

The winner in the Supporters' Club end of season lottery, which was drawn during a Social Activity on the 19<sup>th</sup> May, was *Mr. Emmanuel Lowell*, of 1, Astra Flats, A.M.Galea Street, Iklin. Mr. Lowell, a member in our Club wins a Sony Playstation with ticket number **1753**. Congratulations.

THE COMMITTEE,  
THANKS  
ALL MEMBERS  
WHO SUPPORTED THE CLUB  
IN ITS FUND RAISING LOTTERY  
WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK

**FORESTALS**

OF THE STRAND, GZIRA.  
FOR SPONSORING THIS LOTTERY.

**NEW KIT** On the 1<sup>st</sup> June, the new kit for the season 2000-01 was launched. Its launch marked a new association with two new sponsorship deals with Nike and Bulmers. The kit is the traditional all white slip featuring the Nike swoosh on the right, Club crest on the left, and Strongbow (the cider drink) written in an arched manner in the middle. The kit marks a new £7 million 4-year deal with Nike, and a £5million deal with Bulmers, brewers for Strongbow.



## **Leeds Newsletter**

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**Dear Supporter,**

The season has come to an end and luckily we have just scraped through a Champions League spot. Initially that was the main target by David O'Leary but as things developed one hoped that some silverware was in the offing.

Putting the past season aside we are now looking into the future. David O'Leary is working to get experienced players whom together with the already talented youngsters can mount a challenge both domestically and in Europe. We have already got the services of Frenchman Oliver Dacourt who although not kicking a ball yet has made a huge impact at Elland Road. Vidukas, Jardels, Janckers, Ferdinands etc.etc. have all been linked with the club.

Looking into our local supporters club we marked the end of season with a Dinner which unfortunately was not that well patronised. Let us all try to help our club so that we can establish ourselves. The least we can do is attend the activities organised from time to time. On the contrary one has to thank a good number of our members who helped in the selling of tickets for the end of season lottery.

The new season kicks off on the 19th August having already played the UEFA Champions League Preliminary match on the 8th or 9th August. Our club will keep you informed of what's happening together with the fixture list.

Don't forget that beginning of August is renewal time for membership. My appeal is to renew your membership the earliest you can. Your support to our local supporters club is appreciated. That marks that you are a true and vivid LEEDS UNITED SUPPORTER.

**Simon Farrugia**  
President

# NEWS REVIEW

## AN UPDATE OF KEY NEWS FROM ELLAND ROAD.

*Leeds Sporting Plc*, the company that runs Leeds United, has published its financial results for the *six months* ending 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1999. The highly improved profits reflect Leeds' successful League and UEFA Cup campaigns this year, and set the Club on a sound financial footing, leaving the dark, loss making years behind. Highlights of these results are:

Turnover	+ 65%	<b>29.3m</b>	17.75m
Retained Profits	+ 136%	<b>4.5m</b>	1.9m
Average attendance	+ 18%	<b>39,044</b>	33,174
Season ticket sales	+ 30%	<b>22,512</b>	17,316
Total gate receipts	+ 49%	<b>6.1m</b>	4.1m
Income from TV	+ 49%	<b>7.0m</b>	4.7m
Merchandising Income	+ 40%	<b>2.7m</b>	1.9m
Commercial Income	+ 25%	<b>8.8m</b>	7.0m
Travel Company turnover	+ 94%	<b>2.6m</b>	1.34m
*Administration expenses (*due to improved contracts to players)	+ 58%	<b>18.0m</b>	11.4m

Leeds will now also pocket the sum of **£4.1million**, as prize money for finishing in third position in the League.

