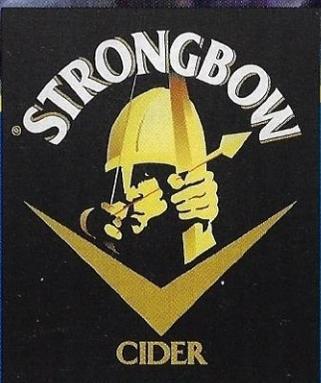
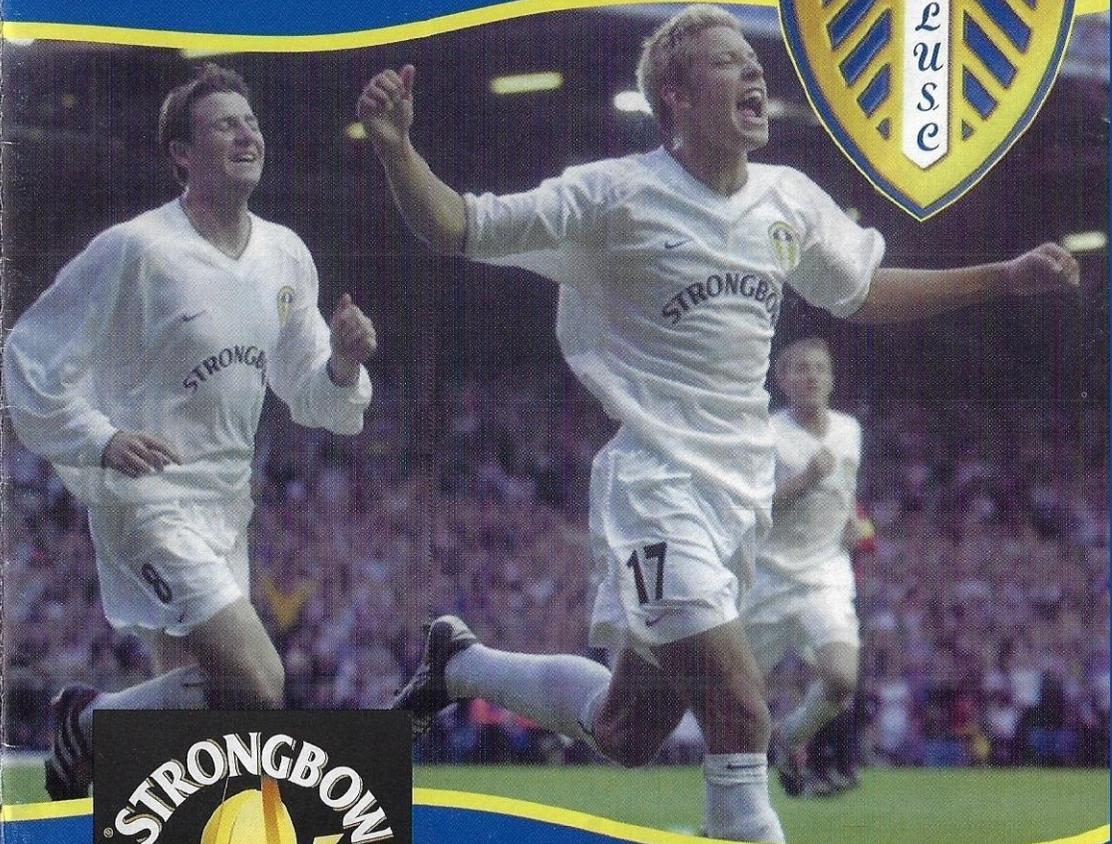


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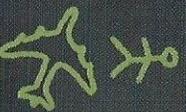
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## Marching On ...

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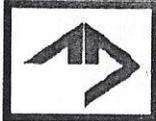
❖ Dear Supporter,

After the Christmas activities including the AGM the newly elected Committee has been working so that the work plan and targets for this year will be accomplished. So as you can see this is one of them. What we have promised is now in your hands. An upgraded new look newsletter with more information. This publication has also increased the expenses and to date we are also still sending it to non paying members. Although we cannot guarantee that this will continue I am once again lodging my appeal to these few so that they send in their membership. If you really and sincerely have Leeds United at heart, the local Supporters Club, also recognised officially, is yours as much as it is mine.

