
Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 19-04-2008 17:42

Well done to all at The Dripping Pan, where Lewes beat Dorchester Town 2-0 to gain promotion to the Blue Square Premier. I'm not sure how their ground managed to pass muster, but never mind. They're going to have to have to play much better than they have done on all three occasions that I've seen them play this season if they want to stay there, though.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 19-04-2008 18:17

Gutted I missed today - getting quite attached to the Rooks and today would have been fun. Thought they did well on tuesday against a skillful Fisher, but i do think they will struggle in the Conference. And, yeah, God knows how The Pan is going to cope with any sizable amount of away fans, say Oxford for example.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by Reed Miller - 19-04-2008 18:20

Yeah!!!!

I'm a Lewes fan, sort of. Mainly just because of their name, but somewhere I have a Lewes FC shirt and a Lewes FC game program. I'm hoping to acquire a scarf.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 19-04-2008 18:22

I'm going next saturday, do you want me to get you one?

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by Reed Miller - 19-04-2008 18:23

Would you? That would be so fantastic. Send me a PM.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 19-04-2008 18:26

I've seen them three times this season - they beat a pretty woeful Bath City, then were completely outplayed by St Albans City, and today they really made very hard work of seeing off Dorchester Town (who were already all but down regardless of today's result). The Dripping Pan got a Conference B Grading last week but, considering that it looked more or less full with 1,600 there today, I don't know who they'll cope with a big club bringing, say, 1,000 supporters there (which happened at St Albans twice during their abortive season in the Conference).

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 19-04-2008 18:27

PM sent

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 19-04-2008 18:33

The best things about Lewes are as follows:

1. The location of The Dripping Pan. It's a thirty second walk from the railway station. Also, as has been mentioned on here before, the name "The Dripping Pan" itself.
2. The fact that they'll let you take booze in plastic glasses onto the terraces with you (a practice that I think will have to end from next season, even though there were plenty of policemen there today, standing around chatting to people and not being bothered by people drinking while a football match was going on).

When's the last home game, HF, and who are they playing?

Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 19-04-2008 18:38

Next saturday, Weston Super Mare. They'll probably lose.

The ground is a charmer though, even though they always run out of Harvey's - which is brewed about 750 yards away..

Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by ant259 - 19-04-2008 18:44

Ah, Harvey's....

Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 19-04-2008 18:46

Yeah, they ran out of Harveys at about ten to three today, even though it's one of the most civilised places to watch football that I know. I got photos of both of the goals today - I'll stick them up as soon as I've had a fiddle with them.

Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 19-04-2008 18:48

Next Saturday should be fun. Get to witchcraft central early to watch the premiership nonsense on telly, off to the game, quick drunken roll down the grass bank, then find a pub with the Conference and cross fingers we beat Northwich

Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 19-04-2008 19:22

Here we go:

1-0!

2-0!

4.50

4.51 and 30 seconds

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by boris - 19-04-2008 19:23

I'm looking forward to going to Lewes again. The ground's interesting, but tinpot, but the pubs, and especially the Harveys, was brilliant. I suspect they'll get around the problem of catering for the tens of thousands of Oxford fans wanting to make the trip by scheduling the game for a Tuesday in February.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by the cantering captain - 19-04-2008 19:28

Was the 2nd goal scored by the guy looking for ants on the ground, or the guy who's just had his stool stolen ?

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 19-04-2008 19:43

By the bloke looking for ants.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 19-04-2008 19:45

that grass bank just loks made for rolling down after a few harveys - although a St Albans fan got thrown this season for said action during a turgid 1st half

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 19-04-2008 19:52

Yeah, that was someone I know, and I was there when it happened. Typical non-league fuss about nothing, really.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 19-04-2008 19:57

here it is

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 19-04-2008 20:02

Well, I had no idea there was a video. You can momentarily see my nose in it.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 19-04-2008 20:05

you in the red jacket?