Leeds United will expand its business arm in order to generate more profits in the coming season. By means of *Leeds United Travel*, it is becoming the first football club to have its own travel brochure catering for the private traveler. Leeds Travel will be offering holidays to exotic destinations such as, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal and Maldives, flying with Emirates Airlines, and including a range of exclusive hotels. Leeds Travel, is already established itself amongst corporate clients – who arrange all their companies' travel requirements. *Leeds Sporting Plc* has also bought a 25% stake in *Teatro*, a restaurant and members bar business, owned by Lee Chapman and his wife. The bar is to open in Leeds this month and one hopes it will be as successful as the London branch, which generates an annual £2million turnover.

## Philip Depares

# My Corner

My postman is thanking you all for the tons of mail you sent me. Total number of letters received: **4 and 1 was by e-mail**. Come on. All of you blabber at games. Now have the guts to put it on paper.

I want to say thanks to Allan, Charlie, Lizio and Reuben for your contributions. As regards to the contents, well Charlie you needs another 100 million to the 30 O'Leary has to buy all the players you want. Even I would love to see Suker, Fowler and Jardel, let alone McManaman. But Di Matteo and Petrescu, Come off it. I know you love Suker but Milan is his direction. Allan, I agree with you regarding the number of chances Bridges has missed. But, I believe he will get better year by year. Lizio thanks for your valid suggestions. I wish some of you out there would have the guts to speak up for the good of the club like Lizio did. Best suggestion came from Rueben. Rueben mentioned a good number of interesting players, such as Finidi, Zanetti, De Boer. But, I do not agree with you that you cannot go and buy a player that will fit in the team. Jason Wilcox is a good example to the contrary.

I want to write about our season as a whole. Nobody expected our lads to achieve what they did when Jimmy left. But they did. And this was all thanks to a good middle of the season, lousy finishing by Liverpool, and 2 ex faithful like Halle and **Wetheral**. We were lucky in the end. But let's face it. After all that happened in the season, we deserved it.

As regards transfers, I am happy we got Doucort and that we are trying to get top class players like Ferdinand, Cambell, and Jardel. I hope that eventually we do not settle for rejects from other clubs as we did before. I hope Alfie doesn't go. We still need him.

Next issue, I would like to have your comments on the players we did get, the players we missed out on and those who left Elland Road. Please try to keep my letterbox stuffed with your letters.

Let's **March on Together** to a future full of silverware.

## NEWS REVIEW

AN UPDATE OF KEY NEWS  
FROM ELLAND ROAD.....Cont.

**Robert Molenaar**, the big Dutch defender signed from FC Volendam in January 1997, has signed a one year extension to his current contract. Big Bob is confident he will be fully prepared and back to his old self in time for the Club's pre-season campaign.



**Harry Kewell** has been voted as the **Young Player of the Year**, beating Coventry's Robbie Keane and Liverpool's Steven Gerrard. Meanwhile Harry came third in both the Player of the Year award and the Football Writers' award, after winner Roy Keane and second placed Kevin Phillips. In more honours for Leeds United, **Nigel Martyn**, **Gary Kelly**, **Ian Harte**, and **Harry Kewell** all featured in the Premiership Team as voted in the PFA divisional team awards. Harry was also voted the Club's Packard bell Player of the Year, well ahead of second placed Erik Bakke.

In the Leeds Academy 1999/2000 awards, the sections winners were announced. U-19's young achiever and players' player - **Harpal Singh**; U-19's top scorer - **Warren Feeney**. In the U-17 section, **Frazer Richardson** picked up the young achiever, **Tom Newey** - players' player, and **Lenny Walker**, top scorer.

Leeds' total home gates for this season has surpassed the 1 million mark, precisely, **1,014,633** for the 27 games played. This works out at an average of **37,579** for all competitions. The average for League matches is **39,154**, which beats the all time best in the championship winning season of 1973-74, which averaged 38,701 and sweeps away last season's 35,845 average gate. With 22,000 season tickets already sold, this positive trend is set to continue.

