



# Classic Match

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

**Pretty straightforward, this European football lark?** So it seems. When Leeds were pitched against last season's Champions League semi-finalists many Whites fans feared the worst, particularly as much of our side is relatively inexperienced in Europe. But here in the principality, famous for its casinos, you would have won a few quid had you predicted this result.

**So were they that bad or were we that good?** It's fair to say the scoreline flattered us a little, but we took our chances and Monaco didn't take theirs. The home side also committed some cardinal sins in defence, but essentially the main difference between the two sides was one man.

**Yeah, I hear Wetherall had a storming game!** He did, actually. He was a colossus at centre-half during the sustained periods of pressure Monaco subjected us to, but I wasn't actually talking about him.

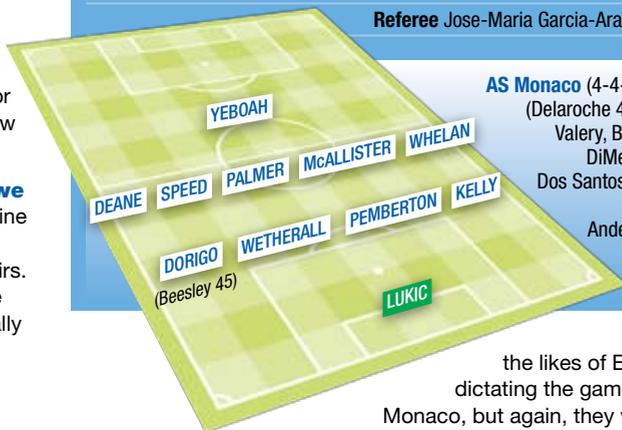
**Okay, what about Deane or Whelan?** They both played a more withdrawn role in a five-man midfield, and they worked tirelessly to prevent

## AS Monaco 0 Leeds United 3

UEFA Cup First Round, first leg Tuesday September 12, 1995, 7.45pm

Louis II Stadium, Monaco **Attendance** 12,500 **Goals** Yeboah (3, 64, 81)

**Referee** Jose-Maria Garcia-Aranda (Spain)



**AS Monaco** (4-4-2) Piveteau (Delaroché 46, Puel 81), Valery, Boli, Thuram, DiMeco, Dumas, Dos Santos, Legwinski (Henry 71), Anderson, Scifo, Wreh.

the likes of Enzo Scifo dictating the game for Monaco, but again, they weren't the stars of the show.

## 20 Magic Number

Goals in 23 games for Yeboah

### That can only be big Tony right?

You little tease. Needless to say Yeboah shone like a diamond on this stage and won the game with a hat trick of versatility, improvisation and predatory expertise. The Ghanaian has already scored some breathtaking goals for Leeds and his impact has been seismic,

but this was his defining moment for Leeds, no argument.

### **I've made a cuppa, talk me through it...**

The first goal came after only three minutes. A deep cross from the left by Dorigo hung in the air and in collecting it the keeper Piveteau somehow collided with Lilian Thuram on the edge of the six-yard box. The ball fell at Yeboah's feet but at an awkward angle, so with his back to the empty goal he hooked the ball in over his shoulder putting the whole ground into contrasting states of shock.

### **It got a bit dicey after that, though, didn't it?**

Yeah, it was far from plain sailing. Monaco pressed hard for an equaliser, but we withstood the pressure manfully. Other than a Sonny Anderson shot against the post, we remained unscathed. Although McAllister was booked for time-wasting before half-time, which tells its own story.

**Forget that, I want goals!** Okay... on 64 minutes McAllister took a throw-in and found Yeboah in an innocuous position on the angle of the penalty area. With an adept swerve of the body Tony lost his defender and gained a crucial yard of space, and from an inconceivable angle curled a beauty into the top corner passed the unsuspecting sub keeper Delaroche, on for the injured Piveteau. It was truly sublime.

**Game over?** Monaco brought on 18-year-old prospect Thierry Henry to replace the ineffective Legwinski but the second goal knocked the stuffing out of them, and on 81 minutes it got even better. Yeboah outpaced the flagging Basil Boli to a headed back-pass and toe-poked the ball through the keeper from the edge of the box. As the ball



Left: Tony Yeboah's spectacular opening goal...

Above: ...celebrated with Carlton Palmer and Noel Whelan.

Below: Yeboah leaving Enzo Scifo trailing behind.

bounced apologetically into the net and Yeboah ran off to dance in front of the Leeds fans, Boli and Delaroche sickeningly clashed into each other and to compound Monaco's misery both were stretchered off with concussion.

**How were the Leeds fans?** Monaco is a great place to visit regardless of the result, but it is hard to say how this could have been any better. Famous for the small, far from partisan crowds attracted to the Louis II Stadium, there was a surreal atmosphere for much of the game as the Leeds fans won the vocal contest without any competition.

**Comedy moment?** Three years after its introduction John Lukic still struggles with the backpass rule and he sliced a routine clearance behind his own net for a corner with the score at 0-1, which did little to calm the nerves.

**Best Leeds player** The man with thighs you could bake bread on, Tony Yeboah.

**In a nutshell?**  
Champagne, please!



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