This season looks to be a roller coaster till the very end. From fifteenth in the Premiership to a present fifth position, and within reach of a European spot. Talking about Europe a place amongst the last eight of the CL is nearing reality. For a club like ours this would be a great feat bearing in mind that clubs such as Manchester United and Arsenal have strived for years to make it to this phase, at their first chance. The arrival of Rio and Robbie have not only increased our squad but the potential these two players possess is phenomenal. The PLC is now on a different wavelength as regards transfer kitty and how to use it.

Together with this newsletter you will find a flyer to cast your vote for the Player of the Year 2000. Your participation will help in choosing the best player with a presentation to follow later on during the year to the chosen lad. In closing this message I must not forget to thank those involved in this Newsletter particularly the man behind it, Eugene, together with Ray Barbuto and Charles Sammut. Without their constant work this publication would not have been in your hands

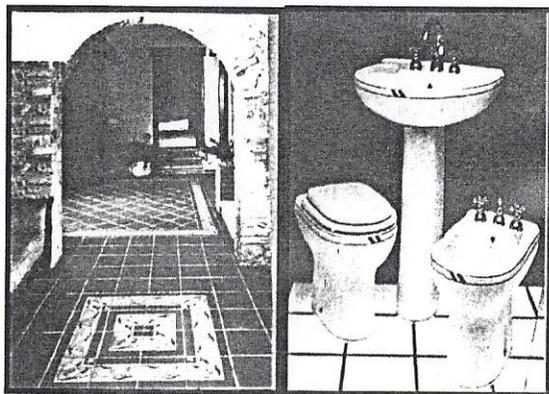
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**.....Philip Depares**

**I HAVE A DREAM** - These words have echoed around the world ever since Luther King's dreams of freedom almost 40 years ago. Leeds have dreams of glory. Don Revie changed our kit to all white because he dreamt of Leeds as the new Real. Our dreams of seeing Leeds on the top of Europe were ripped out of our hearts in a night in Paris that has never disappeared from in front our eyes.

I feel that two people in particular are trying to dissolve this nightmare and set Leeds as a true European footballing superpower. These two people are none other than Ridsdale and O'Leary. They have embarked on a venture that would either put this Yorkshire club amongst the elite or make it roll down the hill never to be seen if they fail. They are building a young exciting team. For the first time, top players want to come to us and not Scum, Liverpool, Chelsea or Arsenal. PR and DOL are not trying to buy instant success. They are slowly building a club that can withstand the stress of success. They are investing in a youth policy with a name like Brian Kidd guiding it. They are fishing for young talent to build for the future. The club is also building a solid financial future by diversifying its business. I just have one question. Will the teams that have dominated European football for the past decades and U.E.F.A. allow this ambitious Yorkshire club to trod on and dominate in their goldmine. That I believe is the dream and ambition of PR and DOL. Replace Man Utd as the dominant force of British football and become the European Footballing Superpower. The results we have obtained lately in the Premiership have not reflected at all this ambition. I feel this is just a transition period until the team is built. Last season we were better off because we had a team of 16 players who played as a unit. At the end they were all tired. We need to have patience.

I have a dream, that a player, wearing the white jersey of Leeds will lift the Cup next May in Milan. Maybe this dream will not come true so soon. I know that it is not far away. I just hope that it will not be shattered again like that night in Paris. For now - **Let's March On Together...**

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## NEWS REVIEW

ELLAND ROAD



On the Academy scene, Leeds United's plans to take a stake in Oldham football club, and invest in their youth academy, will go ahead whether or not the Football League agree. Leeds intend to move on and invest in Oldham, getting the top talent coming through. Similar associations are being sought. During a visit to Australia, Leeds held discussions with a number of clubs, but are likely to form a partnership with just one. The idea is for an investment of around £2 million a year, in order to channel all the best players in Australia into one club, and having a pick of them for the Premiership. Of the top five Aussie clubs contacted, Sydney Olympic, and Brisbane Strikers are believed to be heading the list. Other ventures being considered, are a similar deal with Scottish side Airdrie, and the setting up of a £3m state of the art academy in Glasgow. Also mentioned are a link up with a Scandinavian side and teaming up with two soccer schools in Burkina Faso, in West Africa.

Chairman *Peter Ridsdale* and commercial director Adam Pearson flew out to Australia in order to tie up commercial deals that will see Leeds United replica shirts and other merchandise sold in retail outlets. Leeds have become increasingly popular with the presence of *Kewell, Viduka, Burns, Milosevic* and *McMaster* in the squad. The club are hoping to net at least £10m over the next five years as they seek to become a global brand. Leeds will also be branching out into the Far East and are to have their official web site translated into Mandarin, Cantonese, Thai, Japanese and Korean. Leeds will use the web site as a means to sell their merchandise in the ever growing world wide market place. At the same time they are opening a showroom and office in Hong Kong as they set out to conquer the market in China.

