

Kelly, Harte and Maybury visit Malta

It was of great satisfaction that between the 5th and 8th September we had three Leeds United players on our shores. Gary Kelly and Ian Harte and even Alan Maybury were here with the Irish National Team which played against Malta in a Euro 2000 qualifier. And what a match that was. Eire won 3-2 after being two goals up and than Malta scoring twice to level at 2-2 before Staunton gave the Irish something to shout about.

Well, the LUSC Committee started contact with the Irish FA as early as July. We wrote to Brendan McKenna, Media Officer about the possibility of getting the Leeds United based players to our club. Mr. McKenna in his reply stated that it was going to be difficult but he suggested that on their arrival in Malta we would meet him to try and fix something. In fact on Sunday a delegation from our Committee met with Mr. McKenna and discussed matters in detail.

Mr. McKenna reverted back after having discussed with Mick McCarthy that it was not possible to let the players leave the Hotel and so suggested that it was only possible for Committee members to meet the players for half an hour on Monday 6th September at the Foyer of their Hotel.

We met the players and also made a presentation to both of them which they appreciated very much. In this informal meeting our President stated that it was a great pleasure in meeting these players who are amongst the elite of Leeds United and also satisfied with what is going on in Leeds. We also had a chat about the transfer gossip which is hitting our team at the moment including Kelly's departure which the same player didn't ever bother about.

Both players thanked the LUSC, Malta for this meeting and also hoped that in the near future an official or player from Leeds would come over on an official visit to Malta. They both sent all their best wishes to all our Members.

Finally we would like to point out that should any member want to know more about this matter the correspondence would be at his disposal at any time.



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Dear Supporter,

It is now just over three months since our initial meeting and the re-establishing of the Leeds United Supporters Club, Malta. In these months we have been rather busy trying to set up our club on sound foundations. Obviously apart from the usual committee meetings we have organised activities and as the season started we have been meeting at Places to watch our babes perform. To date apart from the Liverpool match we are satisfied with what we have achieved bearing also in mind that we are still short of a striker but not of cash - 30 million to spend - wow is that Leeds? Yes it is. We have now once again emerged as one of the forces in English Soccer and success looks just round the corner.

Back to our club in Malta, the most important thing that keeps the club going is the members. A committee without members is just for nothing. And members should be willing to help when the need arises. Apart from this there is still quite a number who have yet to pay their membership fees. Please do so and encourage others to pay their contribution. By doing this you will be helping us in setting our new club on the right path.

The 12th August activity I must say was a success. Around 40 people turned up for this activity and we hope that in the next activity which you will find more information about in another part of this newsletter there will be a better gathering.

The Committee has also been working on a statute for the club and we are now pleased to send you a draft copy which is subject to amendment prior to the Annual General Meeting scheduled for the month of December.

The Committee has also worked on the Irish National Teams visit to Malta. There were 4 players forming part of their contingent, which later were reduced to 3 due to Steve McPhail's injury in Zagreb. We tried to get the players to Places but we were not granted permission by the Irish FA due to the importance of these matches. (more information on page 4 of this publication)

Finally I hope that we will see more of you in all of our activities and even during Leeds United's matches on TV. Don't forget the club is yours as much as it is ours.
UP WITH LEEDS.

Simon Farrugia - President

MEMBERSHIP..... WHY PAY?

Following up from the first newsletter, the provisional committee is endeavoring to enroll as much members to the Club.

From the response registered, we cannot let our imagination run riot. Whilst interest registered so far is within expectations, we however have to restrict our short term projections to within the membership fees collected. The Club's finances, especially in these early days, are pinned on membership proceeds; and with this in mind the annual membership fee of LM 6 was arrived at. In today's world, it is no secret, that every initiative the committee will take, will involve great expenses.

The committee, already has in mind objectives which will benefit the paying member. Examples could be:

- ◆ The acquisition of a club premises, in the longer term.
- ◆ Getting over Leeds officials and players for meetings with members.
- ◆ Improvement of this same newsletter.

In today's world realisation of these objectives (especially the first two) runs into hundreds of pounds.

The committee thus appeals to members to pay up the membership fee, and to urge other Leeds supporters to join up. *There are certainly more of us out there.* All payments and registration are to be addressed to:
Eugene Schembri, Fairwinds, Triq il-Blanzuni, Attard BZN 13 Tel. 430737

WE RELY ON YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

- Membership Cards will be mailed to paid members shortly.

Social Activity

At Peristyle Restaurant (Opposite Roman Villa)
Friday 8th October, 1999 at 8 p.m.

Menu

Spaghetti Rabbit or Penne White Sauce or Tortellini

Rabbit or Meat or Fish

Ice-Cream

Coffee

Wine & Soft Drinks Free of Charge

Price: Adults Lm 5.25 Children: Lm 3.25

All Leeds United Supporters and their respective families are urged to support this activity through their attendance.

Please contact Eugene Schembri on Tel: 430737 or Matthew Tanti on Tel 343237 by not later than Sunday 3rd October, 1999 since places available are limited.

SPECULATION ROUND UP

Leeds continue to be linked with a number of players as speculation rolls on as to who United boss David O'Leary will target to strengthen his squad in his quest to bring a trophy or two to Elland Road.

The most exotic report on Sunday suggests that Leeds are watching Brazilian striker Jardel, who has bagged an incredible 92 goals in 93 appearances for FC Porto in three seasons with the Portuguese giants.

The South American star, who was 26 years old on Saturday, has helped Porto to three league titles in his spell with the club and according to reports, United had a representative at their Champions League 1-0 win in Molde, Norway last week.

However Jardel is a cult figure at Porto and the club would be reluctant to sell the Brazilian ace unless the player himself fancied a move to the Premiership and the offer was too hard to resist.

Other strikers in the rumour mill are Lazio's out of favour Croatian star Allan Boksic and a renewed link to Leicester City's Emile Heskey, who was the subject of an enquiry by Leeds earlier this season.

Meanwhile United are also thought to be keeping tabs on Tranmere Rovers' midfield star Alan Mahon.

The 21 year old U-21 Eire international is out of contract at the end of this season and Tranmere boss John Aldridge is ready to sacrifice his midfield star, in order to recoup a fee for the player.

Mahon has been linked to Elland Road in the past and if Leeds are interested they will face competition from Spurs, Middlesbrough and Derby County.

NEW KIT SPONSORSHIP DEAL

Leeds United have announced a new kit sponsorship and licence agreement with Nike Europe to commence 1st June 2000 for an initial four year period which will include first team, reserves, academy and ladies team.

The announcement comes hours after speculation earlier on Thursday that new club sponsors and kit sponsorship deals were on the verge of final negotiations.

Leeds Commercial Director Adam Pearson said: "Leeds United is delighted to confirm a new kit sponsorship arrangement with Nike, which it perceives to be the leading sportswear brand in the world."

"This new partnership elevates Leeds United into the higher echelons of the Premier League with regard to sponsorship revenue. It is a clear sign of the Club's continued progression both on and off the field, that it has been able to secure such an arrangement with Nike for a contract value in excess of three times the level of the outgoing Puma deal."

A Nike spokesperson said: "We are delighted to be associating ourselves with a Club of Leeds United's stature, which is quickly maturing into one of the leading teams in the Premier League and potentially Europe."