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 19-04-2008 20:06

God, no! I think I may be smoking a cigarette in it. Every time I see myself on film or camera, it reminds me of how much weight I've put on in the last year or so.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by sixmartletsandaseagull - 19-04-2008 20:11

Super stuff. Well done The Rooks from a Brighton boy abroad.

I have a few good memories of The Dripping Pan and many of Lewes itself.

A place that gave the world Harvey & Son and the Bridge Wharf brewery and the World's best ale deserves great days.

Pip Parris, Grant Horscroft and other famous Lewes players of the past rejoice.

All we need is for the Football League to penalise Leeds further on appeal and the Albion could sneak a play off place.

Sussex football on the up.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 19-04-2008 20:12

....at least you're not wearing that jacket.

Right, I'm off to drink mucho Harveys

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by Auntie Beryl - 19-04-2008 23:31

200pc, you're the St Albans City fan aren't you? What's happened there recently - results have really turned around?

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 20-04-2008 11:37

It all comes down to the re-signing of goalkeeper Paul Bastock and Paul Hakim. I get the feeling that Bastock knocked a few heads together in the dressing room, whilst Hakim provided a much-needed bit of quality up front. They've won 6, drawn 2 and lost 1 (in the last minute) since those two came back. It's quite an exceptional achievement, and with them

having had a caretaker manager since January, I'd be less than surprised if Bastock became the player-manager before the start of next season.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by Ibn Pickthall - 20-04-2008 11:49

Has Charlie Ide been playing much? He was one of Brentford's better players last season (not saying much) but this season seems to have hit some sort of physical and psychological barrier.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 25-04-2008 19:51

Lewes board show their gratitude

Unbelievable. I might not even go tommorrow, which was shaping up to be a great day. But now it all feels sort of sordid. have the Lewes board got Peter kenyon in as a consultant?

Really rubbish news

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 25-04-2008 20:28

It's all but confirmed, apparently. The new people "investing" in the club want to bring in their own man, and they have also got to spend heavily on The Dripping Pan next year. Shitty timing but, I have to say, I think they'll get relegated my a mile playing the football that I saw them playing under King this season.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by goldstone97 - 25-04-2008 20:36

Lewes' scarves are great, or at least the one I have is. Top-notch quality

Went to a match there at Christmas when I was back in Sussex, and it was superb (not the match, of course, but the Dripping Pan and the beer and the terrace).

But I share some concern about this promotion and the ambition it brings, and this latest news doesn't surprise me much. I fear progress might not be a good thing in this case.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 25-04-2008 20:38

true about the standard of football - they'll get murdered next season - but the timing just sucks. Why not wait 'til the close season. there's talk of a boycott on the Lewes forum.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 25-04-2008 20:38

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Re: Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by goldstone97 - 25-04-2008 20:43

twohundredpercent wrote:

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"Among the problems facing Lewes are getting the Dripping Pan an A grading within 12 months of reaching Blue Square premier. Elliott revealed the club had already spent £1million on achieving a B grading for their ground."

Or do you mean you're surprised it achieved B grading as is?

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Re: Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 25-04-2008 20:48

I'm surprised that it got a B grading, and a A grading is miles off. The details are here:

<http://www.thepyramid.info/misc/ground.htm>

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Re: Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by hissing fauna - 25-04-2008 20:53

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Re: Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 25-04-2008 20:57

Well, I'd been assuming that that they were intending to terrace the rest of the ground. It would be an impressive little ground if they did.

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Re: Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by goldstone97 - 25-04-2008 20:58

It seems to at least formally meet the conditions for 'B', at least from what I can remember. Bit hard to tell unless you were actually doing a real inspection and measuring things, which I hope was actually done at some point.

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Re: Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by Reed of the Valley People - 25-04-2008 20:59

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...and to get me my scarf.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 25-04-2008 21:03

Do you want a Lewes scarf? If I go tomorrow, I'll get you one.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by Reed of the Valley People - 25-04-2008 21:06

I think Hissing Fauna said he was going to get me one.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

Posted by twohundredpercent - 25-04-2008 21:20

You can have a rosette from me, then.

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Re:Get In The Conference, Lewes

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