a career of over 400 league games. Sold by Bournemouth for £375,000 in 2000, he is in his fifth season since Luton struck a £50,000 bargain.

Among the newcomers this season are **RICHARD LANGLEY**, a Jamaican international previously with QPR and Cardiff, and **LEWIS EMANUEL**, an

LUTON TOWN ROLL CALL

2006/07 CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES

Player	Birthplace	Date of birth	Previous Club	Apps	Gl's
Leon Barnett	Stevenage	30.11.85	Academy	32	3
Zac Barrett	Hitchin	25.6.88	Academy	-	-
David Bell	Wellingborough	21.1.84	Rushden Et Diamonds	19(6)	2
Marlon Beresford	Lincoln	2.9.69	Barnsley	23	-
Adam Boyd	Hartlepool	25.5.82	Hartlepool United	5(14)	1
Dean Brill	Luton	2.12.85	Academy	2(1)	-
Ahmet Brkovic	Dubrovnik	23.9.74	Leyton Orient	12(5)	3
Clarke Carlisle	Preston	14.10.79	Watford	-(1)	-
Chris Coyne	Brisbane	20.12.78	Dundee	5(5)	-
Sol Davis	Cheltenham	4.9.79	Swindon Town	17(3)	-
Lewis Emanuel	Bradford	14.10.83	Bradford City	30(1)	2
Warren Feeney	Belfast	17.1.81	Stockport County	14(12)	2
Kevin Foley	Luton	1.11.84	Academy	32	-
Markus Heikkinen	Finland	13.10.78	Aberdeen	28	1
Peter Holmes	Bishop Auckland	18.11.80	Sheffield Wednesday	3(2)	-
Keith Keane	Luton	20.11.86	Academy	9(2)	1
Richard Langley	Harlesden	27.12.79	QPR	17(5)	1
Dean Morgan	Enfield	3.10.83	Reading	19(12)	4
Stephen O'Leary	Barnet	12.2.85	Academy	2(1)	-
Sam Parkin	Roehampton	14.3.81	Ipswich Town	7(1)	1
Russell Perrett	Barton-on-Sea	18.6.73	Cardiff City	7(2)	1
Steve Robinson	Lisburn	10.12.74	Preston North End	31(1)	-
Bjorn Runstrom	Stockholm	1.3.84	Fulham	6	2
Matthew Spring	Harlow	17.11.79	Watford	7	-
Drew Talbot	Barnsley	19.7.86	Sheffield Wednesday	6	2
Paul Underwood	Wimbledon	16.8.73	Rushden Et Diamonds	-	-
OWN GOALS	-	-	-	-	2

ALSO PLAYED: Carlos Edwards (to Sunderland) 26 apps, 6 goals; Dean Kiely (loan from Portsmouth) 11 apps; Rowan Vine (to Birmingham) 26 apps, 12 goals.

Up to and including Saturday 3 March

England youth when at Bradford and now capped at B level by the Republic of Ireland. As the season unfolded, there were more opportunities for **DEAN MORGAN**, a former Colchester and Reading winger, and **DAVID BELL**, a £100,000 recruit from Rushden Et Diamonds in January last year.

AHMET BRKOVIC contributed 15 goals to the League One title success and completed 200 games for the club before an ankle injury ended a three-month run in the side this season. As the Croatian dropped out, **MATTHEW**

SPRING returned to the club where he made 250 league appearances up to joining Leeds in 2004. Unlucky with injuries in his one season at Elland Road, he helped Watford to promotion last season and played in half-a-dozen Premiership games before his £200,000 move back to Kenilworth Road.

Republic of Ireland youth international **STEPHEN O'LEARY** returned to the squad back in January and **PETER HOLMES** made three league starts before beginning a loan spell at League 1 side Chesterfield.

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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Dennis Wise

Played 23 Won 6 Drawn 3 Lost 14 For
25 Against 36
Av Pts/game 0.91
Biggest Win(s) Leeds 3 Colchester 0
(11/11/2006). Biggest Loss(es) Preston
4 Leeds 1 (31/10/2006).

Mike Newell

Played 174 Won 72 Drawn 45 Lost 57
For 268 Against 243
Av Pts/game 1.50
Biggest Win(s) Luton 5 Wrexham 1
(06/11/2004). Biggest Loss(es)
Bournemouth 6 Luton 3 (21/10/2003).

MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played ..0	Dennis Wise	0	Mike Newell	0
Draws ..0	Goals 0		Goals 0	

Player with the most...

shots
David
Healy 58

shots on target

David
Healy 32

shots off target

David
Healy 26

assists

Robert
Blake 4

crosses

Eddie
Lewis 92

fouls

Jonathan
Douglas 51

free-kicks-won

David
Healy 54

Player with the most...

shots
Rowan
Vine 70

shots on target

Rowan
Vine 35

shots off target

Rowan
Vine 35

assists

David
Bell 6

crosses

Carlos
Edwards 70

fouls

Rowan
Vine 55

free-kicks-won

Dean
Morgan 42

SHARP SHOOTERS

Leeds	CCFC Cup	Tot	Luton	CCFC Cup	Tot
David Healy	7	0	7	4	1
Robert Blake	6	1	7	2	2
Ian Moore	2	3	5	3	0

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played39	Leeds wins	13	Luton wins	12
Draws14	Goals 51 (1.3 per game)		Goals 52 (1.3 per game)	
0-0's3	Times failed to score 8		Times failed to score 9	

Biggest League win at Leeds for each team:

11/04/1955 Leeds 4-0 Luton

11/09/1957 & 26/12/1947 Leeds 0-2 Luton

Stat Pack



2006/07 LEAGUE STATS



24	Position	20
36	Played	36
9	Won	9
4	Drawn	9
23	Lost	18
36	Goals For	46
62	Goals Against	62
31	Points	36



Record Against Top Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
4	0	15	22	3	6	11	18

Record Against Bottom Half of Table

W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
5	4	8	22	6	3	7	21

Record When Scoring First

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9	1	2	18	7	2	3	21

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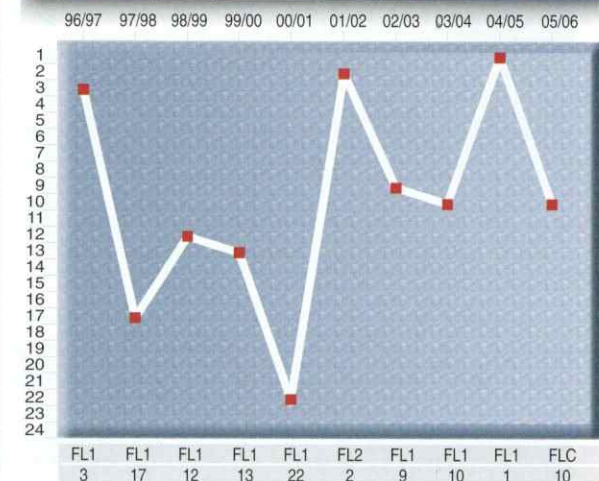
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
0	1	21	24	2	3	15	15

Match Scores

Wins: 1-0[2], 2-0[1], 2-1[4], 3-0[1],
3-2[1], Losses: 0-1[9], 0-2[1], 0-3[2],
0-4[1], 1-2[3], 1-3[1], 1-4[1], 1-5[1],
2-3[3], 2-4[1], Draws: 0-0[2], 2-2[2]

Wins: 1-0[1], 2-0[2], 2-1[2], 3-1[1],
3-2[2], 5-1[1], Losses: 0-1[3], 0-2[3],
0-3[1], 0-5[1], 1-2[3], 1-4[2], 2-3[5],
Draws: 0-0[4], 1-1[2], 2-2[3]

LUTON - TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 05/03/2007

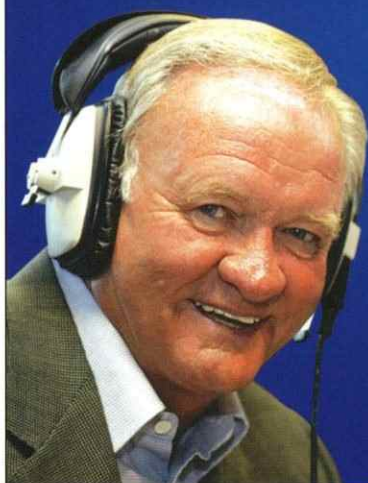


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SCARBOROUGH MARCHING ON

Scarborough Whites hosted a 'Leeds on the Road' at The Spa, Scarborough on Friday March 2.

The event was a credit to the Scarborough Members Club and to **Dave Exley** in particular whose team worked hard to provide a superb setting for the night.

The 250 fans who turned up to listen to and put questions to the panel had a very enlightening and enjoyable evening. Our thanks to the panel which included **Ken Bates** and his wife **Suzannah**, Leeds Legends **Peter Lorimer** and **Brendan Ormsby** and current players **Tore Andre Flo** and **Kevin Nicholls**. Any night that ends with a rousing chorus of "Marching On Together" has to be a fantastic night! Everyone is looking forward to next year's event already.

Lorimer's Bar is open for you

Leeds legend and board director **Peter Lorimer** will host this month's **Lorimer's Bar** at Elland Road on Thursday March 22, 7.30pm. As usual, Peter will have two first team players in attendance and MC **John Pearson**. Truly the "best value night out in Leeds" book your tickets on 0871 334 1992 at £10 including food!

