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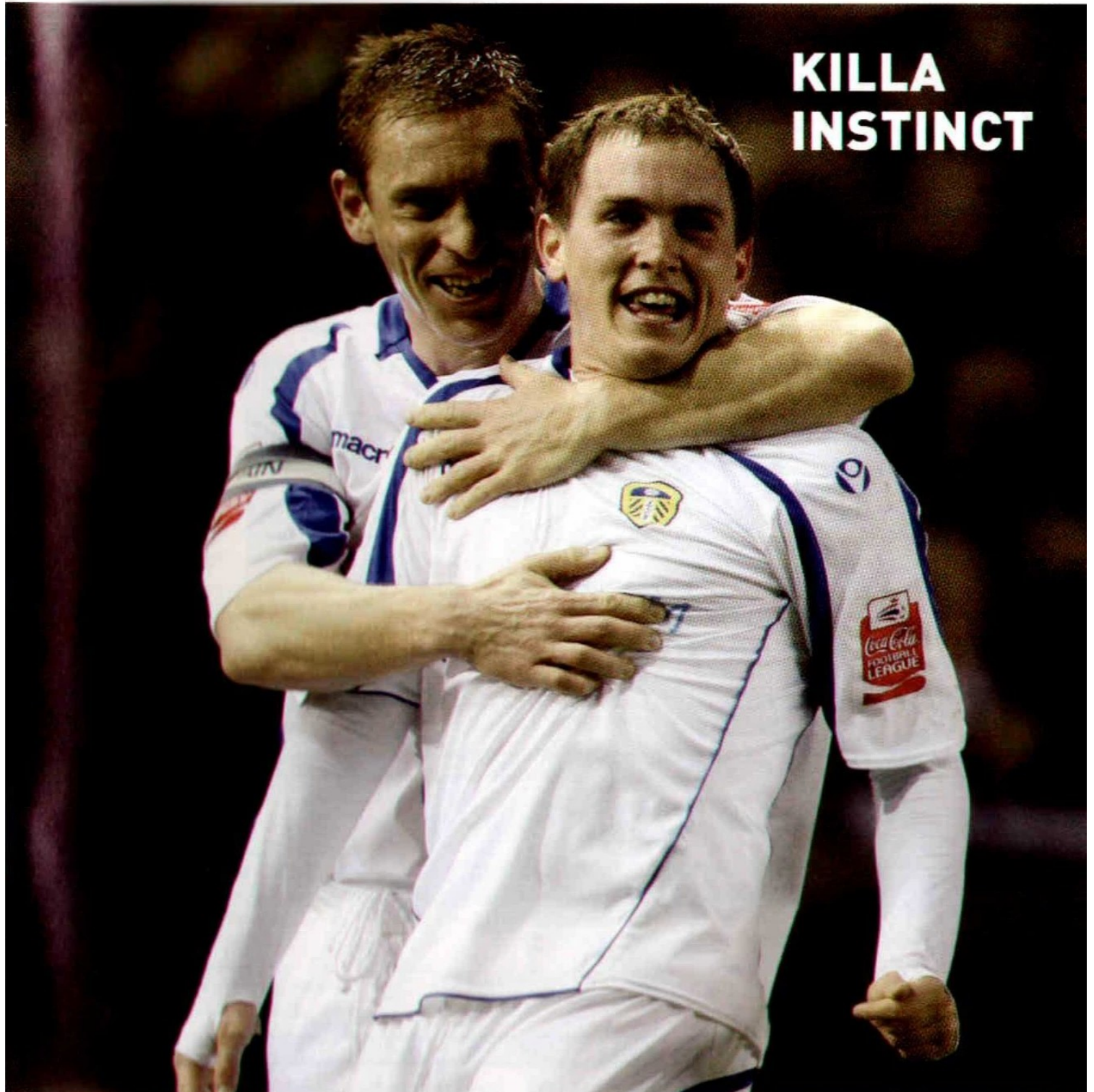
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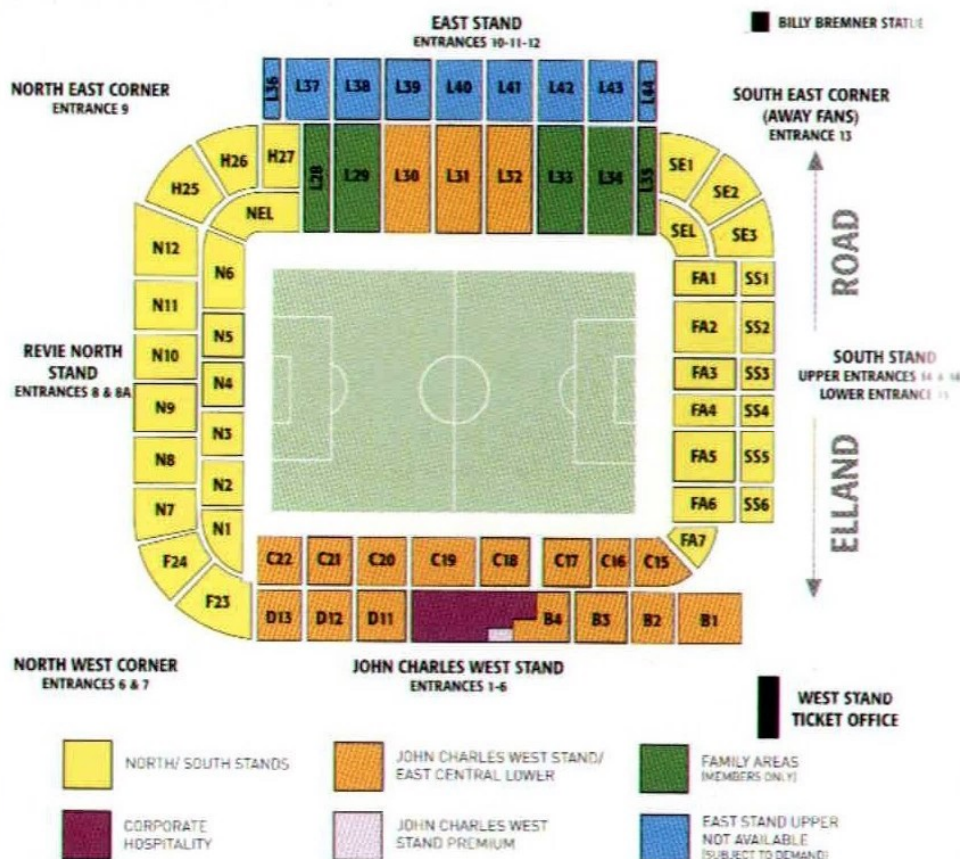
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It is a small world. Last Saturday evening, I was sitting at my favourite table at my favourite restaurant in Monaco, drowning my sorrows on the disappointing result at Bristol. I was approached by a rather elegant gentleman who engaged me in conversation. He turned out to be Mr Iso Cohen.

Despite the fact that he lived in the apartment block adjoining the restaurant opposite to where I live, and had done so for some 25 years, we had never met. He was in fact the agent, in conjunction with Gigi Perenace, who took John Charles from Leeds United to Juventus.

We reminisced, over a bottle or two, and he spoke warmly of Manny Cussins the then Leeds chairman. He said the transfer fee was £75,000. I told him that today it would be the price of a big toenail on his left foot. Iso (pictured below) is 86 years old. Looking at him, there is hope for me yet.

Let me tell you a salutary story if you're thinking of subscribing to Setanta Sports.

When we played Northampton away in the FA Cup First Round replay, I wanted to watch the game live on Setanta Sports. At about 7.30pm, following the instructions on the screen, I rang the appropriate number and ordered the game, giving my debit card number. The operator explained that although I only wanted the minimum one month subscription, there was a registration charge to which I agreed. After some delay I was connected just in time to watch Beckford's amazing chip which in itself was worth the money.

Subsequently, I got a letter requesting me to telephone to confirm my debit card details in order to continue my subscription. Since I didn't want to do so, I ignored the letter but later found that Setanta had collected subsequent monthly subscriptions. Upon ringing my bank they told me it would cost me more in bank charges to correct the error than the amount debited, so I did the obvious thing and cancelled my debit card.

Now I've received a letter from Setanta threatening me over non-payment of the subscription that I had



Ken Bates



The good news ...and some bad

never ordered or authorised. The only phone number is a call centre and their only address is a PO Box number. The moral of this story is don't have a debit card against which you have no recourse. A credit card gives you much more protection, especially if it is a Leeds United credit card.

If you think this is a horror story, wait until you hear of my experience with Sky.

Leeds United fans never cease to amaze me. On one hand, we have the crooks: the man who tried to get in on a junior season ticket, the man who tried to continue using his dead mother's concessionary ticket (you would think that the steward would notice the difference on the photograph) and the occasional two guys who try to squeeze into a single turnstile.

On the other hand there is the letter we received this week from a solicitor acting for the late Mark Belshaw from Kettering. In his will he left Leeds United Football Club a one-third share of his residuary estate and accordingly we received a cheque for £333. It makes you feel very humble.

Let us hope that he can see us gain promotion from his place in heaven. Meanwhile when you order your next pint raise it to his memory and wish him well.

Suzannah and I thoroughly enjoyed the Peacocks Lunch on Wednesday where some 28 of our more senior fans enjoyed a fish-and-chip lunch as well as a starter and bread-and-butter pudding. I tell you, those people can eat for England (or should I say Yorkshire?!). I don't know how we do it at the price!

Lunch was followed by a Q&A session and discussions over a wide variety of subjects. A very interesting one was how behaviour at away matches had improved since the introduction of the Members Club.

"Suzannah and I thoroughly enjoyed the Peacocks Lunch on Wednesday... I tell you, those people can eat for England (or should I say Yorkshire?!). I don't know how we do it at the price!"

Fans sometimes complain about the small number of tickets allocated to Leeds for our away games. The explanation is simple. Our previous reputation precedes us and many police forces are fearful of bad behaviour and restrict our allocation. Others move the kick-off to socially unfriendly hours and over-police the event. It costs more money to operate the Members Club system but it is worth it to help rebuild our good name. Good behaviour equals a bigger ticket allocation and better kick-off times. It will take time but it is worth pursuing.

All we have to do now is tackle the bad behaviour in certain parts of Elland Road on matchdays. If successful, most fans will have a better experience and help reduce both stewarding and policing costs. It will be a very welcome saving in these difficult times.

The good news is a resounding win against Yeovil which together with the other results propelled us back into the Play-Offs and up to fifth. The bad news is that we missed another penalty.

It could be argued that it didn't matter because we won handsomely but that is not the point. Goal difference may yet play a part in determining the season. And, of course, penalty shoot-outs may even be needed. We have missed too many penalties this season.

I was amazed to read, following Spurs' defeat in the League Cup final, that they had not practised taking penalties at all. From now on, our guys will be on penalty practice every day. One thing I was taught as a junior trainee is that if you keep your knee over the ball and don't lean back, the ball will not go over the bar. The other lesson is, hit the bloody thing, don't try to place it!

Easy really, isn't it? Mind you, like most of you reading this, in 40 years of watching football from the Directors Box, I've never missed a penalty, nor an open goal, never been given offside or committed a foul. Dead easy when you view it from a distance!

Reminds me of something I wrote years ago: "I've got 30,000 experienced managers who are very knowledgeable in every aspect of the game. Of them, the only one who doesn't know what he is doing is the one I am paying..."

(This doesn't refer to you, Simon!)

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“I will be looking for more of the same this afternoon”

Welcome back to Elland Road today for our second home game of the week. I was delighted with the efforts of the players against Yeovil on Tuesday and will be looking for more of the same from them this afternoon.

Today we welcome Danny Wilson and his staff from Swindon for what will be another competitive game. They will come here looking for a result and it's up to us to meet the same standards that we've been showing and ensure it's us that gets the result we want.

The performance against Yeovil from the first minute to the last was very accomplished. Some of our attacking play was very pleasing which led to us scoring four goals, winning a penalty and creating many other chances.

Jermaine again showed his quality



in front of goal and Neil Kilkenny, who's been telling me he can't score from any sort of distance, goes and scores from *quite* a distance! But it's all about the team and the team performance and work ethic, and that was the most pleasing thing.

On the penalty situation, it was disappointing to miss another one – luckily it didn't affect the result – but it is something we are addressing as it could be the difference in future games between winning and losing.

The win took us back up to fifth and, as I keep saying, it's all about consistency from now on. The teams that are consistent will be the teams that are up there in May. There's still 10 games to go and with 30 points on the table there is plenty to play for.

We have had one or two players out over the past few weeks, but the signs are good that all the lads will soon be returning. Andrew Hughes returned to training this week and, all being well, Frazer Richardson will be training again next week.

Andy Robinson isn't too far away, either, so competition for places will be even keener for the final two months of the season which can only be a good thing.

On a lighter note regarding injuries, it was a funny sight on Tuesday morning seeing our physio Harvey Sharman walk off

the training pitch very slowly and gingerly. He's been putting in a bit of extra work on the training ground due to the staff seven-a-side match that we have once a week. I'm not sure how long Harvey will be out for, but hopefully not too long. It did give Snod and myself a good long laugh at his expense, though!

One player we saw leave the club this week was Lee Trundle. I would like to thank Lee for his efforts and commitment he showed while he was here. He's helped us get into this position in the league and I'm sure Lee will have enjoyed his time here.

Last but by no means least, I'd like to say thanks again to you. To see almost 19,000 here on Tuesday night was a tremendous boost for everyone and, like I have said before, whatever we achieve, we will do it together.

Simon Says...



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“Forest managed to win automatic promotion on the final day of the season”

After a good win against Yeovil in midweek we have another opportunity to build on our current form against Swindon this afternoon.

We've talked all season about consistency and, having put together five games unbeaten now, we have to go on from here, build on that, and put together a run towards the end of the season.

This time last year Nottingham Forest were in exactly the same position as ourselves with 10 games to go, and they managed to win automatic promotion on the final day of the season after piecing together an unbeaten run at the right time.

A lot of people had written Forest off, but they kept going and were there



to capitalise when Doncaster and Carlisle both slipped. That's got to be our aim this season.

MK Dons were in second place, but Peterborough are there now and we have to keep chipping away to see where it takes us.

The most important thing is, of course, maintaining our current position in the Play-Off places. That's in our hands

and if we keep our run going and show a level of consistency then that is the minimum we have to aim for.

Tuesday night was a good performance, particularly after the “disappointment” of the draw at Bristol Rovers last Saturday. We played some good football, created chances, and there was some good finishing from both Becks and Killa.

On a personal note, all being well I will be able to start training again with the lads on Monday morning. Hopefully with a good week under my belt I should be in contention for next weekend's game at Crewe.

Enjoy today's match.



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ON A ROLL AT HOME!



It went largely unnoticed by many at Elland Road on Tuesday, but the celebration of a sixth straight league win on home soil isn't something that happens too often. Earlier this season we actually recorded the rare feat of winning seven straight games on home soil, but that run included cup victories against Bradford City and Hartlepool United.

Looking back into our recent history – over the last 20 years – we have only recorded six successive league wins at Elland Road on four other occasions and bettered that only twice...

SIXTH SENSE

In 2005/06 we won six straight league games on our way to the Play-Off final and back in 1991/92 we enjoyed a similar run under Howard Wilkinson during the first half of what proved to be our most recent title-winning campaign. That string of home wins included a memorable 1-0 success against Liverpool, a 3-0 win over Man City (when a certain Peter Reid was among the visiting players), and a 4-3 thriller against Sheffield United.

SEVENTH HEAVEN

Our most recent home-game winning run extended to seven matches came under the stewardship of David O'Leary. The 1999/00 season saw our best Premier League finish – third – guaranteeing our place in the Champions League, and a mid-season run of seven straight wins at home played no small part in that. Interestingly, Leicester City were our seventh victims during that run – the same Leicester City that are currently topping League One!

NINE LIVES

Our best recent home run in the league came 19 years ago as we steamrollered our way to promotion from the old Second Division. Today's opponents Swindon Town were the first team to be beaten during that run on an afternoon when we lost John Hendrie through injury and Gordon Strachan scored with a rare header. The run included vital wins against Sunderland and Wolves, a stunning goal from Vinnie Jones against Brighton, and possibly one of the most important results of the season, against Newcastle at Elland Road when an Ian Baird header secured victory.

2008/09

Coca-Cola League One

1	Jan 24	Peterborough	3-1
2	Jan 27	Southend	2-0
3	Feb 9	Millwall	2-0
4	Feb 21	Cheltenham	2-0
5	Feb 28	Scunthorpe	3-2
6	Mar 10	Yeovil	4-0

2005/06

Coca-Cola Championship

1	Dec 26	Coventry	3-1
2	Dec 31	Hull	2-0
3	Jan 21	Sheff Weds	3-0
4	Feb 4	QPR	2-0
5	Feb 14	Watford	2-1
6	Feb 25	Luton	2-1

1991/92

Football League Division One

1	Sep 7	Man City	3-0
2	Sep 21	Liverpool	1-0
3	Oct 5	Sheff Utd	4-3
4	Oct 26	Oldham	1-0
5	Nov 16	QPR	2-0
6	Nov 30	Everton	1-0

1999/00

FA Premier League

1	Sep 19	Middlesbrough	2-0
2	Sep 25	Newcastle	3-2
3	Oct 16	Sheff Weds	2-0
4	Oct 30	West Ham	1-0
5	Nov 20	Bradford City	2-1
6	Nov 28	Southampton	1-0
7	Dec 26	Leicester	2-1

1989/90

Second Division

1	Sep 23	Swindon	4-0
2	Sep 27	Oxford	2-1
3	Oct 14	Sunderland	2-0
4	Oct 21	Wolves	1-0
5	Nov 1	Plymouth	2-1
6	Nov 4	Bournemouth	3-0
7	Nov 18	Watford	2-1
8	Dec 2	Newcastle	1-0
9	Dec 16	Brighton	3-0

BECK TO HIS BEST?

Jermaine Beckford returned to the goal trail in some style again in midweek when he netted his first ever Football League hat-trick. Becks has already scored two trebles this season – in the Carling Cup and FA Cup – and his three-timer against Yeovil completed a hat-trick of hat-tricks.

