

Streten Held The Fort— Then Town Settled Down

By Chiltern

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Seldom will the Town have to fight harder for a point than they did at Elland-road on Saturday against Leeds United who, on this showing, can be placed among the best teams in the Second Division.

To force a draw on this ground was a fine performance by the Town and, although Bernard Streten stole the headlines and most of the first-half limelight, the Town's splendid team spirit was always in evidence and contributed largely to this good result.

Elland-road seems to be a favourable ground for Town goal-keepers for it was here a couple of seasons ago that Iorwerth Hughes really impressed the Welsh selectors and made the first step towards an International Cap.

Had the English F.A. been represented on Saturday, they would have been forced to recognise Streten's claims for further honours.

So magnificent was his first-half display that the crowd gave him a great ovation as he left the field at half-time.

There were times when he, alone, stood between Leeds and a substantial lead during their impressive first-half display.

His brilliance limited the United's success to one goal obtained in the 16th minute by IGGLEDEN.

Eight minutes from the interval, a badly directed back-pass by Kirk enabled STOBART to nip in to secure the equaliser and this simple goal changed the whole course of the game.

TOWN FOUND THEIR FEET

In the second-half, the Town did not require so much of Streten's help, for they found their feet and showed the Yorkshire crowd exactly why they are holding such a high position in the League table.

Where there had been hesitation in defence, there was decision, and the forwards who had had few chances before the interval, began to move in their best style as a virile, go-ahead force.

After they had thrown off early Leeds attempts to regain their lead, the Town settled down, and

the quality of their second-half display justified their share in the spoils.

Owen had a good match the whole way through and so accurate was the tackling and covering in the second-half that the defence looked completely watertight.

Once over that harassing first-half, Cooke and Aherne cut out the wingers, and Morton and Watkins took a grip on the middle of the field with splendid results from the Town viewpoint.

With Stobbart switching out to the wings in an effort to cause gaps in the home defence and Taylor and Davie working hard and successfully, there was excellent approach work from the forwards in the second-half.

This was carried on by direct, quick work by Davies and Mitchell, with the result that the Town attack looked rather the more dangerous after the interval.

Which was a great relief to those hardy Town fans who made the trip, and who saw the Town take a hammering in the first-half.

LEEDS UNITED. — Searson; Dunn, Hair; Kerfoot, Kirk, Burden; Harrison, Mills, Fidler, Iggleden, Williams.

LUTON TOWN. — Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Davies, Taylor (J), Stobbart, Davie, Mitchell.

Referee.—F. L. Overton, Derby.
Attendance.—27,000.

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