Meet the players at the Members Club Dinner

Tickets are now on sale for the **Members Club Dinner** on **Saturday April 14**, after our home game against Burnley. The players will be on hand to sign autographs before the dinner with first class 'tribute style' entertainment and disco afterwards until 1am. Tickets are priced £37.50.

NEED MORE?

For any Members Club information or information on the above events including 'Leeds on the Road' ticket information contact **John Hemmingham** on 0113 367 6242 or visit the Members Club section of www.leedsunited.com where the links to the various Members Clubs give full details.

Don't forget – Nige is coming for lunch!

A reminder that former Leeds and England legend **Nigel Martyn** is our guest for the **Peacock's Lunch** at Elland Road this **Wednesday March 14**. You are welcome to join our more mature fans in a relaxed and friendly "Leeds United" atmosphere. Priced £17.50 from the ticket office 0871 334 1992.



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That's no getting away from the fact that last week's result was a massive disappointment for everyone connected with the club. However, such is football and the Championship this season.



I'll admit that I was not the best person to be around seven days ago and reached the point where you lose track if life's rubbish because your team lost or it's the other way around. I went out for a meal and everyone's food looked better than mine. Driving around, everyone's car looked better and cleaner. And every time I turned on the telly I was faced with the Championship table. Suddenly the grass not only looked greener on the other side but some other team were winning 8-0 on it.

However, I sought solace from those that understand and while drowning my sorrows on Sunday I managed to catch West Ham on TV against Spurs. That cheered me up. It wasn't that I was taking delight in the Eastenders' woes but it was the fact that everyone from the Chairman to the fans seemed resigned to their fate following the result.

I haven't seen that around this club. It's not what Leeds United is about; if anything, as the position becomes tougher the belief grows stronger.

Teams around us continue to struggle to gain any momentum and I believe this trend will continue until the last ball is kicked. That is the way this Championship season has gone. The results continue to amaze me every week. The argument goes that it's a good division because it's tight but then again perhaps everyone is just as bad as each other.

Look at Hull's result in midweek, they had a great opportunity to lift themselves out of trouble and they didn't just lose, they collapsed at home to an Ipswich team who were themselves in the mix for the drop just a few weeks ago.

Leeds will continue to be in touching distance of that now magical 21st position but, however hard I try to gloss over it, everyone knows we need to win games, starting today.

This season has been a long one for everyone but we need to stick together as we enter the final stages. I'm keeping the faith because I honestly believe we can pull out of trouble and once again disappoint the majority of football fans up and down the land. And if I didn't? Well, no one would want to come near me and I'd end up feeling like a West Ham fan. I don't know which is worse!

Leicester is the next stop on the Leeds United survival train on Tuesday evening; if you can't make it to the game you can catch all the action with myself, our commentator Michael Weadock and Leeds United legend Peter Lorimer on DAB Digital Radio in Yorkshire and online through LUTV.

Thom Kirwin

Leeds United correspondent, Yorkshire Radio

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0700-0900	The Yorkshire Fry Up with Ben Fry
0900-1000	Memory Module
1000-1300	Yorkshire Today with Ben Fry
1300-1500	Street Select
1500-1800	Yorkshire Today with Richard Stead including White Hot News at 5.30pm
1800-1900	Memory Module
1900-2200	Yorkshire Tonight with Mark Johnson
2200-0100	Yorkshire Nights with David Boulton

SATURDAY

0100-0200	Memory Module
0200-0900	Yorkshire Mix
0900-1000	Memory Module
1000-1800	The Match Day Programme with Ben Fry and Richard Stead
1800-1900	The Sound Of Yorkshire with Chris Martin
1900-2200	Saturday Night's Alright
2200-0100	Yorkshire Nights with David Boulton

SUNDAY

0100-0200	Memory Module
0200-0900	Yorkshire Mix
0900-1000	Memory Module
1000-1400	The Yorkshire Pudding Club with Neil Rudd
1400-1800	Solid Gold Sunday with David Boulton
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John Larkin of Australia wrote: "Not a Leeds fan, Aston Villa here, but my wife is from Leeds, and her family are all Leeds fanatics, which makes me hope that you guys can pull it around and stay up. Good luck all."

And Ray Hopwood wrote in praise of our terrific fans: "I would like to say that Leeds fans are by far the best in the land, I am an Everton supporter and wish you the best for the future and hurry back to the Premier where you belong."

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Tuesday	Exclusive online commentary from the Walkers Stadium.
Wednesday	All the reaction from the Leicester clash plus, from 5pm, catch our extended highlights of the match.
Thursday	See the management give their thoughts ahead of the Southend United game.
Friday	The countdown to the Southend game continues.
Saturday	For fans who can't make it, we have exclusive live online commentary from Roots Hall with Yorkshire Radio's Michael Weadock and United legend Peter Lorimer.

