

One VERY Big Day in the Big Apple

Stranded three and a half thousand miles from Old Trafford and in need of some LUFC company, the New York Whites answered **David Crabtree's** call...

Season Ticket Holder David Crabtree thought he was doing a great thing when he booked a holiday in New York for he and his wife Hilary from December 31 to January 5 – then they found out who Leeds had drawn in the Third Round of the FA Cup.

"It was too late to do anything about the booking," David tells *LLL*, "so I frantically searched the internet for TV listings in New York. I doubted that Leeds would be shown on TV, but knowing that the majority of reds don't live anywhere near their ground, I concluded that the match would probably be shown on some channel somewhere in New York."

Online David turned up a link to Wes Henstock and the "New York Whites". A Facebook site confirmed that they were meeting at Nevada Smith's bar on 3rd Avenue, downtown Manhattan, at 7.45 in the morning – in time to see the game start at 8am.

"We got in touch and were invited to come along – and bring our shirts! Nevada's was crowded – about

30 Leeds fans in one half of the bar and a dozen or so unfortunates at the other end, with around nine screens dotted around the bar.

"We soon met up with Wes and some of the other Leeds fans. In New York on holiday was Kirsty Sharpe from Otley who works in Qatar. Kirsty and her boyfriend, Chris Radcliffe (who is a Man U fan but was gracious in defeat), found Nevada's by accident. Also there in Leeds colours was John Langford from Leeds rock band Your Vegas.

"With the game under way, we all gave fantastic support to Leeds – while there were very few bursts of noise from the Man U end of the bar. When Beckford scored, the bar went wild – well, most of it did! The end of the game sparked another wild Leeds party, with chants of 'We can see you sneaking out!' as the MU few disappeared with their heads down."

A great time was had by all. Thanks to Wes for arranging. This is one great group of ex-pats who follow LU at a distance. *LLL*



Leeds fans outside New York's Nevada Smith's on 3rd Avenue.




From left: Hilary Crabtree, Stuart Geophrys, Kirsty Sharpe, David Crabtree and Wes Henstock celebrate inside.



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David and Hilary Crabtree: finding a new home from home in the Big Apple.




Change strip!

Ladies will recognise a must-have dress when they see one (fellas, you can just ogle the models), and avant-garde dress designer Angy Morton saw just such a thing waiting to happen in an old football kit. This one is her adaptation of the kit Macron made for Leeds last season and – having gained the club's approval to use the club logo – she set about reinventing the shirt in some style as part of her "Stolen Dreams" collection of dresses based on a number of big football clubs' kits.

Angy, based in Cumbria, is actually a Newcastle United fan but admits a "great admiration" for Leeds as a club – as well as the fabric of its kit! "My Stolen Dreams collection was inspired by the chaos at Newcastle last year, and in that respect the Leeds design represents a warning that any team, however big, could unexpectedly trip up," she tells *LLL*.

"However, I'm glad to see that both are now heading for promotion and perhaps in the near future we will both be battling it out again in the Premier League. I think Leeds proved the point that they should already be there against Man U... hahaha!" *LLL*

See more from Angy on her website www.romantiquecouture.com



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