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**Kidd stuff** - Following up from our last issue, the F.A. had in fact moved in to block Leeds' purchase of shares in Oldham Athletic. However after the Leeds' appeal, the F.A. will be amending its rules and the Leeds Academy will go through with some changes being effected to the original plans. Although now Leeds will not be purchasing any shares in Oldham, this fact will not effect the original plans. **Brian Kidd**, who developed young prospects into world stars at M... (Well, that place), has now been appointed as a director and head of **Leeds Sporting Youth Development Limited**, taking all responsibility for the youth coaching network and satellite operations including the Oldham deal and the possible Carlisle and Peterborough links which will extend the Leeds net all over mainland Britain.



Leeds have moved in to sign Irish U-15 International **Robbie Shields**, from Eire breeding ground Cherry Orchard. Shields, a prolific attacking midfielder, had trials with 18 clubs and was wanted by the top teams. He however chose Leeds and was offered a five-year deal instead of the usual YTS contract. Meanwhile Leeds is also expected to tie up England U-15 highly rated striker Kevin Larvin, to the Youth Academy on a full-time basis next season.

### Pre-season friendlies schedule: (all away - Sweden Tour and U.K.)

Date	Opponents	Date	Opponents
July 19	Panos Ljungskile SK	August 02	Blackburn Rovers
July 22	Lysekils	August 03	Emley
July 24	Jonkoping Sodra IF	August 05	Huddersfield Town
July 29	Nottingham Forest	August 06	Oldham Athletic
July 30	Blyth Spartans	August 12	Harrogate Town

# PRE - SEASON ..... IN s and OUT s

## IN....

### Dacourt

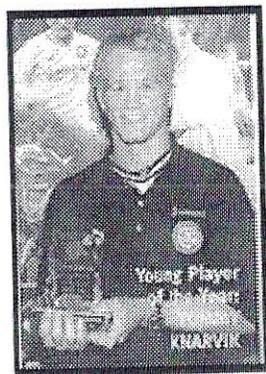


The signing of *Oliver Dacourt* was announced on the 15<sup>th</sup> May by Chairman Peter Ridsdale. Dacourt joined Leeds from RC Lens (France), for a fee of **£7.2million**, and has signed up for five years on a salary of £22,000 a week. He was presented as a Leeds player on June 1st.

**Factfile:** Born 1974, Montreuil, France.  
1993: Makes debut for Strasbourg.  
1998: Signs for Everton £4m.  
1999: Signs for RC Lens £6.5m.

## OUT....

### Knarvic



Tommy Knarvic will be leaving Elland Road on a *free* transfer, and will head back to his native Norway. He has agreed a two year contract with Brann Bergen. English clubs Wolves, Stoke, Birmingham and Bolton were interested in keeping him in England, But Tommy preferred to head home.

**Factfile:** Born 1979, Bergen, Norway.  
1996 Signed for Leeds- Free.  
1999 Leeds Young Player of the Year.  
International Honours - Norway U-16.

### Hiden

Martin Hiden has returned home to Austria Salzburg for **£500,000**, plus cash add ons according to appearances. He is another of the Graham signings to leave Elland Road after failing to command a first team place following an injury filled stay at Leeds. The 27 year old defender was signed in February 1998, for £1.3m from Rapid Vienna. He suffered a horrific cruciate ligament injury in November 1998, and a rib injury in October 1999.



**WE WISH OUR FRIENDS WELL**  
(except when playing against us!)

## Transfer Rumours ....

If all the transfer talk is to be believed, our next newsletter will run into ten pages... indeed Chairman Peter Ridsdale has now hinted that after the links with the players mentioned below, we even might even be linked to sign Elvis Presley next!!

**Defenders:** Ferdinand, Campbell, Ehiogu, Southgate, N'Gotty  
**Midfielders:** Redknapp, Lampard.  
**Strikers:** Fowler, Jancker, Cort, Helstad, Ali Dei, Solskjaer, Jardel, Viduka, Gudjonnsen.

On the outgoing side: Duberry, Hopkin(Bradford), Haaland (Man.City) ????

Hold on! ...We all know how these things end...let's hope that next time around some good news will come out of all these rumours.