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Sealed with a kish

Loan man Radostin Kishishev impressed visitors to the club website last week. Kish clinched the Man of the Match award against Sheffield Wednesday on his full debut for the club.

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TIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP MARGINS STILL OFFER HOPE



Paul Butler, Leeds United's former captain, could not have been more astute when back in August he described this season's Championship as "the height of competition".

His comments were perhaps a sensible attempt to restrain expectation at Elland Road so soon after the Play-Off final, but Butler's assessment was no mere diversion. With 10 games of the season still remaining, the Championship is a long way from resolution, at either end of the table.

On the final day of last season, the deficit between top and bottom was 68 points, a huge margin and greater than the 2004-05 term when Rotherham United limped home with only five wins, 14 draws and 29 points to their name.

Last May, Reading's tally reached three figures, easing them to the title, and Sheffield United were only 10 points short of their century when they completed the season and won automatic promotion. Runaway winners – and losers – emerge with inevitable regularity in the Championship, but this season has been a break from tradition.

At the start of the final straight, there are 10 clubs in a position to top the division. As many as 11 are still twitching in the bottom half of the table, wondering if the relegation places will suck them in. The standard of football in the Championship may have been poor this season – an opinion shared by most people who have watched the league at length – but the league has not been found wanting in the competitive stakes.

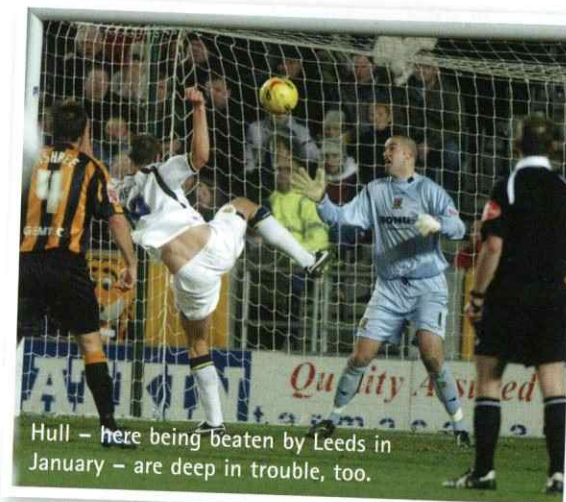
One other point is worth making. The

points accrued by Reading and Sheffield United with 10 games remaining 12 months ago would have allowed both clubs to lead this season's Championship by a comfortable distance today. Watford, meanwhile, would be tied for second place. The fact that Watford are preparing to drop out of the Premiership while Reading and the Blades make good their survival should remind the three clubs who enter the top flight not to get too comfortable.

It is to Leeds United's advantage that the division is so tight. The club are without a victory in five games, and have won three of their last 17 league matches. In a different competition, or a different season, the wall might already be covered in ink. But the Championship has so far failed to shake United.

Last weekend, every one of the Championship's bottom six clubs failed to collect a victory, and only Southend United improved their points tally at all. Had Hull City beaten Ipswich on Tuesday evening, six points would have separated Leeds from safety, a margin worsened by an appalling goal difference which is becoming increasingly relevant to their league position and future status.

As it was, Ipswich rattled five goals past Hull, and a win over Luton this afternoon will move United to within



Hull – here being beaten by Leeds in January – are deep in trouble, too.

two points of escaping the bottom three. Wise is not necessarily clutching at straws when he discusses the importance of small margins. The most significant small detail, however, is that the number of United's remaining fixtures will be in single figures at 5pm this evening.

Much has been said, written and argued about over the course of the season. Most of it is now immaterial, at least until May 6 when Leeds as a team and a club can be properly and sensibly dissected. At this point, Wise's players should look at the make-up of the division and realise that the contests at both ends of the table are there to be won and lost. If United's worst-case scenario is realised, they can only blame themselves.

Enjoy the game.

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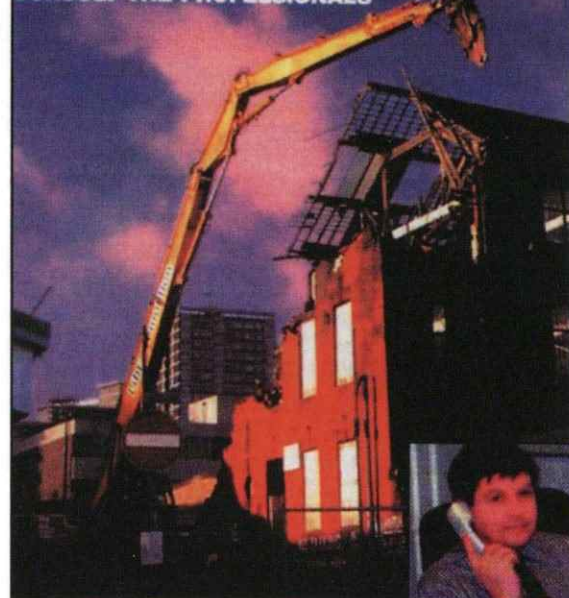
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ELLAND EYE

Mar 1 Dennis Wise reveals an inspirational email sent to chairman Ken Bates from lifelong fan Mark Elders is to be displayed in the dressing room.

