



Classic Match

In the spirit of *LLL* magazine, Jon Howe takes a retro look at some of our most memorable moments.

Leeds playing in June? What gives?

It's over a month since our last league game of the season, so yes, there was quite a surreal edge to this game given the balmy summer temperatures. Quite apart from the result it was pleasant for the enormous crowd to watch the game in shirt-sleeves – and it was still light when the players were parading the trophy afterwards.

There were some other bizarre goings on, as well, weren't there?

Yes, we had a new kit. Gone was the owl badge replaced by a scripted "LUFC" motif on the shirts, all of which were short-sleeved with smart V-necks. Looked pretty classy to me, I like it. But much stranger than that was the appearance of Johnny Giles, who chose this occasion to unleash on the world a droopy Mexican moustache he has clearly been cultivating in secret for the last week or so. I'm surprised Bremner didn't have a word, but it didn't seem to affect their telepathic partnership in the middle, so we'll let it pass.

Enough of that, what about the game?

Following the 2-2 draw in Turin last week, Leeds knew they were in the box seat, but this was a compelling tie nonetheless; it was end-to-end but with few clear-cut chances. Madeley, a scorer

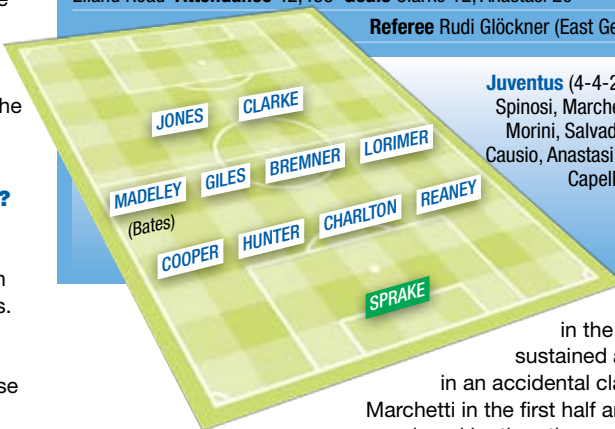
Leeds United 1 Juventus 1

(3-3 on aggregate, Leeds win on away goals)

Inter-City Fairs Cup Final second leg Thursday June 3, 1971, 7.45pm

Elland Road **Attendance** 42,483 **Goals** Clarke 12, Anastasi 20

Referee Rudi Glöckner (East Germany)



Juventus (4-4-2) Tancredi, Spinosi, Marchetti, Furino, Morini, Salvatore, Haller, Causio, Anastasi (Novellini), Capello, Bettega.

in the first leg, sustained a nasty cut in an accidental clash with

Marchetti in the first half and so he was replaced by the other unlikely first-leg scorer, Mick Bates. Juventus pushed us hard but our increasing European nous paid dividends in the end.

The goals? Allan Clarke settled any nerves with a typically predatory strike after 12 minutes. There seemed little danger when Bremner's free-kick landed at Lorimer's feet in the box – he had his back to goal and the ball was tangled in his legs. However, it fell loose and "Sniffer" pounced – with a neat swivel

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Trophies now in the bag for Revie's men.

he somehow got a shot in and drilled the ball home from around the penalty spot. The lead didn't last long, though. On 20 minutes Anastasi, Juve's £450,000 signing from Varese, finally showed his worth when he drew Sprake following a Morini through-ball and slotted home with class and precision. Game on.

But we weathered the storm? Yes. Although the result was never certain until the final whistle, Leeds contained Juventus brilliantly. Our physical game was too much for the Italians. They couldn't cope with Giles' dominance in midfield, and "Top Cat" Cooper made some magnificent runs down the left, which gave Leeds a great outlet when under pressure. Tancredi made some good saves from Jones in the second half, but we couldn't make the game safe. Juventus have some great players in their side – Bettega, Causio, Furino and Capello – but they couldn't prise Leeds apart and the final whistle was met with joy and relief. Having suffered heartbreak on three fronts the season before, it would have been a mental challenge to recover from 1970/71 had we gone without silverware again. So this, the first trophy since the league title in 1969, was very welcome.

The nation rejoices? Hardly, this was the one game where the British public may actually have wanted Leeds to win and they couldn't watch it. Leeds tried to get the game televised live but the FA preferred to show the Ajax-Panathinaikos European Cup final last

night instead, saying "one game a week on television is more than enough". They wouldn't even allow highlights.

Charming. Mutual respect at Elland Road, though? Yes, the teams swapped shirts and handshakes all round, there was clearly an appreciation shared. Juve coach Cestmir Vycpalek was impressed with Leeds and Revie likewise with the Italians. Our European stature is clearly growing, and make no mistake, this is a tough trophy to win. That said, the Italians were a bit miffed because they hadn't lost a game throughout the whole tournament, where as we lost a second leg tie at Dynamo Dresden in the Second Round. Still, rules are rules.

Best Leeds player? The Juventus manager said Terry Cooper is now the best left-back in the world, and who am I to argue with that?

In a nutshell? We've all earned a summer holiday.

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Above: **Terry Cooper**

Below: **Billy Bremner showing off the trophy as Leeds parade in blue Juventus shirts.**