Becks walked away with the Man of the Match award and also, as is tradition, our leading goalscorer also claimed the match ball, which was duly signed for him by all his team-mates.

"It's great to get on the scoresheet, but the most important thing was to get the points and get back into the Play-Off places," he said. "It is a confidence boost – not just to score, but to get the points. We all worked well together."

Simon Grayson was also delighted with the efforts of Becks who took his tally to 28 for the season in all competitions.

"He can be an enigma," said the boss. "He scored twice against Scunthorpe, had a couple of indifferent games against Oldham and Bristol Rovers, but look at his response on Tuesday night.

"When you have someone who can finish chances like he does... he is a fantastic talent.

"If he gets a consistent base to his game, he can go to the very top.

"He's scored five in four games now and look at his total for the season..."



Right: **Becks completing his midweek treble.**

BOSS HAILS A GOOD OLD GOAL FEST...

United manager Simon Grayson was quick to hail the midweek Elland Road goal blitz against Yeovil Town. We moved back up to fifth in League One after hammering four without reply past hapless Yeovil.

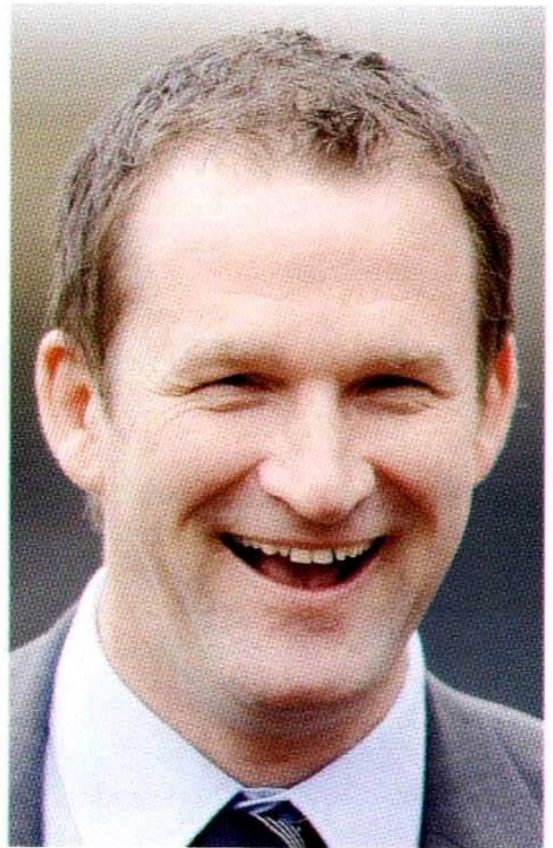
Jermaine Beckford took the plaudits with his first ever league hat-trick while Neil Kilkenny also scored with a superb strike from distance.

"It was a very accomplished performance," said the United boss. "We knew it was a potential banana skin – they are near the bottom and we were expected to win the game – but full credit to the players because they turned in a very professional performance.

"We got on the ball, moved it around quickly, and we got the goals to go with it.

"There were some good goals and some of the passes to go with them were real quality. It was a good win and it could have been more, but we'll take that."

There were some high quality goals with terrific finishes from both Beckford and Kilkenny, but which was the manager's pick of the four?



"Neil Kilkenny tells me he can't score from distance then he goes and scores from nearly 30 yards! But probably the ball he played through for Jermaine to score was the best," he said. "It was great team movement.

"You can't pick them all out, but we were very accomplished in what we tried to do and with our game overall. We showed some good quality when we needed to."

...BUT ONE COULD ONLY FEEL FOR TERRY

Yeovil Town's rookie manager Terry Skiverton (left) described Tuesday's Elland Road mauling as "one of the longest nights of my life".

Skiverton, who took over the role as player-manager last month, could only watch helplessly as United destroyed Yeovil with a clinical display of finishing. The defeat lifted Leeds up to fifth and left Yeovil in 20th place in the division.

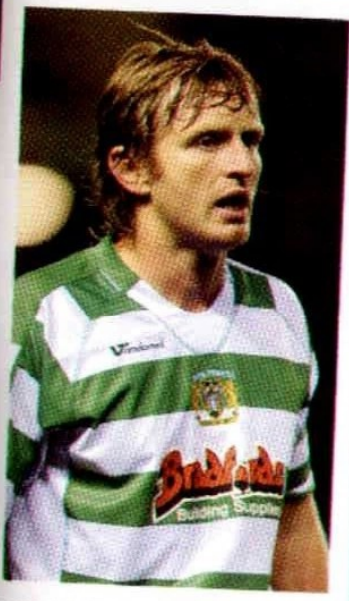
"I don't think there are any real positives," said a deflated Skiverton as he looked back on the game. "Nothing came off for us. We gave away a couple of goals and they scored a couple of goals and we came up short as a club.

"Tuesday will not determine our season. What will be playing against Brighton, Cheltenham and Hereford. It just makes those games a lot bigger.

"We have got to put it to bed, learn from it and remember the way we feel when you are so heavily defeated. We kept them quiet for 15 minutes and gave away a silly goal.

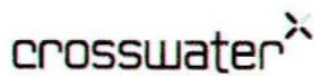
"I will take some of the responsibility, most of the responsibility, as I pick the team. But you find out who is with you on nights like these."

When the fourth official raised the board at the end of the 90 minutes, indicating three further minutes to be played, the look on the face of the Yeovil manager said it all.



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TRUNDLE OFF BACK TO BRISTOL

Loan man Lee Trundle has returned to Bristol City after spending two months at Elland Road.

The 32-year-old striker (right) was an unused substitute for Tuesday's 4-0 Elland Road defeat of Yeovil Town.

Trundle made 10 appearances for Leeds, scoring his only goal for the club during the 2-0 away win at Brighton on January 17.

United manager Simon Grayson said: "Lee went back to Bristol City after Tuesday's game. He's been here two months and I'd like to thank him for his efforts and his contribution to the squad.

"I'd also like to thank Bristol City for allowing Lee to come here. We wish him well for the future."



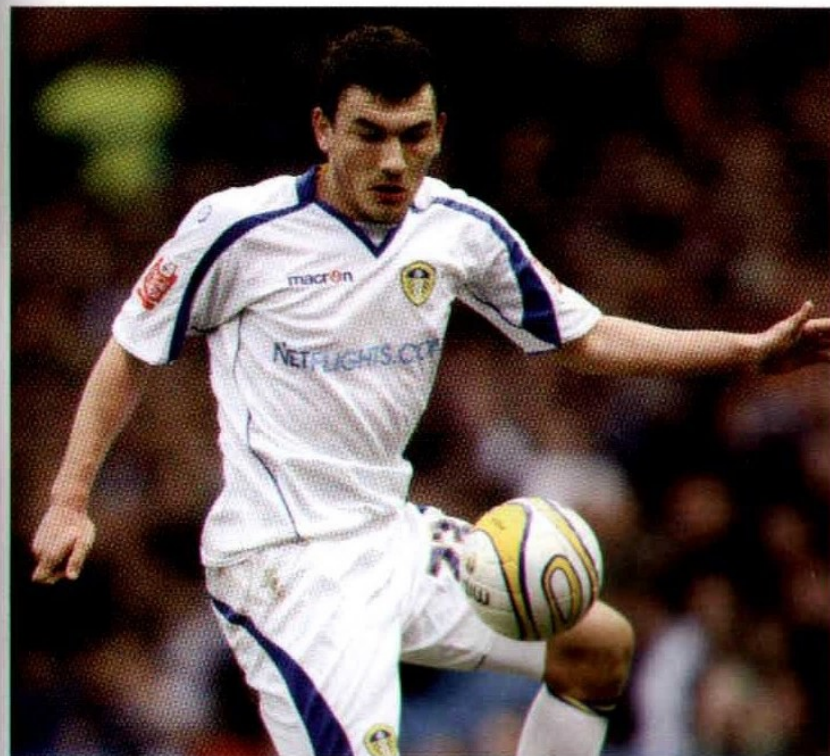
A TRIBUTE TO LUCAS

Lucas Radebe has postponed his planned visit to Leeds until later this year, following the death of his father Johannes last weekend.

Johannes passed away in his sleep in the early hours of last Saturday morning after a long but brave battle with prostate cancer.

Lucas, who was due to be the club's guest this weekend, had also been due to attend a tribute dinner at Elland Road last night and be a guest at today's game. The dinner was cancelled and has now been re-arranged for Friday May 15.

Lucas also lost his wife Feziwe to cancer in October and everyone connected with Leeds United would like to send their sincere condolences to Lucas and his family.



SNODDY CALLS IT RIGHT

Speaking after last weekend's draw at Bristol Rovers, Robert Snodgrass called it right when he spoke of "moving on".

Our former Livingston man (left) appeared to have won the game at the Memorial Stadium when he crowned a terrific individual performance by scoring a superb free-kick to give United a 2-1 advantage at Bristol – but the hosts hit back in the final minute to level matters.

"I can speak for everyone when I say it was a sad dressing room afterwards," said Snoddy. "I felt sick myself. It was the 91st minute, you need to hang on, and one lapse has cost us. We'd worked hard – they were a handful at times and we defended well, but..."

"We knew it wouldn't be easy there, a lot of teams have struggled to get results at Bristol, but we'd got ourselves back in front in the game. There's no point in dwelling on it. We have to move on to our next game now"

And move on, Snoddy and co did on Tuesday night – by chalking up the second 4-0 Elland Road win of the season.

The other 4-0 came against Crystal Palace in August – four days before we drew 2-2 with Bristol Rovers here.

YORKSHIRE'S NUMBER ONE FOR SPORT

Yorkshire Radio has added to its fast-growing sports portfolio by extending its coverage of Yorkshire County Cricket Club.

Yorkshire Radio has signed a two-year extension as an Official Media Partner of Yorkshire County Cricket Club and will be the ONLY radio station travelling with Martyn Moxon and his players for their pre-season tournament in Dubai.

The station has covered Yorkshire cricket since its launch in 2006 and this partnership extension strengthens the existing relationship, providing the club with a media partner who will publicise club initiatives, cricket news and results across the entire county.

In addition, *Yorkshire Radio* will travel to the United Arab Emirates on the club's pre-season tour and will play a key role in providing members and supporters with online ball-by-ball commentary, updates and news on all of Yorkshire's matches in their defence of the Pro ARCH Trophy title they won in 2008.

Stewart Regan, Yorkshire's chief

executive, said: "As a club we are acutely aware that we represent the entire county and Yorkshire Radio broadcasts cricket news and reports across the length and breadth of Yorkshire.

"Their cricket correspondent, Mike Rossiter, is now a familiar face at Headingley Carnegie. We have used Yorkshire Radio's material regularly on the club website and the station's continued support is very much appreciated."

James Buttler, Yorkshire's PR and communications manager, said: "I'm delighted to have Yorkshire Radio back on board for the next two years. The relationship is extremely productive for both parties and I'm looking forward to working with Mike Rossiter in the UAE as we commentate on the Pro ARCH Trophy matches.

"2009 is a huge year for the club and Yorkshire Radio will play a big part in keeping our members and supporters up-to-date with events."

Ben Fry, station director at Yorkshire Radio, added: "You couldn't

have a Yorkshire-based sports station that does not work closely with Yorkshire County Cricket Club.

"We are delighted to be involved with Yorkshire and hopefully share in the club's success over the next two years. Joining the club on the pre-season tour to the UAE will provide our listeners with the best possible build-up to the 2009 season."

Yorkshire Radio is also providing extensive Super League once again, and Leeds Rhinos Danny McGuire will join the team at Bradford Bulls on Sunday for his first stint as guest summariser.

CONCESSION TICKETS

In light of adults/teenagers attempting to purchase junior tickets fraudulently for their own use at recent matches, proof of age will now be required from any fan wishing to purchase concession price tickets.

Any fans who do not have any proof of age will be asked to pay the adult price. Proof is either a copy of birth certificate or passport.

We regret to having to take this course of action, but we need to ensure that our concession ticket policy is not being abused.



SUPERFAN GEORGE!

George Speighthulme of Wakefield proved himself a Leeds United Superfan on Tuesday night when, at the third attempt, he rattled the Kop-end cross bar. George therefore went home with the Crossbar Challenge prize of a signed matchball as well as the traditional Pure One DAB digital radio.



THE JOY OF SIX

Five became six in midweek as we recorded our sixth straight home league victory thanks to a terrific performance against Yeovil. Jermaine Beckford scored a treble, Neil Kilkenny scored a belter, and the win was enough to lift us up to fifth in the table. After the joy of six, today we're looking for seventh heaven...

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[Beckford 26, 51, 58, Kilkenny 43]

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Yeovil: Wagenaar, Alcock, Forbes, Peltier, Jones, Schofield (Brown 46, Murtagh 55), Worthington, Roberts, Welsh, Tomlin (Warne 49), Downes. Subs not used: Rodgers, Smith.

Referee: Andy Haines (Tyne & Wear)

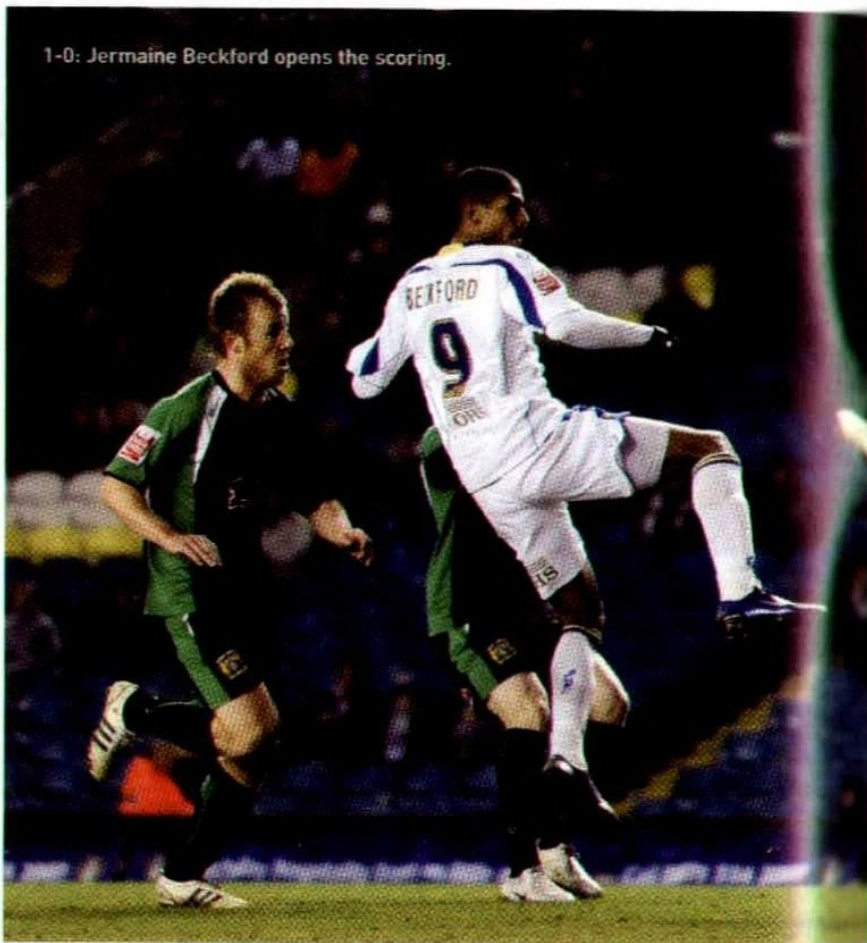
Booked: Downes, Roberts (Yeovil)

Att: 18,847

The firsts just keep on coming for Jermaine Beckford in what is turning out to be an amazing campaign for our leading goalscorer. On Tuesday, Becks bagged his first ever league hat-trick and moved within two goals of becoming the first Leeds player to score 30 in a season since Lee Chapman in 1991. But, while Becks took the plaudits – and the match ball – Neil Kilkenny weighed in with a terrific strike from distance, and the whole team turned in an excellent evening's work. "It was a very accomplished performance," said the United boss. "We knew it was a potential banana skin – they are near the bottom and we were expected to win the game – but full credit to the players because they turned in a very professional performance. We got on the ball, moved it around quickly. And we got the goals to go with it. There were some good goals and some of the passes to go with them were real quality. It was a good win and it could have been more, but we'll take that."