Mar 2 Radostin Kishishev arrives from Charlton Athletic, on loan until March 30.

Mar 3 The lads go down 3-2 to Sheffield Wednesday in the Yorkshire derby at Elland Road.

Mar 5 The decision is taken to open the South Stand upper tier for today's game as advance tickets continue to sell well.

Mar 6 Tresor Kandol bags a hat-trick as the reserves draw 3-3 with Barnsley at Elland Road.

Mar 5-6 FIZZING IT UP: The players continue to support Coca-Cola's latest Buy A Player promotion and were again out and about in local supermarkets this week. Richard Cresswell and Rui Marques visited Tesco at Seacroft on Monday and chatted and signed autographs for fans, while the following day, it was the turn of Ian Moore, Jonathan Douglas and David Healy to appear at Sainsbury's at the White Rose Centre.

Striker Cressy admits he has been following the promotion with interest and he said: "I've seen it on the internet that we have the most support throughout the league which is fantastic. The more the support for the club the better.

"Brighton fans bought Kazim-Richards last year, and this is a great idea for football. It's a good thing for supporters to get involved in.

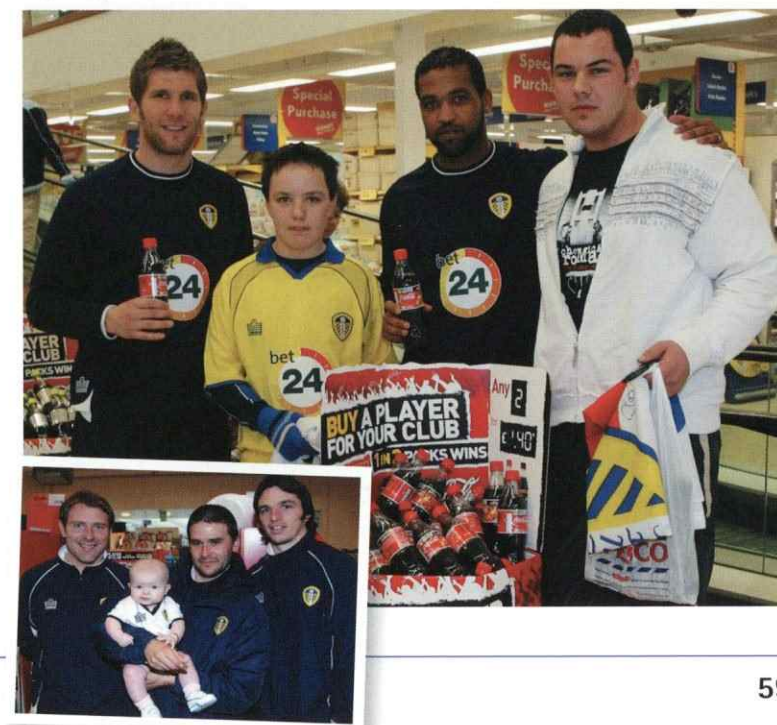
"Hull have had the luck of the draw with the big

winner, but hopefully we'll have luck of the draw by staying in this league."

Fellow marksman Dave was also delighted to take part in the promotion at the White Rose.

"It was a good turn-out," he said. "It's nice to see people coming along. I know we're not doing too well, but it's nice to meet the kids and see them coming to support us.

"They've supported us all year, and they've been fantastic. Hopefully they'll keep supporting Coca-Cola as well and hopefully we can all reward them."



Coming next... Preston North End

We welcome our adversaries Preston back to Elland Road at the end of the month for our first televised Roses battle of the season. Once again, Preston are up there pushing for promotion and they will be keen to avenge last season's Play-Off semi-final defeat.

The personnel has changed since then, not least with Paul Simpson taking over as manager from the now departed Billy Davies. Former Elland Road favourite Danny Pugh is also now established at Deepdale and our travelling fans will remember his goal in the 4-1 defeat back in October.

That was Dennis and Gus's first away game since coming to the club, and the manager admitted afterwards he had learnt a lot from the game.

Let's hope we can put on a show for the cameras this time around!

KANDOL BAGS A HAT TRICK IN RESERVES' DERBY THRILLER

The name of the game was entertainment when United's reserves took on Barnsley in a Pontin's Holidays Central League fixture at Elland Road on Tuesday afternoon.