The selling of merchandise worldwide, especially the replica shirts will have the knock on effect of increasing the value of the shirt sponsorship deal, and will help to maximise the club's status in world football.

## NEWS REVIEW

cont....

**Lucas Radebe** collected the *FIFA Fair Play Award* at the FIFA World Player Gala at the Auditorium del Foro Italico in Rome. The popular South African was rewarded at the glittering ceremony for his efforts in trying to stamp racism out of football and for his efforts to help under privileged children back in South Africa, particularly in the Soweto township, near Johannesburg. *"The choice of Lucas Radebe for this year's award serves a dual purpose,"* said FIFA chairman Dr. Matarrese. *"Lucas Radebe is not only a fantastic and fair player on the field, but also a great personality off the pitch with a big heart for the children in the world. He is a real ambassador of Fair Play for our youth and all footballers."* Meanwhile, The Chief has signed a new contract, estimated at £28,000 a week, that will keep him at Elland Road until the summer of 2004. At that time, with 10 years service to Leeds, he secures a lucrative testimonial season that should be capped with a game at Elland Road against a South Africa XI.

**ALL BLACKS..** Leeds United are said to be in negotiations with kit makers Nike about producing an all black kit for next season. The new second kit would 'relegate' the current yellow affair to third choice.

**Leeds links ?** **Martin Djetou**, 26 year old central defender, Monaco  
**Andy Webster**, 18 year old central defender, Arbroath.  
**Brett Emerton**, Australian midfielder, Feyenoord. **Kevin McNaughton**, 18 year old defender, Aberdeen.

## Committee 2001

The LUSC Committee for the year 2001 is composed of: **President:** Simon Farrugia, **Secretary:** Philip Depares, **Asst Secretary:** Joseph Schembri, **Treasurer:** Alan Cordina, **Membership Sec:** Eugene Schembri, **PRO:** Hilary Attard, **N'letter Co-Ordinator:** Ray Barbuto, **Members(Social Activities):** Francis Agius, Charles Sammut, Raymond Scicluna.

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AN INSIGHT INTO THE RESERVE AND ACADEMY SCENE

### F.A. Premier Reserves League - North

Nov-28	H Aston Villa	L 0 1		
Dec-14	A Sheff. Wed.	D 3 3	Huckerby (2)	Singh
Jan-02	A Liverpool	W 2 1	Maybury	Singh
Jan-10	A M'Boro	L 1 4	Maybury	
Feb-01	A Man. Utd.	L 0 3		

### F.A. Academy Premier League - Under 19s

Nov-25	A Huddersfield	L 1 3	Farrell	
Dec-02	H M' Boro	L 0 1		
Jan-13	A Sunderland	L 0 1		

### F.A. Academy Premier League - Under 17s

Nov-25	A Blackburn	L 1 6	Breen	
Dec-02	A Sunderland	D 1 1	Stiens	
Dec-16	H M' Boro	D 0 0		

### F.A. Youth Cup

Nov-28	A Millwall	W 3 1	Cramer (pen)	Richardson	McMaster
Jan-01	H S'pton	W 3 0	McMaster	Keegan	Cramer
Feb-07	A Aston Villa	L 0 1			

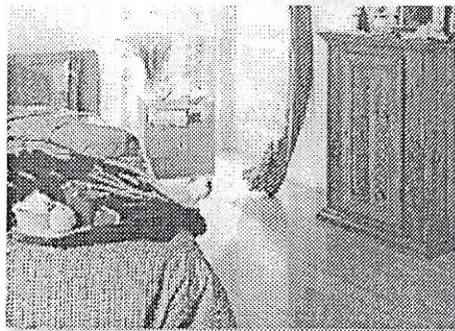


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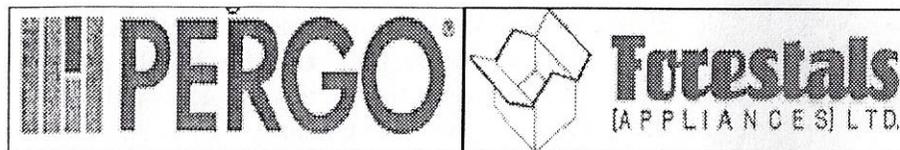
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The last two and a half seasons have seen the club make enormous strides both on and off the pitch with qualification for the UEFA Champions' League in 2000/2001 being a justifiable reward for the skill and hard work of David O'Leary, Eddie Gray and the players who have worn the white of Leeds United with pride.