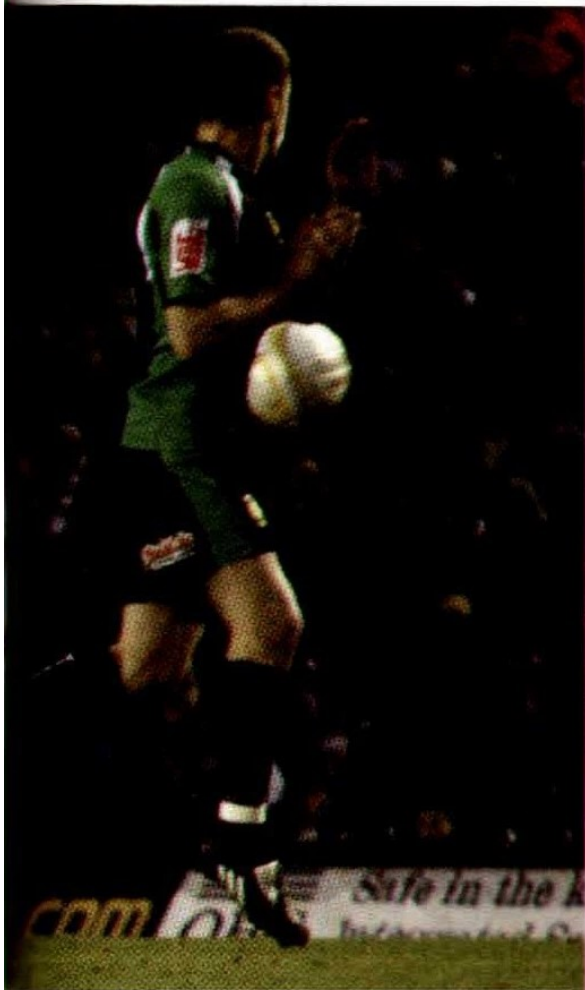
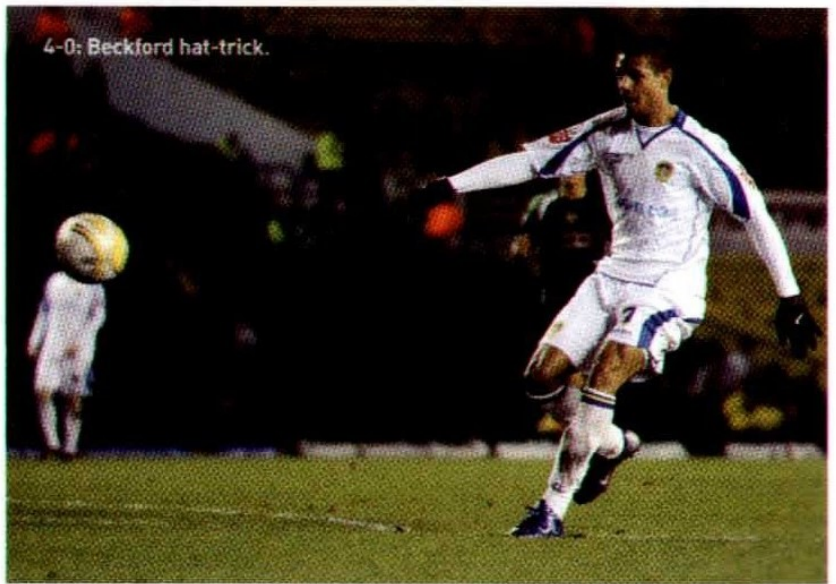
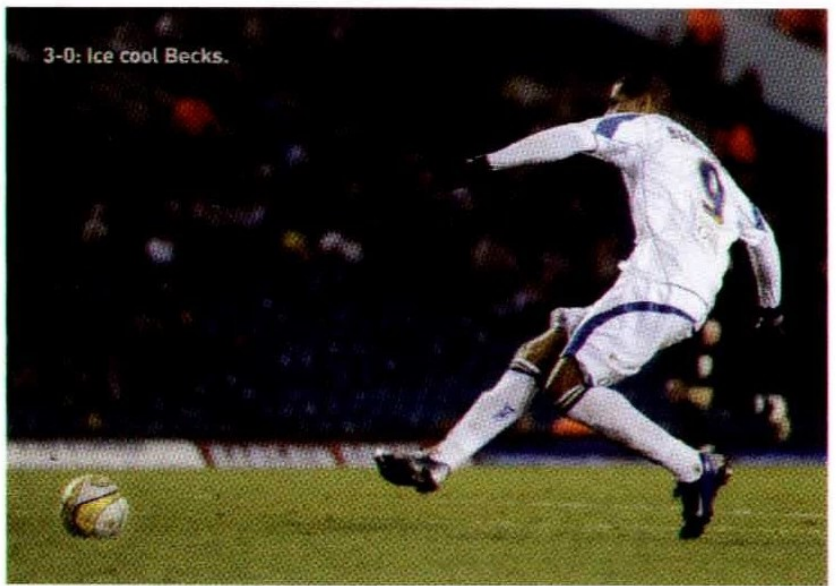
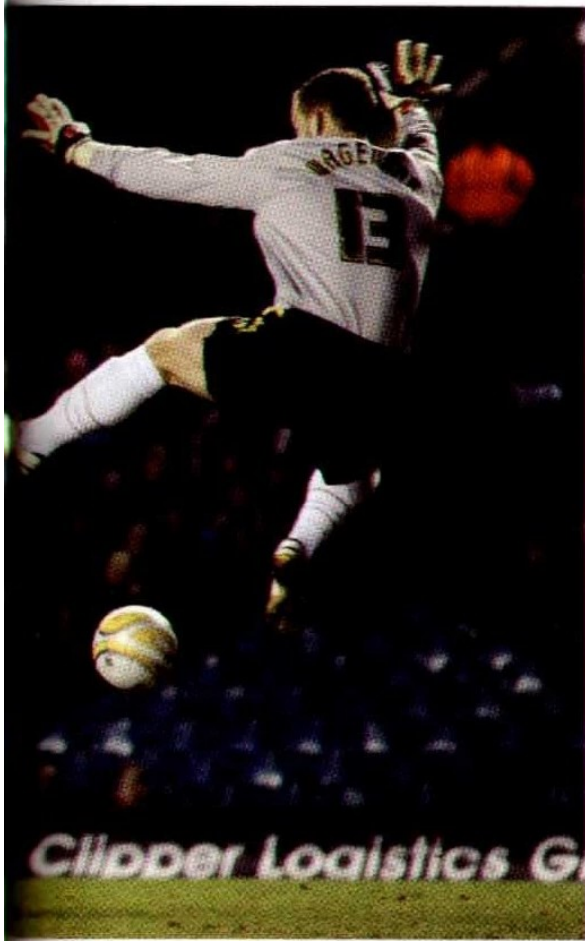


1-0: Jermaine Beckford opens the scoring.



2-0: Neil Kilkenny hits a screamer.



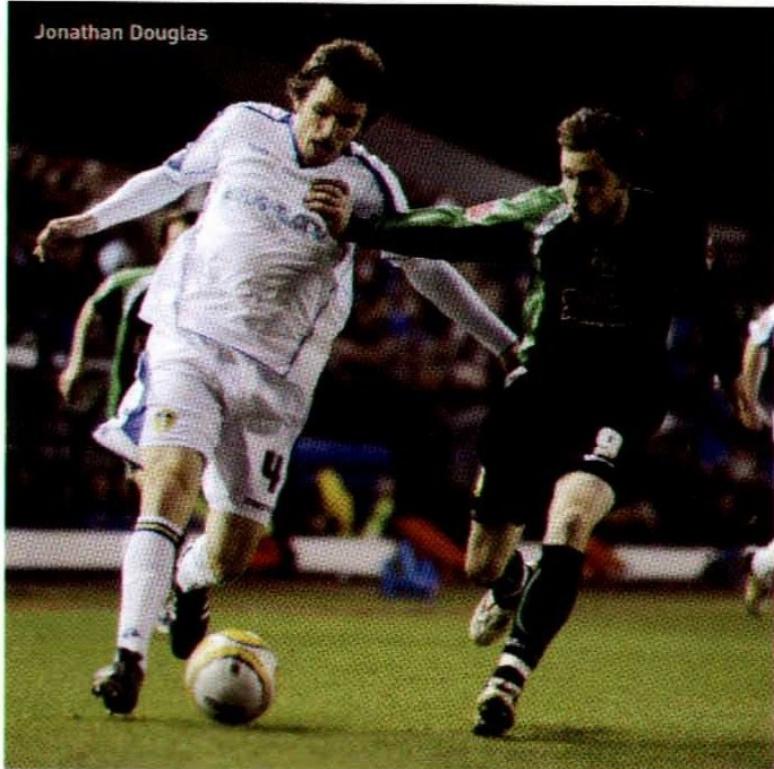


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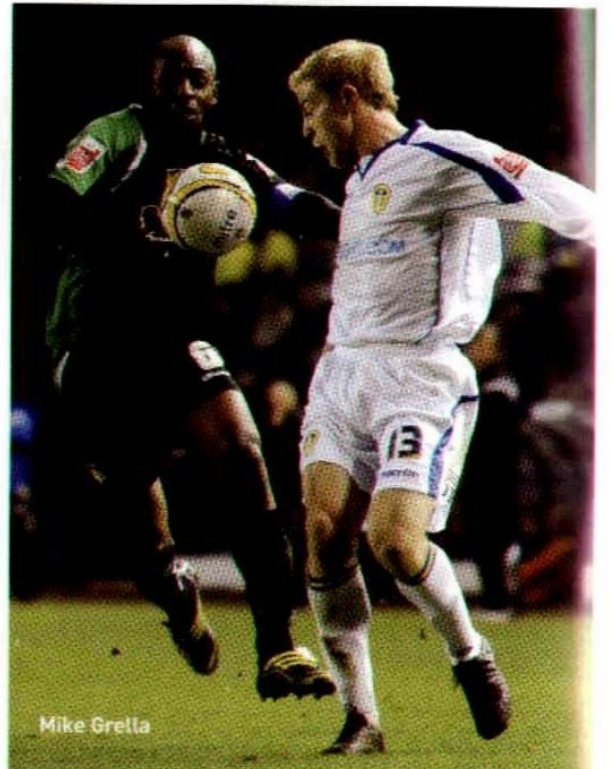
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ANDREW HUGHES picks three Fantasy Footballers comprising one legend from the past he wishes he could have played with, one he has played with, and another current star he would like to play with...

Player you wish you could have played with...

Maradona "Without a shadow of doubt. He was unbelievable. TalkSport are doing a thing about all-time best players and they have George Best and Pele, and Diego in third. People are arguing about whether they could have played today, but Maradona is phenomenal, similar to Messi."



Player you have played with...

Graeme Sharp "I remember watching him up front for Everton. His hold-up ability was first class. When I was at Oldham he was in the first team. He was coming to the end of his career and I was a young cocky lad coming through. I've been lucky enough to play with some top players. I played with some good lads at Reading, too – the likes of Dion Dublin, who's a big mate, Les Ferdinand and Martin Keown – but Graeme Sharp was the first big player and I'd have to say him."

Current player you'd like to play with...

Paul Scholes "He is the daddy. He is phenomenal. He's possibly the best English player ever. A few lads have been unfortunate to be injured at Man United, young lads that have had to retire, and Alex Ferguson has said many times that, 'This player was on a level with my best player Paul Scholes.' I've had mates there who were there when he was a young lad and they have said he is their best player by far. [Off the field] he just goes home to Middleton, he has a drink with his mates, he's an Oldham fan... Players always talk about players in dressing rooms and I remember asking Martin Keown when he was at Reading who the Arsenal players talked about. 'Paul Scholes,' he said. 'Every single player wants Paul Scholes on their team.' People like Henry and Vieira thought that! I played against him and couldn't get near him. It just looked so easy to him."



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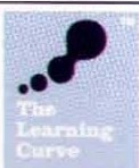
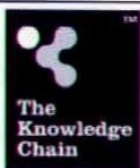
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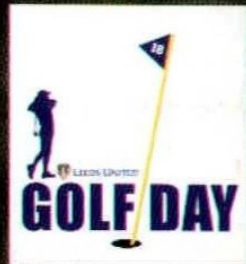


STARTER FOR 10...

RICHARD NAYLOR

Our Leeds-born skipper Richard Naylor takes his turn in our "early doors" feature...

- 1 What was your first footballing memory?**
"That's a good question! Probably going to Yorkshire Amateur for a trial game when I was 10 or 11. I played rugby union for Moortown before that, but I remember having a trial game there."
- 2 What were your first pair of boots?**
"Rugby boots!"
- 3 When did you start playing?** "When I was 10 or 11. I played rugby from being six or seven and switched a few years later."
- 4 What was your first game?** "Probably for Yorkshire Amateur. It was before we played on Soldiers Field, but I can't remember where."
- 5 What was your first position?** "I started in the centre of midfield, then went up front, then went to the back so I've played pretty much everywhere down the middle."
- 6 What was your first club?**
"That was Yorkshire Amateur."
- 7 Who was your first coach?**
"A fella called Terry at Yorkshire Ams."
- 8 What was the first game you watched?**
"When it was only three channels on TV it always seemed to be Liverpool or Everton in the FA Cup final! A lot of kids used to support either Liverpool or Everton because they were the only teams you saw on telly. My first Leeds memory is sitting at the back of the Lowfields with my dad and a mate when Billy Bremner was manager."
- 9 What was your first professional club?**
"Ipswich Town. I signed schoolboy forms when I was 14."
- 10 What do you remember of your debut?**
"I came on as a sub at Sheffield United for my first appearance at half-time. We were getting beaten 2-1 and we went on to win 3-2. I was playing up front. I remember going around the keeper and I was brought down, someone slotted it in, and it made it 3-2 to us so it was a good day. Was it an assist? I'd say so!"



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FanZone

Tuesday saw a hat-trick for Becks, a wondergoal by Killa, a clean sheet and a jump up to fifth. Here's hoping we can keep the run going today!

Today's FanZone kicks off with **MEMBERS CLUB NEWS** focuses on the ever-popular Lorimer's Bar and has details of a whole slew of forthcoming "Leeds On The Road" events. Our columnists have plenty to say for themselves... **WINSTON THE WHITE** considers the magic of the FA Cup. **GARY EDWARDS** revisit the 1960s and goes, well, a bit more bonkers than usual. Then **WHITES FAN MAN** gets in on the act by seeing a connection between Yeovil and Lazio!

The **NOTICEBOARD** have a bumper crop of birthday greetings (remember to get your requests in early, folks!), and **AWAY DAZE** focuses on the recent Monday night match at Oldham and last weekend's visit to Bristol Rovers.

TREASURE CHEST unearths something from the Ukraine, Revie team autographs and an ultra-rare sample shirt signed by Mark Viduka!

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HUGHESY, PRUTTS AND ZICO LINE UP FOR LORIMER'S BAR!

Andrew Hughes, David Prutton and Mel Sterland are the special guests at Lorimer's Bar this week.

Hughesy and Prutts join former Elland Road favourite "Zico" Sterland – and, of course, your host for the evening Peter Lorimer – for a night of informal chat and questions and answers.

New first team coach Glynn Snodin attended last month's Lorimer's Bar (right), along with Andrew Robinson and Robert Snodgrass and there were plenty of interesting questions for the trio. You can see last month's Lorimer's Bar in full in Extra Time on the Features Channel on LUTV.

The March Lorimer's Bar takes place this Tuesday night in the Banqueting Suite and admission is £10 Members/£15 non-Members and includes supper. Tickets can be booked by calling 0871 334 1992.

For the first time, questions for the panel can also be emailed in advance via feedback@leedsunited.com. Please state your name, Membership number, and who your question is for.

FRIENDS NEW AND OLD

We welcome one of our most recent Regional Members Clubs to Elland Road this afternoon. Members of the Beckwithshaw RMC, run by David Taylor, will be on the pitch before the game today to receive their branch certificate.

Two of their Members who are here today, Ian and Harvey Radcliffe, are at their last home game for some time as they are due to commence a three-year spell in the United States where they will continue to fly the flag for Leeds.

Our old friends from Scarborough Whites will also be on the pitch before today's game to present a cheque from their Leeds On The Road event, held on the east coast last month.

Scarborough Whites are pitchside today to present a cheque to Leeds United from their Leeds On The Road in February.

KELLS BELLS – ANDREW'S A WINNER!

Andrew Kelly was the winner of the Members Prize Draw – tickets for which are sold pre-match in the Members Bar and at the Lorimer's Bar evenings at a £1 a go.

Andrew is seen here being presented with the signed away shirt by Andrew Hughes prior to the Scunthorpe game in February.

The new draw is for a home signed shirt and tickets are available now with the winner being presented with their shirt at the last home game of the season.



THE PERFECT HONEYMOON?

Geir Magne Fjellseth a regular from Norway to Elland Road is seen above on the left with Solveig H Bjerkvold and Øistein Selvåg at their recent wedding.

Solveig and Øistein have been in Leeds since Monday to enjoy two home games – their first visit since tying the knot.

HELP WALTER GET TO ELLAND ROAD

Walter is a long-standing West Stand season ticket holder who is no longer able to drive. He is seeking fans living in the Southport (Merseyside) area who could provide him with a lift to home games, for which he will pay. If you can help, ring Walter on 01704 567723.

WE'RE ON THE ROAD AGAIN...

The Leeds On The Road team are facing a hectic few weeks as the club hits the road to meet fans from across the country.

FIRST STOP SHREWSBURY...

The first Leeds On The Road is in Shrewsbury on Friday March 20 when we visit the Welti Tennis Centre for the Shropshire Whites RMC event on the eve of our game at Crewe.

Peter Lorimer hosts the evening and he will be joined by fellow legend Eddie Gray, former title winner John McClelland, and our technical director Gwyn Williams. Gary Edwards, well-known author and columnist of the matchday programme, will also be travelling from Leeds for the evening.

Tickets can be obtained from Gary Sleat of the Shropshire Whites and are priced at £15 for adults, £10 for seniors and free to juniors. Price includes supper and the evening kicks off at 8pm. Email Gary at gvsleat@gmail.com or call 07828 991427.

...THEN COVENTRY...

Three days later, we're off to Coventry to the Jaguar Sports & Social Club on Monday March 23.

Peter will again be joined by Eddie and John, with our former skipper Brendan Ormsby also joining the panel for the Coventry & Warwickshire Whites RMC event.

Tickets are available from Justin and Jonathan and are priced at £15 for adults and £7.50 for juniors. Price includes a hot buffet and proceedings get under way from 7pm.

Please note there is a strict dress code of NO RED. Email covworkwhites@hotmail.co.uk or ring Justin on 07812 849825.

...BLACKPOOL...

The following week, Peter, Eddie and John will be travelling to Blackpool where they will be joined by two members of the first team squad for an evening with the Blackpool Whites on Monday March 30.

Tickets for this event can be obtained from Mark Jordan. Email blackpool_whites@msn.com or call 01253 899945.

The evening commences at 7.30pm and

MORE REGIONAL MEMBERS CLUBS PLANNED!

Could you help get a new branch up and running?

ON AND ON (AND ON!) IN OXFORDSHIRE

Oxfordshire appears to be a hotbed of Leeds United supporters with the potential for THREE branches. We have members in the following areas who all are looking to start Regional Members Clubs - Witney, Didcot and Bicester.

For Witney email Andy Slatter at andyslatts@tiscali.co.uk

For Didcot email Steve Griffin at s.g@virgin.net

For Bicester email Grant Munday at grantmunday1@aol.com

If you are interested but do not have access to email, please contact Lorna Tinker at Elland Road with your details which she will pass on to the relevant person. Lorna can be contacted on 0113 367 6242.

NORTH WALES WHITES?

Email Ann Hughes at simon.ann1@yahoo.co.uk or call 07784 762322.

PERFECT FOR PETERBOROUGH?

Email James Wood at leedsphantom@hotmail.co.uk

READY NEAR ROCHDALE?

Or even Oldham? Then email Andy Pennells at andy@apennellsassociates.co.uk

Can the Chris Taylor who wrote into the club regarding the Wetherby area please contact Lorna directly?

tickets, which include a hot-pot supper, are priced at £10 for adults and £8 concessions. The venue is the Bloomfield Club in Blackpool.