Six goals were shared out evenly between the two sides in a game that swung first one way and then the other with United striker Tresor Kandol eventually taking the individual honours with a fine hat-trick.

The visitors had plenty of experience in their line-up while United had Kevin Nicholls and Gylfi Einarsson on duty.

United made a promising start with Danny Rose hitting the post in the third minute while Gavin Rothery had a shot saved by Kyle Letheren before Kandol, running into space to receive an intelligent pass from Rose, fired a low angled shot into the far corner after 23 minutes.

Barnsley were level in the 35th minute with a penalty from Daniel Nardiello but United regained the lead

in the 70th minute with Kandol's second – a header – but the visitors made it 2-2 when Nardiello scored his second two minutes later.

In the 80th minute Barnsley went ahead for the first time through Marc Richards but

Kandol brought the scores level with his third from another neat header in the 82nd minute.

"It was a good experience for me," said a delighted Kandol. "Everything seemed to work well for me and I really enjoyed it. I needed a few goals to get my confidence up, though we should have won the game really," he added.

Ironically, this was the first reserve game that Kandol had featured in since joining United from Barnet and he was quick to pay tribute to his teammates after he cashed in on some good approach play. "They picked me out with some good balls and as a striker that's what you hope for," he said.

Reserve team boss Neil Thompson said: "Tres scored a wonderful hat-trick and had been a bit more positive at times he could have had a few more goals. But he showed what he has in his locker."

On the game as a whole, Neil continued: "We had a decent first half when we passed the ball well and could have scored more than we did but it was disappointing in the second half. They had seven or eight players from their first team playing and such as Nardiello, Coulson and Richards, gave our lads a lesson with their movement."

"But we can only learn from that," he added.

UNITED: Lund, Gardner, Fisher, Nicholls, Madden (Cartman 84), Wilkinson, Rothery (Ameobi 76), Einarsson, Kandol, Bayly, Rose. Subs not used: Brown, Camfield, Hotchkiss.

Everything seemed to work well for me and I really enjoyed it. I needed a few goals to get my confidence up.
Tres Kandol



UNDER-18s MISFIRE BUT CONTINUE UNBEATEN RUN

United's Under-18 team continued its great run of form and extended an unbeaten sequence to eight games with a 3-0 victory over Huddersfield Town's youngsters at Thorp Arch.



Tom Elliott, the 16-year-old striker (pictured above, left) who has been involved with the first team squad and made his first team debut as a substitute in the 2-1 defeat by Norwich City at Carrow Road, put the United youngsters ahead after half an hour but it wasn't until the 65th minute that they added to their total.

Tomi Ameobi (pictured above, middle) netted the second and Chris Ovington (pictured above, right) made it 3-0 a quarter of an hour from the end.

Elliott was making what was a rare appearance in the juniors, mainly because of his first team squad commitments. "Although he has made two substitute appearances with the first team," said Academy manager Neil Thompson, "Tom has not been able to play in the reserves because he is studying for GCSEs and his first team squad commitments have made him unavailable for the juniors."

"So it was good to have him with us last Saturday. If he was given the choice of first team squad or the Under-18s I know which he would choose, but I am sure between now and the end of the season he will play some Under-18s and Under-16 games," he added.

United have now won seven and drawn one of their last eight matches at Under-18 level and taken their goal tally in those eight games to 23, with only seven conceded. It's an encouraging run by any standards.

"It is," agreed Neil. "But I didn't think we played as well on this occasion as we have been doing. We could have gone in at half-time with a bigger lead but Ollie Hotchkiss missed a penalty and Danny Rose had a couple of near misses."

"But it was very pleasing in the second half after we got the second goal. We started to pass the ball around as we have been doing in recent weeks. We had had a lot of possession and their keeper made a couple of good saves but we needed that second goal," he said.

Ross Wilkinson got United's second with 25 minutes to go and Neil added: "We played with a lot more confidence and composure after that and David Brown made it 3-0 in the 75th minute and in the end it was a comfortable win."

UNITED: Lund, Hutton, Fisher, Hotchkiss, Grace, Wilkinson, Ovington (Connor 70), Delph, Ameobi (Brown 70), Elliott, Rose (Cartman 60).

United's Under-16s also continued their good form, beating their Huddersfield counterparts 4-1. Danny Ward got a hat-trick and Ben Gordon notched the fourth goal.