Our supporter base is now increasing rapidly due to our entertaining style of play, both in the British Isles and further afield in Europe and other continents such as Asia, Australasia and the Americas. Our long term plans to continue to develop the talent of the playing squad and the stadium facilities, will in the Board's view, eventually enable Leeds United to challenge the current dominance of the English game being enjoyed by Manchester United."

**Ian Silvester. Secretary.**

## **MALTESE LEEDS WHITES OUT...**



Malta boy Edward Schembri was the Leeds mascot for the match against Manchester City on the 13<sup>th</sup> January in the whites' 4-0 away victory. It was a special occasion for the 7 year old who met all the Leeds players, Chairman Peter Ridsdale, David O'Leary and Eddie Gray. He was also thrilled to join in the warm up with all his favourites. After leading out Leeds to such a good win, he now thinks he should be appointed as a full-time mascot!

# INs and OUTs

## IN....



KEANE

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**Keane** Leeds beat off competition from at least eight other clubs to bring young striker *Robbie Keane* to Elland Road, *on loan* until the end of the season. The Inter Milan striker chose the Elland Road club ahead of Chelsea, West Ham and Aston Villa when given the choice by his club. Leeds have the first option to buy Keane for £12million at the end of the season, with the Italian giants confirming that a sale is likely to be concluded in the close season, unless Leeds cancel by a certain date believed to be July 1<sup>st</sup>. However that looks remote as the former Coventry

striker has already signed a provisional five year deal, now lodged with the FA, that prevents any other Premiership side from stealing in and snapping him up in the summer. He will then be expected to sign a five year contract at an estimated £30,000 a week. However, why pay £12m when we could have got him for £6.5m last year?

## OUT....



**Molenaar** The last G.Graham player link has fallen (now that's a surprise !!) with the sale of *Robert Molenaar*. Big Bob, dubbed 'The Terminator' by Leeds fans ... and affectionately 'Il-Bennej' amongst us, had joined from Dutch club FC Volendam for £1 million in January 1997. Due to his big physique and spirited displays at the back, he quickly won over the

hearts of United fans who will be sad to see him go. Bob had established himself in the heart of the Leeds defence, before suffering a cruciate ligament injury that sidelined him for a long spell. He battled his way back to fitness,

but with his chances to command a first team place very slim, he had found himself to be surplus to requirements and realised he had to move elsewhere to save his career. He has joined Bradford (the 'old Leeds boys club') for £500,000. *"I have an affection for Leeds and it hurts to say goodbye,"* said Molenaar. *"But since I came back from injury, I have tried everything to get back into the team, but unfortunately it hasn't been good enough. And with the arrival of Rio Ferdinand, it was quite obvious that there was no place for me any more."*

**Jones** *Matthew Jones* joined Leicester City in a £3.25m move. The young Welsh midfielder signed schoolboy forms with Leeds at the age of 16. Former boss H. Wilkinson persuaded the boy to move and attend school up north, resulting in Jones becoming a youth trainee at the newly founded Thorpe Arch Academy. After signing pro forms on his 17th birthday Matthew was part of the Leeds youth team that won the 1997 FA Youth Cup Final against Crystal Palace. Matthew became another of United's youth team to be given the taste of the big time following the appointment of David O'Leary in October 1998, when he made his debut as a half-time replacement in Leeds 5-1 Fourth Round FA Cup win over Portsmouth at Fratton Park in January 1999. After some effective performances, Jones had lately found himself out of the first team picture, with rumours even suggesting a fall-out with O'Leary after he played for Wales against Brazil in front of all his family despite apparently carrying an injury. The Leicester move will give Jones the chance of regular first-team football he has craved for, since breaking into the Leeds side two seasons ago.



## Huckerby

Ending a disappointing 16 month spell at Elland Road, was *Darren Huckerby* who had made just 14 starts plus 42 substitute appearances, scoring six goals in his time at Leeds after his move from Coventry City in August 1999. He joined Manchester City in a £3.6m deal and became the third Leeds player to move to Maine Road in two seasons, following Danny Granville and Alfie Haaland.