...AND COLCHESTER!

From there, we're off to deepest Essex on the eve of our league game at Colchester for a Leeds On The Road with a twist.

Our manager Simon Grayson is the special guest and he will be joined by his brother Paul, who is head coach at Essex County Cricket Club. A massive Leeds fan, Paul had trials with the club as a youngster but opted for a career in cricket, and he started out with Yorkshire.

Peter will again be hosting the evening, and the club's head of media Paul Dews will also join the panel as referee in case of any sibling rivalry!

The event takes place on Friday April 3 at the Marks Tey Hotel on London Road in Colchester and kicks off at 7pm. To obtain tickets for this event which are priced at £10 for adults and £5 for juniors, please email Paul Downer at essexwhiteslumc@aol.com or ring 07990 956830.

HAVE YOU JOINED YET?

If you are not already a member of the Leeds United Members Club we are currently offering an Extra Time Membership package which gives you Membership now and until the end of next season.

Forms can be obtained from the website www.leedsunited.com or from the ticket office.

AWAY DAZE



↑ FATHER AND SON

Danny Rutherford – that's him with the scarf – sent us this one of him and his dad **Chris** at Boundary Park for the Oldham game.

➔ FLYING THE FLAG

Here's **Neil Ryan**, a season ticket holder living in Altrincham, Cheshire (although originally from Farsley) taken after the game at Oldham. Says Neil: "It was good to see us pick up points away from home for the first time in a while and nice to see us get back into the match so soon after going behind. Unfortunately there were no last-minute heroics like we had last year at Boundary Park with Ian Westlake's goal!"





↑ **THREE'S COMPANY**

Anyone remember the 15th/16th century Dutch painter Hieronymus Bosch? No? Okay, what about Francis Bacon who died in 1992? Well, never mind. Just take it from us that they were both famous for their triptychs – and now so is **Andy Liddle!** He sent us no message but these three of Boundary Park.

← **HEADS UP**

Eric Howell, our very favourite West Midlands Snapper, has gone for a more postmodernist approach with this portrait of fans approaching Bristol Rovers' Beck's Grandstand, one which oozes with the collective sense of expectation upon reaching the turnstiles blah-blah-blah...



← **JUST DARREN**

This one is more of a self-portrait... the artist in question being **Darren Noonan**.

Darren is from Ireland and took this at Oldham...
"My first away day!"



→ **BOYS WILL BE BOYS**

These three were sent in by **Jason Fletcher** from Somerset, taken in Bristol last weekend. The three likely lads in the first one are **Ken Smith** of Teesside, **Larksy** from Fleet in Hampshire and Jason himself. "We go to most away games together. The first photo was taken in Bristol's city centre outside a pub full of Leeds. Inside the ground there's me and my lad **Alex** – he's 10 years old, mad Leeds, goes to most of the games home and away." And last but not least? "That's Ken and Larks after Becchio's equaliser, bloody great!"

Many thanks to all who emailed in Bristol Rovers pictures – we'll be running more from this bumper crop in the MK Dons programme on March 28. And those of you going to Crewe – send us snaps from there, as well! The address is lufcprog@mac.com



TREASURE CHEST

FROM THE VAULTS

Long-standing club photographer Andrew Varley, resident historian Stix Lockwood, and programme editor Paul Dews have been trawling through the archives to unearth some of the weird and wonderful memorabilia associated with the club...

Our first item today was brought from the Ukrainian outpost of Dnipropetrovsk, following our most recent excursion into European competition. This vase was handed to the club's directors on the eve of our UEFA Cup First Round second leg clash with FC Metalurg Zaporizhzhya in October 2002. The game was played in the neighbouring city of Dnipro and it was an eye-opening experience for all who travelled.

The city had been closed to outsiders until the early 1990s and was a real Eastern European outpost. Trolley buses operated on the streets and cheap travel was available on the same trains as farm animals, and it was a rare chance to catch a glimpse of what was a fascinating city. A bad tempered match ended 1-1 with Nick Barmby scoring. We progressed 2-1 on aggregate.

Our second item is from later in the same season when the pressure was really mounting for our then manager Terry Venables. Four straight defeats had followed a four-game unbeaten run over Christmas and, despite beating West Ham at Elland Road, hostilities towards Venables and Peter Ridsdale were in evidence as United slipped to a 3-0 defeat at home to Newcastle. The unrest in the stands was clear and one glance at the framed official team-sheet from this game does beg the question as to why a team of this ability was fighting relegation.



MEMORY LANE

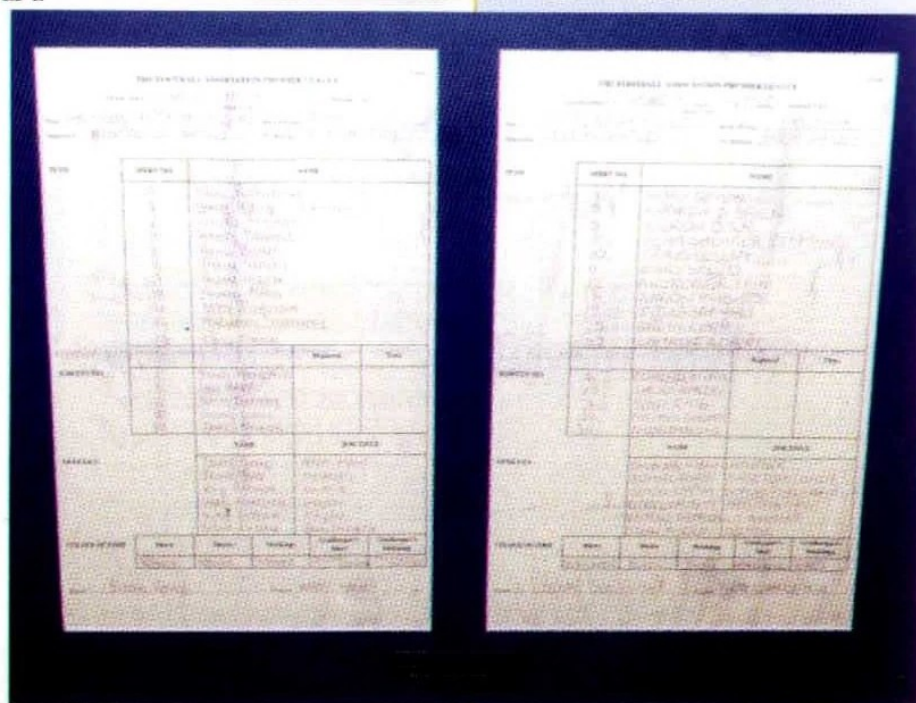
We asked you to dig through your belongings at home and tell us about the Leeds United mementos which mean so much to you...

Autographs and matchday programmes tend to be the starting point for most fans in terms of collecting, and ardent United fan **Andy Brouwer** has been in touch with some of his most treasured items.

Andy, who lives and works in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, wrote: "I have been a Leeds United fan since I was a nipper. I'm not an avid autograph collector by any stretch of the imagination. But I do possess a few precious ones.

"My first autographs were the Leeds United team from 1970. My mum had secretly sent a birthday card to the Leeds manager Don Revie and he'd arranged for the whole team to sign the card - it was one of the best birthday presents I've ever had.

"I still have the card some 35 years later, and the treasured memento includes the autographs of Gary Sprake, Norman Hunter, Paul Reaney, Terry Cooper, Allan





by Mark Viduka in August 2000. I also have a letter of authenticity from Nike.

"It brings back great memories of the world class Leeds United team of that era and the fantastic times we had on the pitch around this time including the great Champions League run we had. Sorry for the greasy fingermarks, we were decorating at the time."

We'll forgive the fingermarks David! We, too, believe you have a very rare item on your hands!

Clarke, Johnny Giles, Mick Jones, Eddie Gray, Billy Bremner, Jack Charlton, Peter Lorimer, Rod Belfitt and Paul Madeley.

"The other picture is Don Revie's signature on the back of the photo of yours truly dressed up in my Leeds United football kit, which my mum sent with the card. I will treasure these forever."

David Brown has also been in touch with what could well be a very, very rare item indeed. David wrote: "I have attached a photo of my framed Leeds United shirt that

was bought for me as a present by my wife Sarah from a Nike auction in 2000.

"Apparently it is a sample shirt from Nike for the 2000/01 season which was rejected by Leeds, so could be extremely rare. As you can see it has a blue/yellow/blue trim and no Strongbow sponsor logo as it was a sample. It was signed



WE WORE IT WELL

AWAY KIT 1993-95

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Worn by: Leeds City players in United's predecessors very first season of 1904/05 – although without a sponsors logo and in a rather heavier material! This updated version introduced exactly 89 years later first saw action – other than friendlies – at Maine Road on the opening day of 1993/94 when Leeds drew 1-1 with Manchester City. Howard Wilkinson's Leeds that sunny day had a new look about them on the team-sheet, too, with one David O'Leary making his debut at centre-back and youngster Noel Whelan given the nod to partner £2.7 million signing Brian Deane up front. Deano marked his debut with a goal as United began a campaign that would see them finish fifth. Note that on the back of this shirt (and all others in the Premier League of 1993/94)

was a new invention – squad numbers!



Illustration by John Devlin, football kit guru and author of the two True Colours books (A&C Black).

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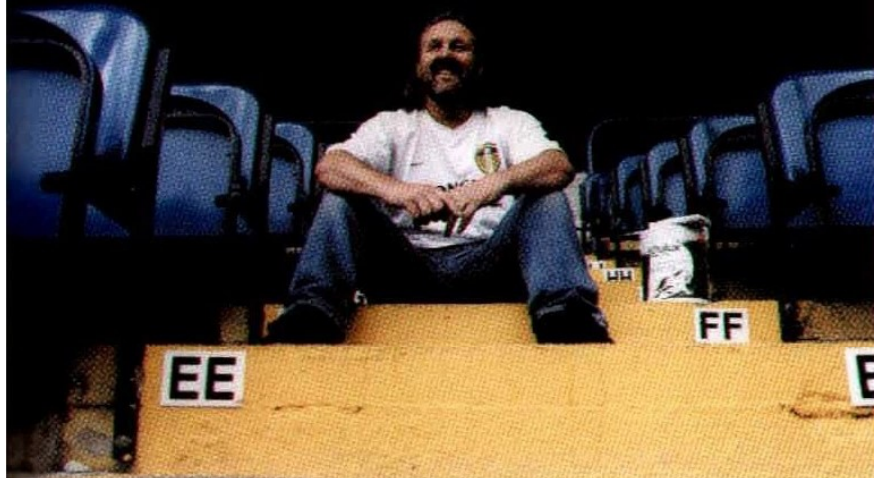
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Painting it White

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Robins, cowboys and Doddies

Pictured, left to right:
Swindon legend Don
Rogers, not to be
confused with...
Hollywood legend Roy
Rogers, not to be
confused with...
Kippax Legionaires
legend Len Shackleton.
Obviously.



Gary Edwards is the author of two books on watching United. 'Paint It White' and 'The Second Coat'.

When Leeds won the Football League Cup at in Wembley 1968, they beat Arsenal 1-0. The following year Arsenal got to the final again. This time, they faced our visitors of today, Swindon Town. Then, as now, Swindon were in the Third Division but they beat the mighty Arsenal 3-1. The hero of the hour was a forward called Don Rogers.

My hero is Roy Rogers, a cowboy who had a horse called Trigger in the 1960s and talking of cowboys... How come the masked man is called the Lone Ranger, when he always used to ride with the Indian, Tonto? He was never alone. Except of course, when the duo were attacked by Indians, and Tonto would switch sides.

Meanwhile, back in the 1960s... I have a scrapbook at home from the 1963/64 promotion season. Don Revie had built a side from scratch, having taken over a club perilously close to dropping into the Third Division. As we all know, Revie transformed Leeds into a



side that went on to take the football world by storm and dominate for well over a decade. Anyway, in my scrapbook there is a match report from a game in September 1963 against today's visitors. It's from the *Green Post* - the sports paper that used to come out at 5pm on a Saturday - and interestingly it mentions the Leeds fans. We have long been noted for our passion and loyalty - and back then it was no different. There were 33,000 crammed into Elland Road, and according to the report, the Swindon keeper did them a "good service... when (Leeds centre-forward Don) Weston, with the 'LEEDS LEEDS LEEDS' chant ringing in his ears, cannoned another shot against his body".

Even further back, during the late-'40s and early-'50s, my village had a team called Kippax Legionaires. Apparently they were a very good team and even the great Len Shackleton donned the Kippax jersey. This came about when a local landlord managed to get Shackleton to come to Kippax from Bradford Park Avenue. That landlord's name was Albert Dodsworth and his pub was the New Inn but to this day it pub is known as "Doddies". Shackleton went on to play for Arsenal, Newcastle, Sunderland and England, but was unable to maintain the standard achieved at Kippax.

I don't think the Legionaires had any connection with the French Foreign Legion and I'm almost certain that they didn't play in Arabian head-dresses. It would, after all, make it very difficult to head a ball. Shackleton didn't play in his England cap either.

Going back to 1960s, does anyone else remember the puppet shows such as *Thunderbirds* and *Stingray*? No matter how many times I watched these I could never fathom out how, with all

those strings, the puppets managed to walk underneath door frames.

I'll leave that with you.



BOB'N'BEN

ROBERT SNODGRASS AND BEN PARKER, MARCH 7 v BRISTOL ROVERS

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WHAT'S ON

LORIMER'S BAR

The next Lorimer's Bar will take place at Elland Road next Tuesday – March 17. Admission, including supper, is £10 (£15 non-Members).

Join club legend **Peter Lorimer** plus three special guests – **David Prutton**, **Andrew Hughes** and **Mel Sterland** – for an informal night of questions and answers.

PEACOCKS LUNCH

The next Peacocks Lunch will be in May. Tickets priced £17.50.

Join guests to be announced for a three-course lunch in excellent company and good surroundings at Elland Road. Details will be announced on leedsunited.com nearer the date.

IN THE FUTURE

MEMBERS

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For more information on the above please contact 0113 367 1166.

Keep checking these pages for the latest Members Club Events.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Nozza** (aka **Noreen Richardson**)... from Yaxley, near Peterborough. Nozza is a home and away season ticket holder who turns 40 tomorrow. Lee and Gary Shepherd, her travelling partners, would like to wish her a very happy birthday. They say: "Next season, because she is unable to renew, some of her company and ridiculous statements on the many journeys will be missed - although the infrequent trips to the bar won't! It's been fun, so take care!"

➤ To **Harry Mundy**... nine today, pictured at Port Vale last season! Says dad Shaun: "Harry may be from Swindon, but there will be no divided loyalties - we've even managed to get mum Stella and Rosie (older sister, aged 10) along to Elland Road for their first visit."

➤ To **Dylan Jones**... of Miskin, Pontyclun, near Cardiff, who turns 11 today. His stepdad Jez Thomas says: "We'll both be travelling from Cardiff to attend today's match. The photo is of him at the Hereford United away game."



➤ To **Dylan Roberts**... who was eight on Thursday. Says dad Chris Roberts: "As part of his birthday treat we will be at the game today."

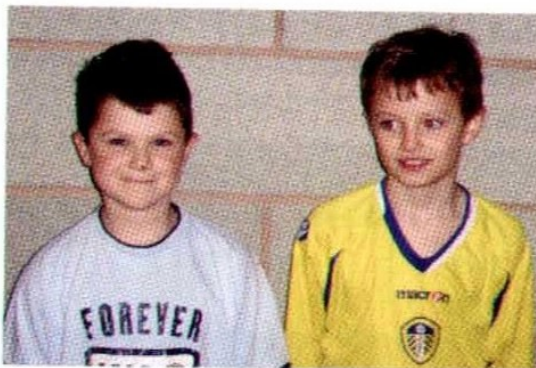


It would be lovely to see his face in the programme for this match as a keepsake. He has a party booked on the 15th so this is going to be a long birthday! Have a great time boy! Love from Dad, Tracy and all the family."

➤ To **Steven Bird**... who will be 39 on March 19. "I took you to your first game on April 17, 1982 - we lost 3-1 to Southampton but since that day you have been Leeds Leeds Leeds and shared our ups and downs. Happy birthday, bruv, as we will always be marching on together! Love from David."

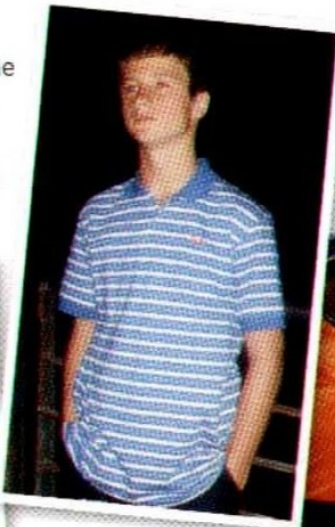
➤ To **Shaun Butler**... caught here contemplating the adage that "life begins at 40" says wife Donna! She and his boys Harry and Dan send their love and best wishes and warn Shaun to expect a ribbing from his mates at the game today with him in the North Stand N5 - Rob, Kaz, James, Bod, Gina, Adam, Shev, Ian M, H, Wendy, Brad, Ian and Graeme.

➤ To **Tom Brosnan** and **Robert Warrington**... good friends and both turning 10 this month. Says Tom's mum Sarah "They are both big Leeds United fans and play football for Kippax Welfare Under-10s."



➤ To **Linda Bulmer**... "Happy Birthday love from Richard, Becky, John and Chris xxx."

➡ To **Kurt Baxter...** season ticket holder in the Kop and celebrating his birthday today. "Happy birthday, Kurt! Love from mum, dad and Olivia."



⬅ To **Sam Golding...** who was 13 on March 9. "Sam loves football and

Leeds his favourite player is Jermaine Beckford. Love from Stacey."

⬇ To **Grandma Kate...** "She is the best grandma in the whole wide world and I love her all the way up to the moon and to the bottom of the deep blue sea. Lots of hugs and kisses from Savannah." Kate (Chapman) was also sent birthday wishes from Gary Cowles.



➡ To **Hugh Wylie...** Says son Ian: "My dad, a season ticket holder in the North East Upper, will be 67 years young tomorrow. I know my mum would love to see a picture of him in print, so here's one from Wembley last year!"