Had he been a bit more positive at times he could have had a few more goals. But he showed what he has in his locker. **Neil Thompson**



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PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS CENTRAL LEAGUE

Wed Aug 16	Huddersfield Town	won 3-1
Wed Aug 23	Bradford City (at York)	won 1-0
Wed Aug 30	West Bromwich Albion (at York)	lost 0-1
Mon Sep 4	Port Vale	won 2-1
Wed Sep 20	Nottingham Forest	lost 1-4
Wed Oct 4	Shrewsbury Town (at York)	won 2-1
Wed Oct 11	Barnsley	lost 4-6
Wed Nov 1	Sheffield Wednesday (at York)	drew 1-1
Wed Nov 8	Stoke City	lost 1-2
Wed Nov 15	Birmingham City (at York)	won 1-0
Mon Dec 11	West Bromwich Albion	lost 0-1
Wed Jan 10	Huddersfield Town	lost 0-1
Wed Jan 31	Port Vale	won 1-0
Mon Feb 5	Shrewsbury Town	drew 2-2
Tue Feb 13	Walsall	drew 2-2
Tue Mar 6	Barnsley	drew 3-3
Tue Mar 20	Sheffield Wednesday	
Tue Mar 27	Bradford City (2pm)	
Wed Apr 4	Stoke City	
Tue Apr 10	Birmingham City	
Wed Apr 18	Nottingham Forest (2pm)	
Wed Apr 25	Walsall	

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F.A. PREMIER ACADEMY UNDER-18 & UNDER-16 LEAGUE FIXTURES

		U16s	U18s
Sat Aug 19	Bristol City	no game	won 2-1
Sat Aug 26	Fulham	no game	won 2-1
Sat Sep 2	Liverpool	drew 2-2	drew 1-1
Sat Sep 9	Manchester United	drew 2-2	lost 1-2
Sat Sep 16	Manchester City	drew 1-1	lost 2-3
Sat Sep 23	Sheffield Wednesday	drew 0-0	lost 1-2
Sat Sep 30	Middlesbrough	lost 1-4	drew 1-1
Sat Oct 7	Huddersfield Town	drew 1-1	won 1-0
Sat Oct 14	Nottingham Forest	won 2-1	won 2-0
Sat Oct 21	Derby County	P-P	lost 0-2
Sat Nov 4	Sheffield United	drew 1-1	lost 0-3
Sat Nov 11	Sunderland	lost 0-2	drew 2-2
Sat Nov 18	Newcastle United	won 5-0	lost 0-2
Sat Dec 2	Barnsley	won 6-0	lost 1-3
Sat Dec 9	Nottingham Forest	lost 1-3	won 1-0
Sat Jan 6	Derby County	drew 1-1	won 3-1
Sat Jan 13	Sheffield United	won 1-0	won 3-0
Sat Jan 20	Sunderland	lost 0-1	won 2-1
Sat Feb 3	Newcastle United	P-P	P-P
Sat Feb 10	Barnsley	won 3-0	won 3-0
Sat Feb 17	Sheffield Wednesday	drew 1-1	won 5-2
Sat Feb 24	Middlesbrough	won 3-2	drew 3-3
Sat Mar 3	Huddersfield Town	won 4-1	won 3-0
Sat Mar 10	Wolverhampton Wanderers (12 noon)		
Sat Mar 17	Bolton Wanderers		
Sat Mar 24	Crewe Alexandra (12 noon)		
Sat Apr 14	Blackburn Rovers		
Sat Apr 21	Stoke City (12 noon)		

All fixtures kick off at 11am unless otherwise stated.

COCA-COLA FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Derby County	36	21	6	9	50	36	14	69
2 Birmingham City	35	20	7	8	53	33	20	67
3 WBA	36	18	9	9	63	41	22	63
4 Sunderland	36	19	6	11	54	37	17	63
5 Preston North End	35	18	8	9	53	39	14	62
6 Wolves	36	18	8	10	41	37	4	62
7 Southampton	36	16	11	9	57	42	15	59
8 Cardiff City	36	16	11	9	50	37	13	59
9 Stoke City	36	14	12	10	43	29	14	54
10 Colchester United	36	15	7	14	55	45	10	52
11 Crystal Palace	36	13	10	13	43	40	3	49
12 Plymouth	36	11	16	9	48	46	2	49
13 Sheffield Weds	36	13	9	14	53	56	-3	48
14 Ipswich Town	36	13	6	17	47	49	-2	45
15 Leicester City	35	11	12	12	39	42	-3	45
16 Coventry City	36	13	6	17	37	47	-10	45
17 Norwich City	35	12	8	15	46	55	-9	44
18 Burnley	35	10	11	14	36	38	-2	41
19 Barnsley	36	11	5	20	40	61	-21	38
20 Luton Town	36	9	9	18	46	62	-16	36
21 QPR	35	9	8	18	40	56	-16	35
22 Hull City	36	9	8	19	37	55	-18	35
23 Southend United	36	7	11	18	36	58	-22	32
24 LEEDS UNITED	36	9	4	23	36	62	-26	31