⬆ To **Gene Orton...** East Stand season ticket holder, and on the right in this photo with his brother Zak and Lucas The Kop Cat. "Happy sixth birthday, Gene - another win for the Mighty Whites today! love dad, mum and Zak."

➡ To **Kade Jackson...** season ticket holder in the Family Stand. "Happy 11th birthday for tomorrow! Best wishes, love you! From mum, dad and Ambs, wishing you many happy returns xxx." Best wishes also from Kade's mate Ross and all their friends at St Martin's and New Saints Football Clubs. "Marching on together - from Kevin (dad) Shaun, Ross, Mark, Paul, Jade, Lisa."



To **Darren Clark...** at the match today in the South Stand. "Happy birthday for March 13."

To **Martin Kirby ...** Says Dave Trinder: "Lifelong fan Martin, from Cheltenham, is celebrating his 65th birthday in the Bremner Suite today accompanied by his son Alistair, and a mixture of Leeds and Swindon fans from the Cirencester area, who all wish him a happy retirement!"

➡ To **Ryan Hanson...** Family Stand season ticket holder "in all his glory!" Ryan will be 13 on March 19. "Happy birthday Ry, love from mum, dad, Ja and Bud - marching on together xxx."



SUPPORTERS NOTICEBOARD



THANKS TO SWINDON

Nick Clarke has asked us to pass on this goodwill message to **Nick Watkins** of today's opponents: "My friend Dave Jackson and I were lucky enough to attend the game against Swindon at the County Ground in September due to another friend Phil Blowfield knowing the Swindon chief executive Nick Watkins.

"Nick got us tickets in the Swindon Members Suite where the pre-match hospitality was excellent. He also took time out of what I am sure was a very busy day to regularly check that we were looked after. Even at the end of the match following our 3-1 victory he came over and spoke about the game. I would like to take this opportunity to formally pass on the thanks of Dave and I for the excellent day."

WICKLOW WHITES

Here are brothers **Evan** and **Byron Cunningham**, aged 14 and 12 respectively from County Wicklow in Ireland. They have clearly been well brought up by father Shay Cunningham who writes: "I saw my first game in 1977 when we beat Nottingham Forest 1-0 and have travelled over to Leeds every season since then. Evan and Byron are the next generation of Leeds fans from Ireland, but it is hard when all your school friends support the unmentionables! They enjoy the atmosphere in the Kop and will be shouting themselves hoarse from there."



FREEZING ON TOGETHER!

No not Yorkshire last month, but Lapland! This was sent in by **Andy Pennells** and taken on a recent family holiday to Lapland "where myself and my daughter Emily aged 10 can be seen flying the flag for LUFC in minus 26 degree temperatures! While there, we met Father Christmas and we can confirm he is a Leeds fan!"

We thought when it isn't Christmas, he'd be over here sunning himself in Yorkshire...



CASEYS ON THE ROAD

John and **Brenda Casey** have been in touch to say: "A fantastic night was had by all present at the latest Leeds On The Road event at the Scarborough Spa on February 20. John's evening was paid for by his wife Brenda as his birthday was on the same date!

"The other four in the picture are Barnsley fans **Dave** and **Sue Sephton** and Arsenal fans **Sonia** and **Steve Suggars** - who were brought along in order to complete their education and brainwashing to the Leeds United cause!

"A thoroughly great night was had by all so a BIG thank you to the Scarborough Whites and also to the Leeds United panel."

Winston the White

The voice in the crowd. Guess who he supports...

THREE OUT OF FOUR... DON'T CARE?

Last weekend saw the Sixth Round of the FA Cup. If you blinked, though, you probably missed it. It did come with very little fanfare, maybe due to the Fifth Round being incomplete. Or it may have been the fact that the live coverage was on ITV not Sky and that the kick-off times were spasmodic. But it's more likely due to it being played on a weekend before second legs of vital Champions League fixtures for the so-called "big four". Despite three of them being involved in the FA Cup over the weekend, this domestic competition is very much small fry compared to the riches and rewards available for moving into the Champions League quarter-finals and, potentially, beyond.

Assuming Arsenal defeat the rapidly deteriorating Hull on Tuesday, the semi-finals at Wembley will see three of the big four fighting it out for the final.

SO MUCH FOR MAGIC

This is, of course, in total contrast to last season's competition, where we saw shock after shock – memorably Barnsley winning at Anfield, then defeating Chelsea at Oakwell, to book their passage through to a

Wembley semi-final, against Cardiff, who had won unexpectedly at Middlesbrough in the Sixth Round. West Brom, had quietly made their way through, having been drawn away in every round, albeit to non-Premier League opposition, but they rattled in a number of goals on the way including five at Bristol Rovers and five at Coventry. The only top tier side that made it through to the last four were Harry Redknapp's Portsmouth, who were victors at Old Trafford.

So with an unlikely last four of Portsmouth, West Brom, Barnsley and Cardiff, everybody declared that the magic of the FA Cup was back. And because everybody enjoys a day out at Wembley ticket sales for the semis were good. Even in Barnsley – having gone round all the Women's Institute Wednesday afternoon groups – enough bodies were amassed to ensure the Tykes just about utilised their allocation.

The marketing men weren't so happy, though. Perhaps because they knew they would possibly have difficulty selling the TV rights for Barnsley versus Cardiff to the Far Eastern markets. The matches themselves were the dampest squibs in footballing memory – dreadful games, one goal only and little in the way of excitement. The final was more of the same, Portsmouth took the cup, but in a final to forget.

THE HATE FACTOR

So this season, it's back to the norm – with the heavy mob involved. Many may feel a M***** v Chelsea/Arsenal final will not set the pulses racing, but at least the nastiness, the vitriol, the cheating, the spite, and despite the fact that like me, you probably hate both teams, it'll be more watchable than last year's dross.



"Despite three of the 'big four' being involved in the FA Cup, this domestic competition is very much small fry to them"



A scrappy goal decided a poor cup final last year.

Tuesday 14th April 2009



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He's back and he's dreaming of Europe.
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"Yeovil's 163 was substantially higher than the number of Italian fans that followed Lazio to Elland Road in 2001"

The game against Yeovil Town on Tuesday night brought back some rather bizarre memories from some of our European exploits.

Now, before you start thinking I have hit the bottle (or worse), let me explain what Tuesday's night 4-0 win against Yeovil had in common with our European games – other than the excellence of the performance – because, on the face of it, I can see that you are thinking I have finally lost the plot.

And, for all the smart alocs out there, it had nothing at all to do with the fact that (a) we wore white, (b) we won comfortably, or (c) it was played under floodlights. Any guesses yet? No? You're either keen to know or you've stopped reading and reported me to the local loony asylum.

No, it was the away support brought by our friends from Somerset that reminded me of

our UEFA Cup and Champions League campaigns. There, tucked away in the South East Corner was a handful – okay, a large handful – of diehard, dedicated away supporters who had made the long trip north for the game.

Their travelling support of 163 might not equate to 10 per cent of what we would have taken to Huish Park for a league game on a Tuesday in March, but that's not the issue here. We've spoken plenty about our own support this season and the numbers we take away, but it's all relative – and that's what set me thinking about our European games.

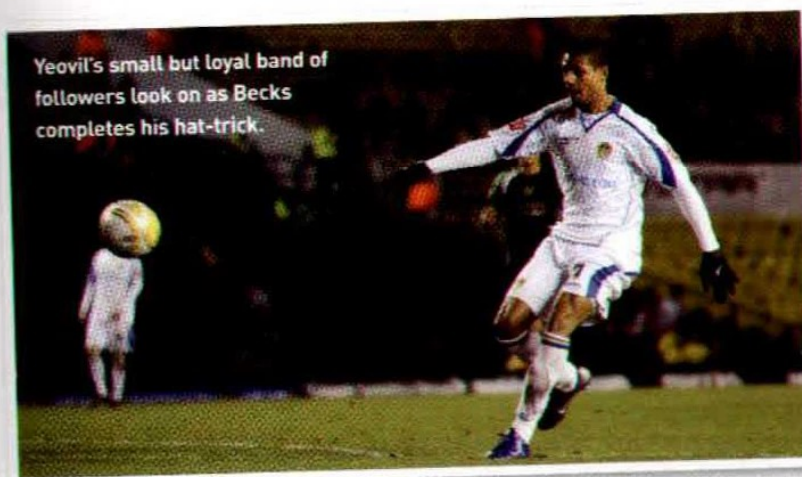
While our own away support was unquestionably the biggest in European competitions around the Millennium, how many of the continent's champions and cup winners brought many to Elland Road? Not one. Real Madrid, Barcelona, AC Milan... The list could go on. They just didn't travel.

Yeovil's 163 was, in fact, substantially higher than the number of Italian fans that followed Lazio to Elland Road during the second group stages in 2001. If I remember rightly, the official figure put on Lazio's away following was a paltry 23. That's right, Yeovil brought more for a pretty meaningless game (for them) than Lazio could muster for a Champions League fixture.

I'm sure some of those 163 who came here on Tuesday night will have taken some perverse enjoyment from their trip because that's what being a travelling football fan is all about. It's something that is quintessentially British. It must be, because the Europeans don't seem to do it!

There was many a night here during our European campaigns when there was no visible presence of any support from the visiting club and that in itself is a shame. The more the merrier usually makes for a better atmosphere and, if the game isn't up to much, the presence of an away following usually provides an entertaining distraction.

So, fair play to Yeovil. It's a long old trip by anyone's standards and their away following certainly did their best to make themselves heard. Well done, you! You had no idea you were better supported than Lazio or some of the other European "giants" did you?



Yeovil's small but loyal band of followers look on as Becks completes his hat-trick.

Happy 80th Birthday Kath!



Kath Mott life long Leeds United supporter and proud to be 80 years young. Kath watched her first match live at Elland Road in the early 60's and she still enjoys the atmosphere here at Elland Road.



Her favourite all time players are Billy Bremner, Eddie Gray, Peter Lorimer and more recently Robert Snodgrass and Jermaine Beckford.

We hope you enjoy your special day and we hope your prediction of 2 - 0 to Leeds is correct!

Happy 80th birthday Mam lots of love from your 5 children, 8 grandkids and 9 greatgrand kids plus one on the way! x x x
Your proud husband George will be watching and cheering you on.

Kath and her family are celebrating this very special occasion in East Stand Box 1 and have also sponsored today's game. We thank Kath and her family for their continued support and wish Kath a very Happy 80th birthday here at Leeds United.

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ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS!

Welcome back to Elland Road one and all for this afternoon's game against Swindon Town.

After the terrific performance against Yeovil in midweek, we're looking for a seventh successive home league win this afternoon which would be a great achievement for everyone.

We're also five games unbeaten home and away, now. So given what the manager has said about the need for consistency, it could be that we're hitting form at just the right time. Let's hope so!

Jermaine is also hitting top form once again and his hat-trick on Tuesday night was terrific. He is now the joint-leading goalscorer in this division and I'm told that was his first ever hat-trick in a league game. We've already seen him score two in the cups this season – so that's a hat-trick of hat-tricks for the season! Well done, Jermaine.

On a slightly different note, you may have seen little old me driving around Leeds over the past few weeks. No, I haven't learnt to drive – us cats struggle with that sort of thing – but someone came up the idea of painting my face on the side of the Leeds United Learning Zone minibus!

I must admit I found it strange when I saw it ferrying around some youngsters, but it is a great advert for the Learning Zone and for the important part it plays for the club.

Finally, if you haven't yet signed up for the free 14-day LUTV trial and tuned into "Kidz LUTV", don't forget to ask your mums and dads if you can. "Stanners" and the gang – including me – are on LUTV every Friday with our new show and it's greeeeeeeeat!



LEARN THE ACADEMY WAY...

Leeds United Academy has three Open Trial courses coming up later this year.

- Open Trials for boys aged seven to under-15 take place at Thorp Arch in early April. The trials are open to outfield players and goalkeepers from junior club teams.
- And an Open Trial/Advanced Skills Course for boys aged six to 15 takes place in Selby during the Easter holidays. Both courses are attended by the club's Academy coaches.
- The Academy will also be holding an outfield and goalkeeping Open Trial in Belfast during the summer. The course takes place over two days in July and is open to boys aged between six and 16.

For full details on all our Academy courses, see www.leedsunited.com/page/academycourses

HOME MASCOTS

George Dawes

Age: 11 From: Mirfield

Favourite player: Casper Ankergrén

Hobbies: Football (plays for Battyeford Boys), computer games and walking Prediction: 2-0 to Leeds

Niall Alstowe

Age: 11 From: Wootton Bassett, Swindon

Favourite player: Fabian Delph

Hobbies: Football, golf, swimming and music Prediction: Leeds 2 Swindon 1



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Wednesday March 4

It's announced that Leeds United has been short-listed for two awards at the prestigious **Yorkshire Insider Business Tourism Awards**. Elland Road has been nominated in the Large Venue of the Year category and flies the flag as West Yorkshire's only nomination. The club's Conference & Events team have also been short-listed for the Team of the Year Award. The winners will be announced at the Yorkshire Business Tourism Awards on Thursday March 19.

Friday March 6

Three Academy youngsters are called up for international duty. **Aidan White** (below) is named in the England Under-19 squad, **Luke Garbutt** is in the England Under-17 squad, and **Joe McCann** is put on standby for the Under-17s.

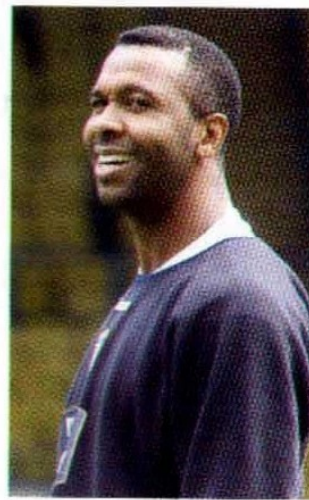


Saturday March 7

A late equaliser proves deflating at **Bristol Rovers**. Goals from **Luciano Becchio** and **Robert Snodgrass** had given us a 2-1 advantage after conceding early on, and victory looked to be in the bag. But **Jo Kuffour** latched onto a long punt downfield in stoppage time to earn Rovers a share of the spoils. "It's a kick in the teeth when that happens," said United manager **Simon Grayson**. "But we did it to Leicester in my first game here so you have to accept that's football."

Sunday March 8

Lucas Radebe (above right) has postponed his planned visit to Leeds until later this year, following the death of his father Johannes at the weekend. Johannes passed away in his sleep in the early hours of Saturday



morning after a long but brave battle with prostate cancer. Our former skipper's visit is re-arranged for later this year and the club will hold a tribute dinner on May 15.

Monday March 9

Over 3,000 people take advantage of the **free 14-day trial on LUTV** in just over 48 hours. Fans at home and abroad sign up for the

trial period, including a number of exiled United fans from China.

Tuesday March 10

Jermaine Beckford (below) scores his first professional league hat-trick as **Yeovil** are beaten 4-0 at Elland Road. **Neil Kilkenny** also scores with a terrific strike as Simon Grayson's side move back up to fifth in the table. Of our promotion rivals, MK Dons are held at home by Huddersfield, Peterborough beat Scunthorpe, and Millwall win 1-0 against Northampton Town.

Wednesday March 11

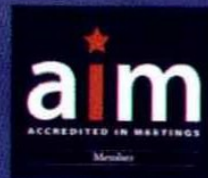
Chairman **Ken Bates** and his wife **Suzannah** are the special guests at the **Peacocks Lunch**. An enjoyable few hours is had by all at Elland Road with the conversation in full flow.



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IN TOWN TODAY...

SWINDON TOWN

Tomorrow is the 40th anniversary of arguably the greatest occasion in Swindon Town's history – the day when a Third Division team played at Wembley and won the League Cup.

The deeds of Roger Smart, who scored the first goal, Peter Downsborough, the goalkeeper who kept his side in front for a long time, Don Rogers, who won the match with two late goals and John Trollope, the greatest of all one-club loyalists with 770 league appearances, should be measured against their opponents.

Bertie Mee's Arsenal were 12 months off their first European trophy and two years away from only the second League and FA Cup double of the 20th century.

The Gunners finished fourth in the First Division that season but in front of 98,189 at Wembley they were unable to stifle a vibrant team who were later to go up to Division Two with Watford.

Last Saturday Swindon celebrated the achievement in a special programme for the home match closest to the anniversary. Team posters of the Arsenal and Swindon squads of 1968-69 took today's supporters back to an era of prosperity.

The average crowd in winning promotion was 18,000 and in the Second Division the figure grew to 20,000.

By 1982 the following had collapsed to 4,000 as the Robins dropped into the Fourth Division, but another forward surge – initially under Lou Macari and later with Glenn Hoddle as player-manager – took them into the Premier League for one season.

The club's subsequent history is one of frequent ups-and-downs and today – only two years after coming up from the bottom division under Paul Sturrock – they are fighting to avoid another downturn.

A difficult season saw the departure of Sturrock's successor, fellow Scot Maurice Malpas, shortly after an FA Cup defeat by Blue Square club Histon in November. Having had four appointed managers in a little over three years, the club adopted a long-term strategy in the search for a replacement.

"We can't continue to change the manager," chief executive Nick Watkins told BBC Radio Swindon. "It's not good for the club, the players or the fans. We have the opportunity to find a man who is going to provide stability."

As the recruitment process moved into a second month, a decision taken 260 miles to the north was to lead them to their choice. Danny Wilson left Hartlepool in December and within 11 days he was confirmed as the next manager at the County Ground.

A win at Leyton Orient on Boxing Day – the last game for caretakers David Byrne and Ady Williams – lifted the team a couple of places to 18th at the time of the handover. Wilson's first three games then delivered one point before results perked up with a couple of loan signings and the recall of Jamie Vincent after five months off with a knee injury.

Successive draws at Oldham, Leicester and Millwall supplemented home wins against Walsall and Scunthorpe but there was no quick release from the danger area. Wilson hailed "a fantastic performance" against MK Dons but the draw put his side in the bottom four for the first time this season. A midweek defeat at Colchester only worsened the situation.

There was another concern for him as injuries piled up. Captain and defender Hasney Aljofree and striker Barry Corr were out after surgery and Lee Peacock's back problem raised a question over the experienced forward's immediate availability.



MANAGER

DANNY WILSON

Born: Wigan, January 1, 1960

LEAGUE PLAYING CAREER

	Games	Goals
<i>From Wigan Athletic</i>		
1977-80 Bury	90	9
1980-83 Chesterfield	100	13
1983 Nottingham Forest	10	1
1983 Scunthorpe U (loan)	6	3
1983-87 Brighton	135	33
1987-90 Luton Town	110	24
1990-93 Sheffield Weds	98	11
1993-95 Barnsley	77	2
TOTAL	626	96

HONOURS

With Luton: League Cup, 1987-88

With Sheffield Wednesday:

Promotion from Division Two and League Cup, 1990-91

INTERNATIONAL CAPS

Northern Ireland, 24 full (1 goal)

MANAGEMENT CAREER

1994-98 Barnsley

1998-00 Sheffield Wednesday

2000-04 Bristol City

2004-06 MK Dons

2006-08 Hartlepool United

2008 Swindon Town
(from Dec 2008)

HONOURS

With Barnsley: Promotion from Division One, 1996-97

With Bristol City:

LIV Vans Trophy, 2002-03

With Hartlepool: Promotion from League Two, 2006-07

Right: Simon Cox celebrates scoring a penalty in Tuesday's 3-2 defeat at Colchester.



THE PLAYERS...

CHRIS ALLEN

Wiltshire-born prospect in his second campaign as a pro. He played eight League One games last season and was brought back after this 20th birthday in January.

KEVIN AMANKWAH

An England youth international at Bristol City, he was loaned to Torquay and Cheltenham, then joined Yeovil's League One championship side in 2005. He signed for Swindon after two seasons at Swansea.

PETER BREZOVAN

Having recovered from a broken arm in his first year in England, the Slovakian keeper, a 2006 signing from Czech club FC Brno, was first choice for much of last season and regained the position in December after the management change.

CRAIG EASTON

Former Scotland Under-21 midfielder, with 21 caps and nearly 300 games for Dundee United and Livingston, moved south in 2005, winning promotion at Leyton Orient. He signed for Swindon last season.

GORDON GREER

Scotland B defender on loan from Doncaster, previously with Blackburn after a £200,000 move from Clyde. Also played in a Scottish League Cup final in four years at Kilmarnock.

JEREL IFIL

A £70,000 signing from Watford in 2004 after four loan spells at the County Ground, the Londoner became a regular in the back four in the promotion season in 2006-07.

HEADLINE ACT

Restricted to a handful of substitute appearances with local club Reading, **SIMON COX** jumped at a loan deal with Swindon and finished last season as top scorer with 15 league goals after a £200,000 transfer in January. Success spread into a new season with two hat-tricks and a divisional Player of the Month award.



GOT THE T-SHIRT

Serving a three-game ban when Danny Wilson became manager, **BILLY PAYNTER** quickly resumed a flourishing partnership with Simon Cox when fellow striker Barry Corr was ruled out for the rest of the season. A 16-year-old debutant with Port Vale, Liverpool-born Paynter was sold to Hull for £150,000 and Southend for £200,000 before grabbing a hat-trick in his second start for Swindon last season.

LESCINEL JEAN-FRANCOIS

Haiti international defender, previously playing reserve football in France at PSG and Sedan, then on loan at Falkirk before signing for another French club, Guingamp.

PATRICK KANYUKA

The Congo-born midfielder joined Swindon from QPR midway through last season and held a first-team spot for four months until a recent injury.

JON-PAUL MCGOVERN

The Scottish midfielder arrived from MK Dons in 2007 to link up with Paul Sturrock – two years after he scored for the Scot in the League One Play-Off final success with Sheffield Wednesday.

ANTHONY McNAMEE

Selected for the Football League Under-21 side when in Watford's promoted squad in 2006, the winger left Vicarage Road 14 months ago to take up a League One berth at Swindon.

MARK MARSHALL

The former Carshalton and Grays Athletic winger stepped up from Blue Square South club Eastleigh after earning a contract in pre-season games.

Above: **Billy Paynter** (left) with **Lilian Nalis**.

Above right: **Sean Morrison**.

Below: **Hal Robson-Kanu**.



LILIAN NALIS

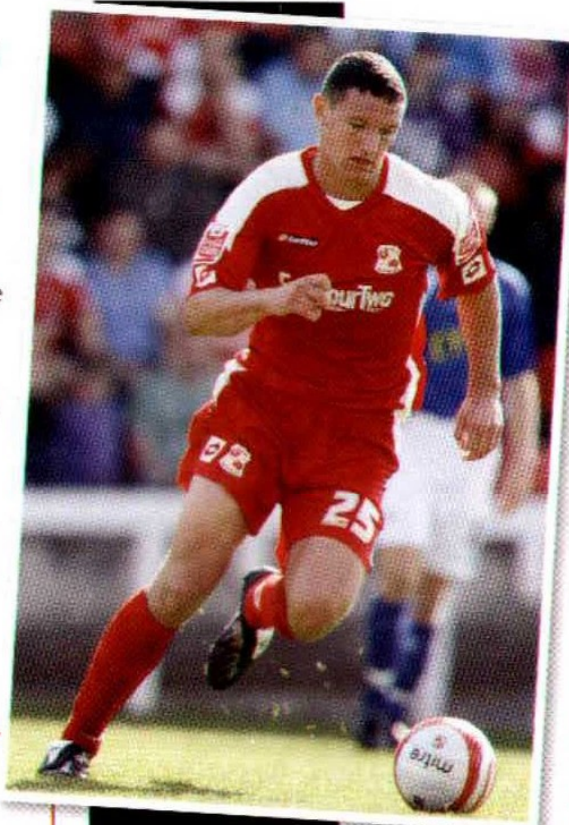
The French midfielder, a summer signing after nearly three years at Plymouth, is with his fifth English club (he scored against Leeds when at Leicester) after more than 200 games in France and Italy.

LEE PEACOCK

Now with his sixth club after scoring more than 100 goals, starting at Carlisle and Mansfield, continuing with Manchester City (£500,000) and Bristol City (£600,000), then at Sheffield Wednesday until 2006.

MICHAEL POOK

Local discovery with more than 100 senior appearances since his debut in 2003 and a personal-best 32 starts in the team that came up from League Two.



HAMID RAZAK

French striker who played for a number of clubs in Paris. Signed in January after scoring a hat-trick in a reserve match.

HAL ROBSON-KANU

The 19-year-old Reading striker has made good progress in the last year with five goals in two loans at Southend and another run in a two-month deal with Swindon.

JACK SMITH

Former Watford full-back, making 23 league starts in three seasons at Vicarage Road, moved to Wiltshire in 2005 and missed only five games in the side that came back into League One.

SWINDON TOWN ROLL CALL

2008/09 league and cup appearances

Player	Birthdate	Lge 1 Apps	Cup Apps	Total Gls
Hasney Aljofree	11.7.78	17(1)	2	-
Chris Allen	3.1.89	2(2)	-(1)	-
Kevin Amankwaah	19.5.82	16(4)	2	2
Peter Brezovan	9.12.79	21	2(1)	-
Kasali Casal	21.10.87	4(1)	1	-
Barry Corr	2.4.85	2(9)	1(2)	2
Simon Cox	28.4.87	34	5	20
Craig Easton	26.2.79	12(7)	3(1)	2
Gordon Greer	14.12.80	9	-	-
Jerel Ifil	27.6.82	22(1)	2	2
Lescinel Jean-Francois	2.10.86	1(1)	-	-
Ben Joyce	8.3.90	1	-	-
Patrick Kanyuka	19.7.87	15	3	1
Callum Kennedy	6.1.89	3	-	-
Jon-Paul McGovern	3.10.80	21(1)	4(1)	2
Anthony McNamee	13.7.84	20(12)	3(1)	-
Mark Marshall	5.5.87	-(8)	1(2)	-
Sean Morrison	8.1.91	13(2)	3	1
Lilian Nalis	29.9.71	16(3)	2(1)	-
Billy Paynter	13.7.84	31	3(2)	9
Lee Peacock	9.10.76	17(10)	3(1)	3
Michael Pook	24.6.86	11(2)	2	-
Hamid Razak	8.10.85	-(2)	-	-
Hal Robson-Kanu	21.5.89	10	-	3
Mark Scott	3.1.91	-	-	-
Jack Smith	14.10.83	31	5	5
Phil Smith	14.12.79	14	3	-
Blair Sturrock	25.8.81	2(7)	-	-
Michael Timlin	19.3.85	29(3)	5	2
Owain Tudur-Jones	15.10.84	1	-	-
Jamie Vincent	18.6.75	10	-	-
OWN GOALS		-	-	2

Up to and including Tuesday March 10

TALENT SPOTTING

Given a glimpse of senior action with Swindon last season,

Plymouth-born

SEAN MORRISON

made a dozen League One starts before his 18th birthday.

The centre-back was reported to be attracting attention from higher division clubs when he signed a new contract at the County Ground, along with another young defender,

CALLUM KENNEDY.

PHIL SMITH

Freed by Millwall in 2001, the keeper was on the non-league circuit for five years until Swindon recruited him from Crawley. He was promoted at the first attempt with his new club and named Player of the Season.

BLAIR STURROCK

Son of the former manager, the Scottish striker signed for his father at Plymouth in 2001 and won two divisional titles at Home Park. He joined Swindon two years ago after spells with Kidderminster and Rochdale.

MICHAEL TIMLIN

Republic of Ireland Under-21 international with Fulham, he was loaned to Swindon in 2006-07 and back at the County Ground last March. Completed a full move in the summer.

OWAIN TUDUR JONES

Wales midfielder on loan from Swansea. Made his international debut a year ago after getting over injury problems and won his third cap in the November friendly in Denmark.

JAMIE VINCENT

The defender returned from injury in January, adding to more than 360 games since starting at Crystal Palace, later sold to Huddersfield for £500,000 and Portsmouth for £600,000.



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LORIMER'S BAR

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LAST MEETING...

September 13, 2008 League One
Swindon 1, United 3 Att: 13,001

Simon Grayson said only this week that Neil Kilkenny (right) had told him he couldn't score from distance. Maybe Killa had forgotten his goal in this game at Swindon earlier this season? With the score locked at 1-1, following the early dismissal of Alan Sheehan, it was Kilkenny who put us back in front with a free-kick from outside of the box. Swindon keeper Phil Smith fumbled his shot and we took a lead we never relinquished, Jermaine Beckford's second goal of the afternoon sealing a 3-1 victory. "That's one of the best results I've had since I got here," said our then manager Gary McAllister. "It's unfortunate the people of Swindon didn't see us play the way we can play but we had to play the game with 10 men for 85 minutes. But it was the best result since I came here with the organisation, the two banks of four, the work-rate, and Becks and Luciano... We created the best chances, we were countering, and we frustrated them with our organisation. They could not break us down."



PAST MEETING...

Saturday November 21, 1987 Division Two
United 4, Swindon 2 Att: 15,457

A fresh-faced youngster pulled on a Leeds United first team shirt for the first time when Swindon made their first Elland Road league visit for over 20 years, back in 1987.



Coming in to the midfield in place of John Stiles was a baby-faced little tiger by the name of David Batty (above), and the youngster wasted little time in making his mark on the game with a string of feisty tackles. While Batts was at the very start of his career, experienced striker Bobby Davison also made his United debut against a Swindon side that included striker Dave Bamber. Davison marked his debut with a goal, scoring our third of the afternoon in a 4-2 victory. David Rennie had netted our first before Bob Taylor scored. Peter Haddock sealed the win with the fourth goal to complete what was a memorable afternoon for all who were there.

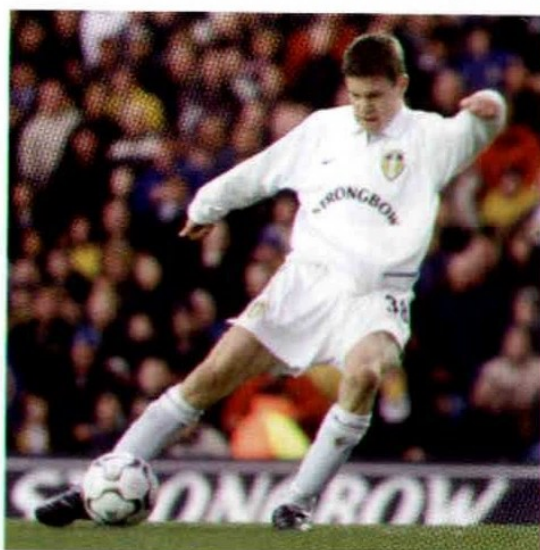
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BLAST FROM THE PAST...

James Milner

Leeds United 2002-2004, Swindon Town 2003

It's not the too distant past, but our former Academy product James Milner spent an enjoyable month on loan at Swindon Town in September 2003. James, who made his debut for Leeds as a 16-year-old under Terry Venables, had become the youngest ever Premier League goalscorer the previous Boxing Day and his talent was clear to see. That first season, he scored at Sunderland and against Chelsea (below) at Elland Road two days later, but his only start was countered by 21 appearances as a substitute. In the summer of 2003, our then manager Peter Reid dived into the loan market and Horsforth-born James was loaned to Swindon where he enjoyed his time under manager Andy King. Ironically,



James was on loan at Swindon – but unavailable to play – when the two sides met in the Carling Cup. James eventually moved on to Newcastle and Aston Villa, and is now the leading appearance maker for England Under-21s.



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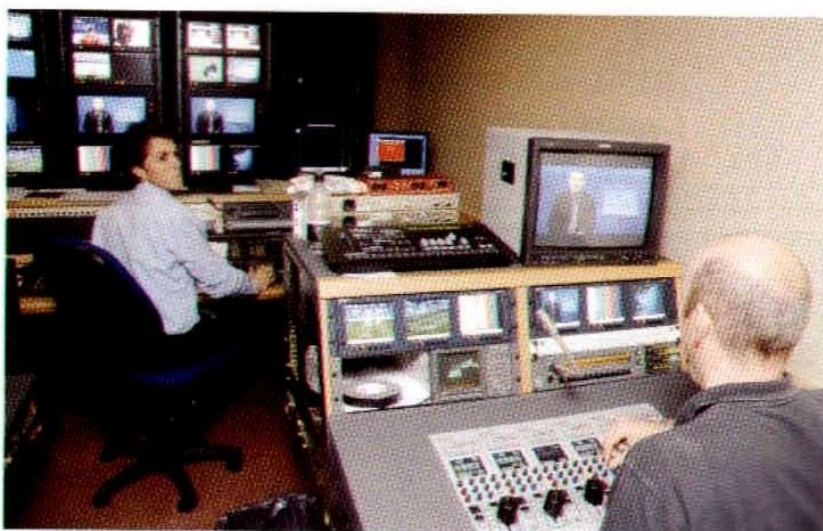
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- Wednesday** "Match Of The 80s" - rewind to the 1986/87 season and re-live the 4-0 demolition of Plymouth Argyle. Also: see the best of Lorimer's Bar with David Prutton and Andrew Hughes and watch the Swindon game in FULL.
- Thursday** The manager meets the media. See Simon Grayson answer the questions that make the news.
- Friday** Full preview of the weekend trip to face Crewe Alexandra. Plus rewind to 1987 and watch us secure our place in the first ever Play-Offs by beating West Brom at Elland Road. And for the kids... see the latest "Kidz LUTV".

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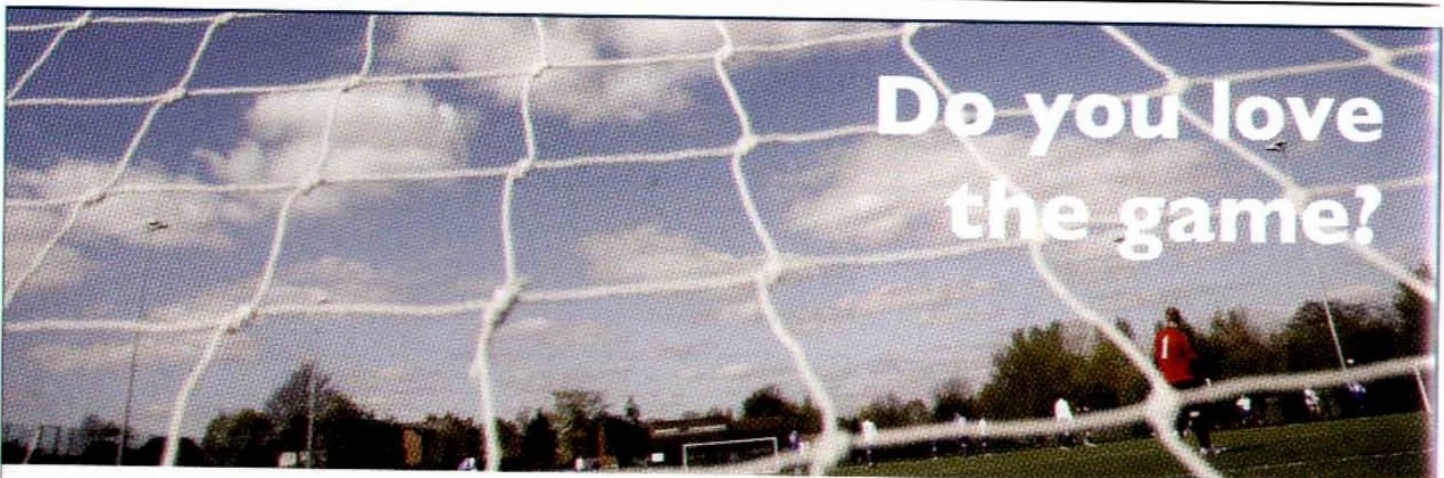
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THE FINANCIAL FACTS OF FOOTBALL LIFE

I was driving back from the Bristol Rovers game last week, listening to former Plymouth manager and "fans favourite" Ian Holloway on the radio running out of adjectives to describe Manchester United's defeat of Fulham in the FA Cup. It was not what I wanted to hear after we snatched a draw from hands of victory at the Memorial stadium.