PONTIN'S HOLIDAYS CENTRAL LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Sheffield Wednesday	16	9	4	3	26	17	+9	31
2 Nottingham Forest	14	9	3	2	28	10	+18	30
3 West Bromwich Albion	16	9	1	6	26	21	+5	28
4 Birmingham City	15	8	3	4	23	14	+9	27
5 Walsall	15	6	4	5	25	19	+6	22
6 LEEDS UNITED	16	6	4	6	24	27	-3	22
7 Stoke City	16	5	6	5	19	20	-1	21
8 Barnsley	15	5	4	6	27	28	-1	19
9 Shrewsbury Town	15	4	3	8	19	27	-8	15
10 Huddersfield Town	15	3	5	7	16	24	-8	14
11 Port Vale	15	3	4	8	14	25	-11	13
12 Bradford City	15	2	4	9	14	29	-15	10

F.A. PREMIER ACADEMY UNDER-18 LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Nottingham Forest	22	12	5	5	43	22	+21	41
2 Sunderland	21	10	8	3	39	24	+15	38
3 LEEDS UNITED	22	11	4	7	39	30	+9	37
4 Newcastle United	20	10	3	7	38	29	+9	33
5 Sheffield Wednesday	22	8	5	9	25	30	-5	29
6 Derby County	20	7	6	7	33	27	+6	27
7 Middlesbrough	20	5	7	8	35	38	-3	22
8 Sheffield United	22	5	6	11	19	36	-17	21
9 Barnsley	22	4	6	12	25	48	-23	18
10 Huddersfield Town	21	5	2	14	23	46	-23	17

DISCIPLINE UPDATE

Yellow cards: Jonathan Douglas 13, Shaun Derry 9, Tresor Kandol 10*, David Healy 8, Ian Westlake 6, Hayden Foxe 6, Stephen Crainey 4, Kevin Nicholls 4, Richard Cresswell 3, Robbie Blake 2, Rui Marques 1. (*Includes 6 with Barnet) Players will automatically serve a one-match suspension if they accrue five bookings before February 28. Players receive a two-game suspension on the accrual of 10 bookings.

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* Sat Sep 30 - West Bromwich Albion goalscorers: Albrechtsen (40), Kamara (65, 90), Phillips (79).

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4	JONATHAN DOUGLAS		CHRIS COYNE	4
5	RADOSTIN KISHISHEV		RUSSELL PERRETT	5
6	ALAN THOMPSON		PAUL UNDERWOOD	6
7	IAN WESTLAKE		MATTHEW SPRING	7
8	TORE ANDRE FLO		STEVE ROBINSON	8
9	DAVID HEALY		BJORN RUNSTROM	9
11	EDDIE LEWIS		WARREN FEENEY	10
12	ROBBIE ELLIOTT		DEAN MORGAN	11
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15	FRAZER RICHARDSON		LEWIS EMANUEL	16
16	GYLFI EINARSSON		RICHARD LANGLEY	17
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19	MATT HEATH		ADAM BOYD	20
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28	ROBBIE BLAKE		DREW TALBOT	30
31	ARMANDO SA		CLARKE CARLISLE	31
33	JONATHAN HOWSON		ED ASAFU-ADJAYE	32
34	ROBERT BAYLY		DEAN BRILL	33
37	TOM ELLIOTT		ZAC BARRETT	34
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42	DANNY ROSE			

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LUTON TOWN

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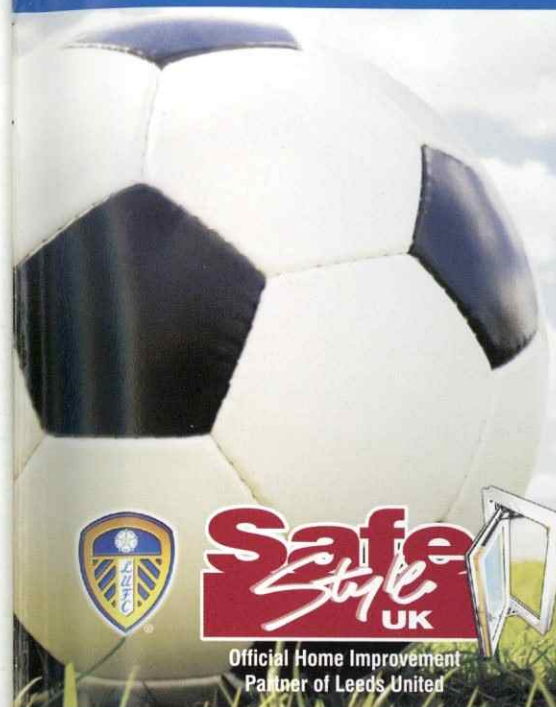
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