As I approached the M1 and the final stretch home, on came a caller to talk about the plight of another non-league outfit, this time Merthyr Tydfil of the British Gas Business League Premier Division. The gentleman was explaining how the club was struggling to cope financially and was a matter of weeks from going out of existence. Then came the usual responses: "Something must be done to ensure the money in the game filters down..." "Premier League sides should feel ashamed; one player's wages for a week could clear the debts of a typical non-league club..." etc etc.

Fair points, you might say, but unfortunately ones which I don't believe stand up nowadays. My problem is the logic used by some of these clubs. Yes, the distribution of money throughout the game is concentrated at the top – but what are Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal and co meant to do? Start handing out cash to other clubs?

I didn't see Marks & Spencer giving handouts to Woolworths to prevent their recent demise, or small businesses who go out of business blaming ASDA for their inability to balance the books. The very idea of a "high street community" is as unlikely as the same thing happening in football. Like it or not, the game is big business and the teams at the top are there for a reason. They shouldn't feel guilty for the money they're receiving. (For the record, I don't think many of them do!)

The romantic idea of everyone helping support their local team is outdated, with football fans now travelling far and wide to sample the delights of league football. Even though you pay a bit more, you actually feel like it's value for money when compared with the alternatives.

I remember when the Lounge Cinema in Headingley announced it was going to close down, everyone who commented on it said something along the lines of, "Isn't it a shame, it's been there for years." I would respond: "When was the last time you went?"

Their answer?

"Probably about four or five years ago, I use the big one out of town... it's got better parking."

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It's 40 seasons ago that the club won its first ever Football League title, to mark the anniversary, the matchday programme is taking a look back to that historic season and what's happened in the subsequent decades of our roller coaster history since...

1968/69 EUROPEAN DREAM OVER

In pole position in the First Division title race with seven straight wins under their belt, Leeds United's attentions turned towards Europe and the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup quarter-final second leg trip to face Újpesti Dózsa. Don Revie's side had lost the first leg 1-0 and the manager was quick to speak of his admiration for the Hungarians. "They are an excellent side, good all-round, and very fast on the break from defence to attack," he said. Nevertheless, United had a strong away record in Europe and the trip to Budapest will have held few fears. But the same cannot be said of the flu bug which swept the camp, depriving Revie of three players with another four playing on despite suffering the



symptoms. Billy Bremner (left) was moved to right-back in the absence of Paul Reaney – he retained his number four shirt – and the fiery Scot found himself in the referee's notebook for protesting about the penalty which doubled Dózsa's advantage. A second Hungarian goal on the night ended United's hopes and, just three days later, the flu bug led to the postponement of a potential title showdown with Liverpool at Anfield.

1978/79 RITCHIE MUGS WHITES

Sat in one of the UEFA Cup qualification spots, and on the back of a 16-game unbeaten run in the league – 10 of which were victories – Jimmy Adamson's side headed for arch-rivals Manchester United with plenty of confidence. The Old Trafford club were mid-table, had been dogged by inconsistency, and Leeds were looking for a second successive victory in Salford. But a young winger by the name of Andy Ritchie was to have a major say in the contest, and his hat-trick spurred Manchester to a 4-1 victory. The moment was never forgotten by Ritchie, but he was quickly forgiven when he joined Leeds in 1984.

1988/89 POINTS MADE ON THE ROAD

After losing successive games, Howard Wilkinson's side bounced back to collect a win at Hull and a point at Barnsley. Ian Baird and Bobby Davison scored second half goals to earn a 2-1 midweek victory at



Boothferry Park before a penalty by John Sheridan (above) proved enough to take Leeds to the 50-point mark with a 2-2 draw in front of almost 12,000 at Oakwell.

1998/99 FOUR IN A ROW

Less than five months into his tenure as Leeds manager, David O'Leary presided over the best winning run in the league for over five years. Okay, it was only four in a row, but it was more than encouraging as his side beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-0 at Hillsborough to cement fourth place. Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink scored after four minutes for United before David Hopkin wrapped up the points late on.

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LEEDS UNITED GOLF DAY 2009

Dust off your clubs and clean up those balls!

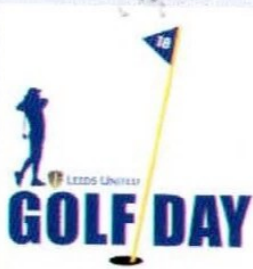
Following the great success of the Leeds United Golf Day held at Moortown Golf Club last year, we are pleased to associate this popular event with another fantastic local course, Wetherby.

Wetherby is a picturesque, 18-hole parkland course re-designed by none other than Alistair McKenzie (architect of Moortown) in a year familiar to all connected with LUFC - 1919!

Our popular annual event will this year be held on Tuesday April 28. Players are advised to arrive at 11am for registration and refreshments, or to take advantage of the driving range and other practice facilities on offer for those who need it!

The competition is 3/4 Stableford scoring allowing all to compete on even playing field with great prizes on offer for first, second and third-placed teams, plus for Nearest The Pin and Longest Drive

Evening entertainment is on offer, too, following a sumptuous three-course meal, with the chance to meet players and management staff.



Price per person is £125 including VAT with teams of four priced at £400 inclusive.

Individual sponsorships of holes are available priced at £100 plus VAT per hole (production cost of banner/s is not included within price). To secure your place call **0871 334 1919**.

THANKS TO OUR YEOVIL SPONSORS

A big thank-you to Steve and Roger Tranter of Naylor's Finance Ltd, who were the Match Sponsor for Tuesday night's game against Yeovil Town.

Naylor's are Yorkshire's largest independent home collection finance company. They have sponsored United on several occasions and are pleased to continue their run of success by returning as big match sponsor this season.

Many thanks for your continued support to all at Naylor's. They are pictured (right) behind their advertising board for the day and then (right, top) presenting the Man of the Match award to hat-trick hero Jermaine Beckford.

City Link were the Yeovil Matchball Sponsor. City Link are one of Britain's most established and recognised premium express delivery companies providing high quality, flexible and innovative service solutions across the UK and worldwide. **Nick Smith**, City Link's northern regional sales manager was presented with a signed matchball by Becks (above right).



STEVE'S LEEDS PILGRIMAGE

We'd like to welcome Steve Lee here today. Steve is celebrating his 52nd birthday with his wife Kate in the Banqueting Suite.

Steve converted to Leeds United from a southern family of West Ham supporters back in 1964 when he was eight years old and has never wavered in his loyalty to the Mighty Whites. This, though, is only the third time that Steve has seen Leeds play so this is a really special occasion for him.

He says: "Thank you, Leeds United, for 35 years of fun, thrills and excitement!"



FAMILY FOOTBALL SPECIAL!

Treat your partner and the kids to hospitality at a game at Elland Road...

Families are invited to take advantage of an excellent new special offer, available for the home fixtures against Milton Keynes Dons on March 28 and Tranmere Rovers on April 18.

You and the kids can enjoy entertainment with Lucas The Kop Cat plus face-painting, while for the adults the package includes:

- Pre-match entertainment and interviews with Leeds United legends and stars of today
- Pre-match hot and cold buffet-style meal served in the Lorimer Suite
- Reserved match seat in the East Central Lower Stand
- Complimentary matchday programme and teamsheet
- Cash bar facility

The price for one adult and one child is only £79 including VAT. Each additional child will be charged at only £35 including VAT.

For further details or to secure your places please call the United in Business team on 0871 334 2007 or email sales@leedsunited.com

Details of the lounge can be viewed at <http://www.leedsunited.com/page/Hospitality>



Reserves & ACADEMY

RESERVE TEAM APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

	Start (sub)	Goals
Ankergren	2 -	-
Assoumani	2 -	1
Becchio	1 -	1
Booth	- (1)	-
Cartman	3 -	1
Christie	4 -	-
Darville	6 -	-
Douglas	1 -	-
Edwards (gk)	1 -	-
Elliott	8 (1)	1
Falkingham	4 -	-
Garbutt	1 (3)	-
Gardner	4 -	-
Grella	2 -	5
Hatfield	4 -	-
Hotchkiss	1 (2)	1
Howson	2 -	-
Huntington	1 -	-
Jerome	1 -	-
Johnson	5 -	2
Jones S	2 (2)	1
Kilkenny	3 -	1
Lees	4 (2)	-
Lucas (gk)	4 -	-
Lund (gk)	3 -	-
Hughes	1 -	-
McCann	- (1)	-
Maghoma	1 -	-
Martin (gk)	1 -	-
Michalik	5 -	-
Milne	4 (2)	-
Ovington	2 (2)	2
Parker	5 -	-
Payne	- (3)	-
Powell	1 -	-
Prutton	3 -	-
Sheehan	3 -	-
Showunmi	2 -	1
Snodgrass	2 -	-
Sweeney	7 (1)	-
Telfer	3 -	-
Watson	- (1)	-
Webb	4 (1)	1
Westlake	1 -	1
White	4 -	-
Whitwell	2 (1)	-
Williams	- (1)	-

Up to and inc. March 11

WHITE SEALS SIXTH CONSECUTIVE WIN

Aidan White scored the only goal of the game as Leeds United reserves recorded a sixth successive league victory on Wednesday night.

White netted a 63rd minute winner against Hartlepool United at Billingham Town as Neil Thompson's side maintained the pressure at the top of the totesport.com League. The youngster's goal capped off a dominant second half display by United in the north east.

There had been little in the way of entertainment during the opening 45 minutes, although the home side did have a Liam Henderson goal disallowed for offside.

Leeds pushed on in the second half and after Will Hatfield had a shot saved, Josh Falkingham sent a header wide of the mark. The hard-working Tom Elliott also had an opportunity, but White's left-foot strike

shortly after the hour-mark settled matters.

ACADEMY UNDER-18s APPEARANCES AND SCORERS

	Start (sub)	Goals
Askham	1 -	-
Baxendale	2 (1)	1
Birbeck	1 (1)	-
Booth	4 (5)	-
Cairns (gk)	3 -	-
Cartman	4 -	-
Darville	16 (3)	-
Edwards (gk)	8 -	-
Elliott	5 (2)	-
Falkingham	13 (1)	1
Garbutt	16 -	2
Hatfield	18 -	4
Jerome	16 (3)	5
Jones R (gk)	10 -	-
Jones S	16 (1)	1
Lees	15 (3)	2
Lumsden	1 -	-
Milne	11 (5)	-
McCann	12 (2)	-
Ovington	3 -	1
Payne	3 (2)	1
Watson	13 (2)	-
Webb	1 -	-
White	1 (1)	-
Whitwell	17 (1)	4
Williams	17 (2)	-
own goals		1

Up to and inc. March 7

Totals exclude FA Youth Cup games.

Aidan White



WHITWELL SINKS TOON

Academy striker Mike Whitwell was at the double last Saturday as United's Under-18 side won 3-0 at Newcastle United.

Whitwell (right) opened the scoring on 17 minutes when he netted from close range and he doubled the advantage on 62 minutes with another good striker's goal.

Under-18s manager Neil Redfearn responded to the second goal by making a triple change of personnel and a change of system, and one of his substitutes Sam Jerome put the game beyond doubt 10 minutes from time with a solo effort.

United's back three again impressed against a lively Newcastle front-line while James Baxendale, Josh Falkingham and Will Hatfield did well in the middle of the park.

Redfearn also said he was pleased with the efforts of Whitwell and strike partner Joe Lumsden who "worked their socks off".

United: Cairns, Watson, Lees, Williams, Darville, Falkingham, Baxendale, Hatfield, McCann, Whitwell, Lumsden. Subs (all used): Milne, Jerome, S Jones.



United handed a run-out to experienced defender Darren Powell, and the former West Ham, Southampton and Derby man featured for 75 minutes.

The 33-year-old defender has been training with the club at Thorp Arch and was given the opportunity to play in the totesport.com League.

United manager Simon Grayson said: "Darren has been training with us on a trial basis and we've been having a look at him in training. This is the first reserve game we've had so it's an opportunity for us to take another look."

Powell's most recent senior appearance came for Derby County in January. He had made eight appearances for the Rams following his move from Southampton last November.

United: Lucas, Darville, Powell (Milne), Lees, Sheehan, Hatfield (S Jones), Falkingham, Sweeney, White, Whitwell, Elliott.

MORE RESERVES CHANGES

There's been two further changes to the reserves' end-of-season fixture list during next month.

This week's game at York has been postponed at York's request until Wednesday April 1, kick-off 7pm. The trip to Huddersfield has also been put back and will now take place on Wednesday April 8, kick-off 7pm.

FIXTURES 2008/09

TOTESPORT.COM LEAGUE EAST DIVISION

Tue Aug 19	Huddersfield Town	H	2-3	Becchio (pen), Johnson
Tue Sep 9	Barnsley	A	2-1	Hotchkiss, Westlake
Mon Sep 22	Bradford City	A	1-0	Jones
Tue Sep 30	Hartlepool United	H	1-2	Johnson
Tue Oct 14	Scunthorpe United	A	0-1	-
Mon Dec 8	Grimsby Town	H	1-0	Ovington
Tue Dec 16	York City	H	3-1	Showunmi (pen), Elliott, Assoumani
Tue Jan 6	Bradford City	H	1-0	Ovington
Tue Jan 20	Barnsley	H	4-0	Grella 3, Kilkenny
Wed Feb 25	Grimsby Town	A	4-0	Grella 2, Webb, Cartman
Wed Mar 11	Hartlepool United	A	1-0	White
Tue Mar 24	Scunthorpe United	H		
Wed Apr 1	York City	A		
Wed Apr 8	Huddersfield Town	A		
Tue Apr 14	Rotherham United	A	2pm	
Tue Apr 28	Rotherham United	H		

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ACADEMY UNDER-18s

Sat Aug 23	Portsmouth	A	1-1	Whitwell
Sat Aug 30	West Ham United	H	2-2	Jerome, Whitwell
Sat Sep 6	Blackburn Rovers	H	0-2	-
Sat Sep 13	Stoke City	A	0-1	-
Sat Sep 20	Bolton Wanderers	H	1-2	Jerome
Sat Sep 27	Nottingham Forest	H	2-0	Jerome, Payne
Sat Oct 4	Newcastle United	H	2-3	Hatfield, Jerome
Sat Oct 11	Barnsley	A	1-3	Jones S
Sat Oct 18	Sunderland	H	0-2	-
Sat Nov 1	Huddersfield Town	A	0-2	-
Sat Nov 8	Sheffield United	H	2-0	Ovington, og
Sat Nov 15	Middlesbrough	A	2-2	Garbutt, Lees
Sat Nov 22	Derby County	H	1-2	Whitwell
Sat Dec 6	Sheffield Wednesday	A	0-1	-
Sat Dec 13	Sunderland	A	1-2	og
Sat Jan 17	Huddersfield Town	H	3-2	Garbutt, Hatfield, Falkingham
Sat Jan 24	Sheffield United	A	0-1	-
Sat Jan 31	Middlesbrough	H	3-1	Jerome, Hatfield (pen), Whitwell
Sat Feb 21	Nottingham Forest	A	2-0	Hatfield (pen), Lees
Sat Feb 28	Derby County	A	1-1	Baxendale
Sat Mar 7	Newcastle United	A	3-0	Whitwell, Whitwell, Jermome
Sat Mar 14	Barnsley	H		
Sat Mar 21	Liverpool	A		
Sat Mar 28	Everton	H	11.30am	
Fri Apr 10	Sheffield Wednesday	H		
Sat Apr 18	Manchester United	H		
Sat Apr 25	West Bromwich Albion	A	tbc	
Sat May 2	Manchester City	A		
Sat May 16	National semi final			
Sat May 23	National final			

All games kick off at 11am except where indicated. Home games played at Thorp Arch.

FA YOUTH CUP (UNDER-18s)

Tue Nov 4	Chester City (R1)	A	2-0	White, McCann
Wed Nov 19	Oadby Town (R2)	A	3-0	Elliott, S Jones, White
Tue Dec 2	Liverpool (R3)	H	1-2	Whitwell



UNITED

2008/09

BRING 'EM ON!

Next at Elland Road

MK DONS

Saturday March 28,
3pm

The men from Milton Keynes are our next visitors to Elland Road in a fortnight's team for another important home game between two high-flying promotion candidates.

In what was to prove Gary McAllister's final game in charge – at Stadiummk on December 20 – a fine Robert Snodgrass goal was United's only consolation as they lost 3-1. Simon Grayson's men will be eager for revenge against a team who could still be above them in the table come kick-off on March 28.

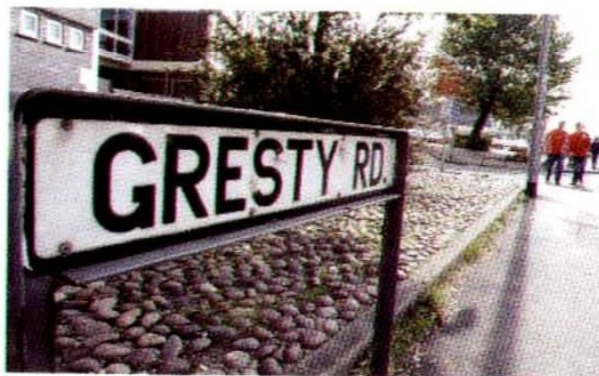
Roberto Di Matteo's side had drawn their last four matches going into today's home match against Oldham but have remained a force to be reckoned with as United have steadily closed the points gap between the two clubs. Yes folks, it's another of those "six pointers" with all to play for!

Don't miss it...

CREWE ALEXANDRA

Saturday March 21, kick-off 3pm
Alexandra Stadium, Gresty Road, Crewe, Cheshire CW2 6EB

Formed: 1877
Joined league: 1892
Ground capacity: 10,066
Nickname: "The Railwaymen"
Colours: Red with white trim shirts,
white shorts
Manager: Gudjon Thordarson
Telephone: 01270 213041
Fax: 01270 216320
Website: www.crewealex.net



HOW TO GET THERE From the north: Leave M6 at junction 17 onto the A534 Crewe road and at roundabout follow signs for Chester and into Nantwich Road. Then turn left into Gresty Road.

From the south and east: From the A52 take the A5020 on to the Crewe roundabout and then pick up directions as from the north.

From the west: Follow A534 into Crewe and turn right into Gresty Road, just before the railway station.

WHAT'S IN STORE? We've half-filled the stadium on our last two trips to Gresty Road, and our next visit promises more of the same. We have sold our allocation of a side stand and a seated stand behind the goal and will be backed by around 2,000 fans. Gresty Road is a compact venue, but Crewe is a welcoming place, and those in the know are quick to sing the praises of the local pubs – and the fish and chip shop situated directly outside of the ground.

GOT ANY TRAVEL TIPS? Crewe is easy enough to get to by road or rail. It is within striking distance of the M6 for car travellers, there is a decent-sized car park adjacent to the main stand, and for those on the train, the station is situated almost next door to the ground.



Players & Tables

Jermaine Beckford's hat-trick against Yeovil took his Leeds career tally to 48 goals in 90 matches.



LEEDS UNITED APPEARANCES AND GOALS

	LEAGUE 08/09		CUPS 08/09		LEEDS CAREER	
	Apps (sub)	Gls	Apps (sub)	Gls	Apps (sub)	Gls
Ankergren	23	-	4	-	91	-
Assoumani	1	-	-	-	1	-
Beckford	21 (2)	21	3 (3)	7	74 (16)	48
Becchio	30 (5)	11	5 (4)	3	35 (9)	14
Christie	1 (3)	1	1	-	2 (3)	1
Delph	32 (2)	6	5 (2)	-	39 (7)	6
Dickinson	7	-	-	-	7	-
Douglas	32 (1)	1	5 (1)	1	139 (15)	11
Elliott	-	-	-	-	1 (3)	-
Grella	- (4)	-	-	-	- (4)	-
Howson	16 (14)	3	6 (3)	2	62 (25)	9
Hughes	18 (3)	-	5	-	56 (13)	1
Huntington	4	-	3	-	26 (5)	3
Johnson	6 (5)	-	- (3)	-	27 (11)	2
Kilkenny	17 (3)	2	6	-	42 (3)	3
Lucas	13	-	5	-	23 (1)	-
Marques	27	1	4	-	84 (5)	4
Martin	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michalik	15 (2)	-	7	-	49 (2)	1
Naylor	12	1	-	-	12	1
Parker	13 (1)	-	5	1	29 (4)	1
Prutton	8 (8)	-	4	-	59 (8)	4
Richardson	21 (1)	-	6	-	145 (27)	5
Robinson	17 (8)	2	7	4	24 (8)	6
Sheehan	11	1	2 (1)	-	23 (1)	2
Showunmi	3 (5)	2	3 (5)	3	6 (10)	5
Snodgrass	17 (16)	5	7	2	24 (16)	7
Sweeney	-	-	-	-	6 (3)	-
Telfer	14	-	4	-	18	-
Trundle	7 (3)	1	-	-	7 (3)	1
Webb	-	-	- (1)	-	- (1)	-
White	5	-	2 (2)	-	7 (2)	-
Own goals	-	1	-	-	-	-

Players in italics have since left the club

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE

Pos		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Leicester City	37	22	12	3	69	31	38	78
2	Peterborough	37	20	9	8	67	48	19	69
3	MK Dons	34	19	7	8	66	38	28	64
4	Millwall	35	19	7	9	49	39	10	64
5	Leeds United	36	18	5	13	60	43	17	59
6	Oldham	36	15	13	8	55	45	10	58
7	Scunthorpe	35	17	6	12	60	51	9	57
8	Stockport	37	15	11	11	54	42	12	56
9	Tranmere	36	16	8	12	49	41	8	56
10	Colchester	36	15	8	13	51	48	3	53
11	Southend	36	15	7	14	44	49	-5	52
12	Huddersfield	36	13	11	12	47	52	-5	50
13	Walsall	36	13	9	14	49	50	-1	48
14	Bristol Rovers	34	12	11	11	58	46	12	47
15	Hartlepool	37	11	10	16	52	59	-7	43
16	Carlisle	36	11	8	17	46	56	-10	41
17	Leyton Orient	36	10	9	17	33	46	-13	39
18	Northampton	34	9	11	14	43	45	-2	38
19	Crewe	35	11	5	19	48	65	-17	38
20	Yeovil Town	35	9	11	15	32	52	-20	38
21	Swindon Town	35	7	14	14	50	59	-9	35
22	Brighton	34	7	11	16	37	55	-18	32
23	Hereford	33	8	6	19	32	52	-20	30
24	Cheltenham	34	5	7	22	39	78	-39	22

TOTESPORT.COM LEAGUE EAST DIVISION

Pos		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Huddersfield T	11	8	3	0	34	17	+17	27
2	Leeds United	11	8	0	3	20	8	+12	24
3	Hartlepool Utd	10	7	1	2	27	15	+12	22
4	Rotherham Utd	11	4	3	4	25	31	-6	15
5	Scunthorpe Utd	12	3	4	5	20	18	+2	13
6	Grimsby Town	10	3	2	5	19	25	-6	11
7	Bradford City	11	3	0	8	17	19	-2	9
8	Barnsley	11	2	3	6	20	31	-11	9
9	York City	11	2	2	7	17	35	-18	8

FA ACADEMY UNDER-18s GROUP D

Pos		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Sunderland	18	15	1	2	36	15	+21	46
2	Newcastle Utd	19	11	5	3	40	25	+15	38
3	Derby County	22	10	5	7	41	35	+6	35
4	Sheffield Utd	19	6	6	7	20	23	-3	24
5	Nottm Forest	21	7	3	11	24	35	-11	24
6	Leeds United	21	6	4	11	27	30	-3	22
7	Barnsley	20	6	4	10	27	51	-24	22
8	Middlesbrough	20	4	7	9	31	39	-8	19
9	Huddersfield T	20	3	7	10	23	45	-22	16
10	Sheffield Weds	21	3	5	13	17	35	-18	14

DISCIPLINE 2008-09 (league and cups)

Yellows 9 - Delph 7 - Becchio 5 - Douglas, Johnson*

4 - Michalik, Kilkenny, Snodgrass, Beckford, Naylor*

3 - Robinson, Prutton, Marques

2 - Richardson

1 - Showunmi, Huntington, White, Telfer, Sheehan, Hughes, Dickinson, Parker

Reds 1 - Michalik, Sheehan, Prutton, Howson

*Includes stated number of bookings while at other clubs

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE 2008-09 FIRST TEAM STATISTICS

GK = Goalkeeper
RB = Right Back
LB = Left Back
CB = Centre Back
RM = Right Midfield
CM = Centre Midfield

LM = Left Midfield
S = Striker
Sub = Used Sub
U = Unused Sub
● = Yellow Card
■ = Red Card

Matching colours indicate players substituted and players who replaced them
YELLOW TINT = 1st sub used, BLUE TINT = 2nd sub used, GREEN TINT = 3rd sub used
PLAYER'S NAME SHADED SHADED GREY = Left the club, or out on loan
PLAYER'S NUMBER IN GREEN PANEL = Goalkeeper

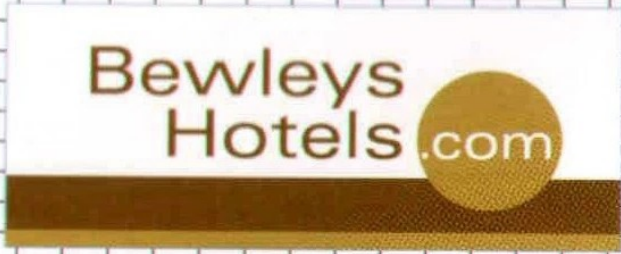
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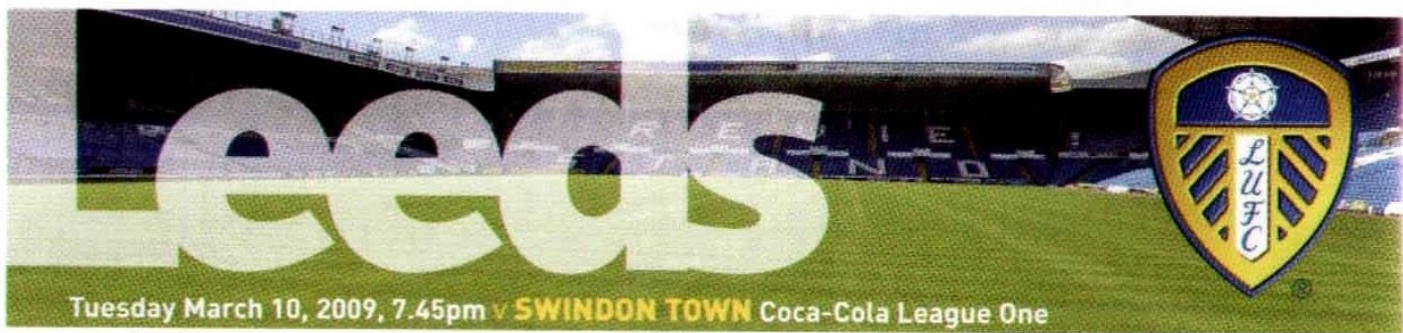
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DATE	OPPONENTS	V	F-A	ATT	AWAY	GOALSCORERS (TIMES)	LEEDS GOALS IN BLUE	1	2
Sat Aug 9	Scunthorpe United	A	2-1	8,315	2,358*	Hooper (57) Showunmi (61) Beckford (80)		GK	RB
Tue Aug 12	Chester City (CC1)	A	5-2	3,644	1,492	Beckford (3) Snodgrass (10) Lowe (15) Beckford (25) Robinson (31) Beckford (35) Lowe (75)		GK	RB
Sat Aug 16	Oldham Athletic	H	0-2	24,361	(1,222)	Taylor (51, 65)		GK	RB
Sat Aug 23	Yeovil Town	A	1-1	6,580	1,956*	Becchio (1) Owusu (62)		GK	RB
Tue Aug 26	Crystal Palace (CC2)	H	4-0	10,765	(321)	Douglas (11) Beckford (29) Becchio (52) Showunmi (76)			RB
Sat Aug 30	Bristol Rovers	H	2-2	21,024	(1,256)	Beckford (5) Lambert (32) Duffy (37) Beckford (77)		U	RB
Tue Sep 2	Bradford City (JPT1)	H	2-1	20,128	(4,235)	Robinson (7 pen) Becchio (40) Conlon (71)		U	RB
Sat Sep 6	Crewe Alexandra	H	5-2	20,075	(410)	Delph (26) Sheehan (36) Douglas (49) Beckford (67) Robinson (82) Zola (90) Bopp (90)		U	RB
Sat Sep 13	Swindon Town	A	3-1	13,001	3,290*	Beckford (22) Cox (45) Kilkenny (50) Beckford (84)			RB
Sat Sep 20	Carlisle United	A	2-0	12,148	2,462*	Becchio (31) Beckford (86)		U	RB
Tue Sep 23	Hartlepool United (CC3)	H	3-2	14,599	(1,300)	Monkhouse (2) Snodgrass (14) Porter (33) Showunmi (58) Robinson (90)		GK	
Sat Sep 27	Hereford United	H	1-0	25,676	(781)	Robinson (72)		U	RB
Sat Oct 4	Peterborough United	A	0-2	13,191	4,177*	Boyd (47) Mackail-Smith (90)		GK	RB
Wed Oct 8	Rotherham Utd (JPT2)	A	2-4	4,658	1,836	Sharps (18) Howson (31) Hudson (43) Broughton (48) Fenton (53) Showunmi (56)		U	
Sat Oct 11	Brighton & Hove Albion	H	3-1	22,725	(1,039)	Becchio (44) Beckford (45, 90) Murray (90)		U	RB
Sat Oct 18	Millwall	A	1-3	13,041	2,000*	Becchio (31) Martin (37) Harris (59, 88)		U	RB
Tue Oct 21	Leyton Orient	H	2-1	18,990	(245)	Morgan (36) Purches (og 39) Becchio (45)		U	RB
Sat Oct 25	Walsall	H	3-0	22,422	(532)	Becchio (46) Delph (65, 86)		GK	RB
Tue Oct 28	Southend United	A	0-1	10,132	1,928*	Harding (18)		GK	RB
Sat Nov 1	Cheltenham Town	A	1-0	5,726	1,804*	Becchio (7)		GK	RB
Fri Nov 7	Northampton Town (FAC1)	H	1-1	9,531	(411)	McGleish (9) Robinson (37 pen)		GK	RB
Tues Nov 11	Derby County (CC4)	A	1-2	18,540	3,416	Villa (6) Ellington (18) Becchio (40)		GK	RB
Sat Nov 15	Huddersfield Town	H	1-2	32,028	(1,919)	Snodgrass (3) Skarz (46) Collins (90)		GK	RB
Mon Nov 17	Northampton Town (FAC1R)	A	5-2	3,960	1,089	Beckford (13) Howson (28) Parker (31) Crowe (44) Beckford (45) Beckford (55) Crowe (90)		U	
Sat Nov 22	Hartlepool United	H	4-1	21,182	(1,084)	Beckford (14) Porter (24) Delph (50) Becchio (64) Beckford (90)		U	U
Tue Nov 25	Northampton Town	A	1-2	6,008	1,356*	Davis (29) Beckford (68) Bignall (87)		U	U
Sun Nov 30	Histon (FAC2)	A	0-1	4,500	1,888*	Langston (39)		U	RB
Sat Dec 6	Tranmere Rovers	A	1-2	8,700	2,169*	Showunmi (10) Kay (17) Moore (49)		U	RB
Sat Dec 13	Colchester United	H	1-2	19,625	(356)	Snodgrass (34) Hammond (45) Yeates (66)		U	RB
Sat Dec 20	Milton Keynes Dons	A	1-3	17,073	4,156*	O'Hanlon (11) Wilbraham (17) Snodgrass (49) Wilbraham (55)		U	Sub
Fri Dec 26	Leicester City	H	1-1	33,580	(2,911)	Oakley (24) Snodgrass (90)		GK	RB
Sun Dec 28	Stockport County	A	3-1	10,273	3,532*	Mullins (3) Becchio (19) Delph (73) Christie (86)		GK	RB
Sat Jan 10	Carlisle United	H	0-2	22,411	(919)	Graham (27) Bridges (35)		GK	RB
Sat Jan 17	Brighton & Hove Albion	A	2-0	7,096	809*	Trundle (60) Delph (83)		GK	RB
Sat Jan 24	Peterborough United	H	3-1	22,766	(2,094)	Beckford (62) Beckford (71) Mackail-Smith (79) Howson (90)		GK	
Tue Jan 27	Southend United	H	2-0	20,392	(233)	Marques (6) Naylor (11)		GK	
Sat Jan 31	Walsall	A	0-1	8,920	3,685*	Deeney (7)		GK	
Mon Feb 9	Millwall	H	2-0	19,314	(347)	Beckford (32) Beckford (90)		GK	
Sat Feb 14	Huddersfield Town	A	0-1	20,928	3,889*	Clarke (16)		GK	
Tue Feb 17	Hereford United	A	0-2	6,120	1,903*	Myrie-Williams (39) Brandy (63)		GK	
Sat Feb 21	Cheltenham Town	H	2-0	20,131	(394)	Howson (54) Howson (66)		GK	
Sat Feb 28	Scunthorpe United	H	3-2	24,921	(1,716)	Beckford (33) Johnson (38) Hooper (42) Hooper (52) Beckford (69)		GK	
Mon Mar 2	Oldham Athletic (7.45pm)	A	1-1	7,385	2,815	Hughes (51) Becchio (53)		GK	
Sat Mar 7	Bristol Rovers	A	2-2	10,293	1,937*	Hughes (14) Becchio (27) Snodgrass (58) Kuffour (90)		GK	
Tue Mar 10	Yeovil Town	H	4-0	18,847	(163)	Beckford (26) Kilkenny (43) Beckford (51) Beckford (58)		GK	
Sat Mar 14	Swindon Town	H							
Sat Mar 21	Crewe Alexandra	A							
Sat Mar 28	Milton Keynes Dons	H							
Sat Apr 4	Colchester United	A							
Tue Apr 7	Leyton Orient	A							
Sat Apr 11	Stockport County	H							
Mon Apr 13	Leicester City (12.15pm)	A							
Sat Apr 18	Tranmere Rovers	H							
Sat Apr 25	Hartlepool United	A							
Sat May 2	Northampton Town	H							

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Tuesday March 10, 2009, 7.45pm v **SWINDON TOWN** Coca-Cola League One

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Started Sub Goals

- 1 Casper ANKERGREN
- 2 Frazer RICHARDSON
- 3 Paul HUNTINGTON
- 4 Jonathan DOUGLAS
- 5 Rui MARQUES
- 6 Lubomir MICHALIK
- 7 David PRUTTON
- 8 Neil KILKENNY
- 9 Jermaine BECKFORD
- 10 Luciano BECCHIO
- 11 Alan SHEEHAN
- 12 David LUCAS
- 13 Mike GRELLA
- 14 Jonny HOWSON
- 15 Fabian DELPH
- 16 Bradley JOHNSON
- 18 Andy ROBINSON
- 19 Ben PARKER
- 21 Enoch SHOWUNMI
- 22 Andrew HUGHES
- 23 Robert SNODGRASS
- 24 Peter SWEENEY
- 29 Tom ELLIOTT
- 31 Jonathan WEBB
- 32 Aidan WHITE
- 36 Richard NAYLOR

SWINDON TOWN

Started Sub Goals

- 1 Phil SMITH
- 2 Jack SMITH
- 3 Jamie VINCENT
- 4 Michael TIMLIN
- 5 Jerel IFIL
- 6 Hasney ALJOFREE
- 7 Hal ROBSON-KANU
- 8 Craig EASTON
- 9 Barry CORR
- 10 Jon-Paul McGOVERN
- 11 Anthony McNAMEE
- 12 Peter BREZOVAN
- 13 Mark SCOTT
- 14 Patrick KANYUKA
- 15 Kevin AMANKWAAH
- 16 Kasali CASAL
- 17 Lilian NALIS
- 18 Mark MARSHALL
- 19 Michael POOK
- 20 Billy PAYNTER
- 21 Blair STURROCK
- 22 Hamdi RAZAK
- 23 Ben JOYCE
- 24 Chris ALLEN
- 25 Sean MORRISON
- 26 Lescinel JEAN-FRANCOIS
- 30 Callum KENNEDY
- 31 Simon COX
- 32 Lee PEACOCK
- 33 Gordon GREER
- 34 Owain TUDUR JONES

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