

AWAY POINTS

BEST FORM CAME IN SECOND HALF

Streten's Brilliance Held Up Leeds United Earlier

By Chiltern

Not gaining the reputation of being the team to be most feared in the Second Division when they go visiting are the Town, and their outstanding performances on away grounds this season are fully earning them this title.

For the eighth time out of 10, they came away with some reward from an away match when they held Leeds to a draw at Elland-road on Saturday, after surviving a first-half storm, thanks mainly to the brilliance of Bernard Streten.

In the previous match this season, Streten had been kept quite so busy as he was before the interval when shots rained at him from all angles but they were all with confidence and often successfully.

The Yorkshire crowd warmed to the superlative display of goal-keeping and Streten was cheered the echo as he left the field at half-time despite the fact that he had stood between Leeds and a substantial lead.

Leeds had seen nothing like it in years.

Mills Could Not Believe His Eyes

AFTERWARDS, the tale was being told of how Don Mills could not believe his eyes when he saw Streten streak across the field to reach a tremendous drive that Mills considered would have been his best ever goal had the ball eluded the agile Streten.

This was only one save of half a dozen that were in the top-class and his work kept the Town in the game until half-time.

In fact, during the first-half, Leeds moved as impressively as any Second Division team which is opposed the Town this season and opinion of the Town players afterwards was that Leeds are a better side than Sheffield Wednesday.

Harassing Time For Town Defence

FROM the start, Leeds got a grip on things, especially in the middle of the field and the forwards, plied by passes from the wing-halves, made ground quickly. During this period, the Town defence strove valiantly to stem the tide, but the directness of Mills and Iggleden and the clever-

ness of Harrison caused them to have a harassing time.

Yet, the Town could have taken an early lead, for a defensive slip left Davie with a chance but he lifted the ball over the top with only Searson barring the way.

Goal Followed A Missed Chance

AS often happens, a missed chance was followed by a goal at the other end, for Harrison went waltzing down the right-wing, almost to the by-line before pulling back the ball right into the goalmouth.

It was served up beautifully for Iggleden to run on to it and smack it past Streten from close range.

With only 16 minutes gone and the Leeds forwards having that goal-hungry look about them, the immediate future looked none too bright for the Town.

However, they survived further disasters and then broke away to snatch a surprise equaliser.

Stobbart Left With An Easy Chance

IT was the sort of gift goal that the Town have given the opposition more than once this season and followed a mistake by Kirk.

Facing his own goal, he decided to pass back to Searson, who had already moved out of his goal.

The ball went wide of him and Stobbart, with Taylor close at hand, was able to steer it into the corner of the net to get the goal that not only put the Town on level terms, but had a tonic and settling effect on the team as a whole.

A the same time, it was a shock to Leeds, who never really moved with the same smoothness and assurance afterwards.

A TOWN SPECIALITY



A typical save by Bernard Streten, who was the Town's hero at Leeds.

Took A Lesson From Their Experience

AS a good team must, the Town took a lesson from their experience in the first-half with the result that the amount of room in which the Leeds inside-men and wingers had had to work was cut down materially.

Closer marking by wing-halves and full-backs brought this about and, as a result, the Town gained something approaching a mastery in the centre of the field.

Natural result of this was that the forwards received more opportunity of showing their capabilities as an attacking force and, for the greater part of the second-half, the Town attack was the more impressive.

Leeds Defence Was Worried

EVEN allowing for the limited material that came their way earlier, the Town forwards had not moved so dangerously as in some recent matches.

There had been a tendency to hold on to the ball too long, but this was forsaken in the second-half and it was the turn of the Leeds defence to face trouble, though Searson never had the work that came Streten's way in the first-half.

On the other hand, apart from some heavy pressure in the early minutes after the interval, Streten had a comparatively easy time, due to the more adequate cover that was forthcoming.

Town's Tremendous Fighting Spirit

IN the end, a draw was quite a fair result of a fast, hard-fought match that did credit to two teams with promotion ambitions.

Fortunate though they were in the first-half, the Town did sufficient afterwards to earn their point, for they produced a very good brand of football after the interval and really shaped like a team highly placed in the League table.

What does strike one is the tremendous fighting spirit of the team. Here are eleven players pulling their weight, fighting every inch of the way and really fulfilling the description of "team" in the highest sense of the word.

Owen Held The Bustling Fidler

ALTHOUGH Streten's brilliant exhibition in the first-half rather tended to over-shadow everything else, it should not detract from the performance of the others in achieving this very good result.

Owen was in his best form against the bustling Fidler whom he held up time and time again with hard tackles, and he earned full praise for the tremendous work he accomplished in barring the way down the middle.

Cooke kept the Welsh International, Williams, quiet and the winger always found his immediate opponent difficult to pass.

Closer Marking Brought Reward

DANGER man to the Town early on was Harrison who posed problems for Aherne by hanging back near the centre line to collect the ball and then pushing it down the middle when the left-back challenged.

At other times he corkscrewed down the wing and he had a splendid first half.

Later, though, Aherne gave him not the slightest room and his success in shutting out Harrison

was a big factor in the Town's revival.

So, too, was the grip Morton and Watkins obtained on the United inside-forwards after the interval.

Earlier, Mills and Iggleden had seemed to have plenty of room in which to operate, but this was denied them later because of the close marking of the Town's wing-halves.

Stobbart's Switching A Worry To Kirk

ALTOGETHER, there was a near-impregnable look about the Town defence in the second half with every member of it doing well.

When the forwards found the ball coming their way consistently, they looked a dangerous line and Stobbart created gaps by the way in which he switched down the wings, tactics which were not to the liking of Kirk who was led something of a dance.

Stobbart was an energetic, clever leader and he is certainly moulding his line together splendidly.

Taylor Unlucky With Solo Runs

TAYLOR began some good movements in the first half and worked hard throughout.

Again, he was unlucky in his attempts to break through the defence with solo dribbles. Once, in particular, he reached the point when success was almost stretching out its hand to him and it took the combined efforts of three Leeds players to prevent him giving the Town the lead.

Davie, sparkling occasionally with his clever footwork in the first half, really came into his own later when he distributed the ball effectively and was a distinct worry to the home side.

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FOR THE RECORDS

LEEDS UNITED 1
Iggleden

LUTON TOWN 1
Stobbart

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.

Mitchell Was A Danger Man

MITCHELL was as dangerous as any of the Town forwards and once there was a vision of him scoring a similar goal to that which proved the winner at Southampton.

This time, he did not get sufficient force behind it and Searson reached it almost with his fingertips.

Davies, too, was lively and I liked the way in which he gave chase to challenge after losing possession.

And so, this performance leads up to what looks like being a big occasion next Saturday when Rotherham come here. Good news is that the players came through without serious injury at Leeds.

Late Goals Beat The Reserves

MISTAKEN tactics as much as anything else seem to have been responsible for the Reserves failing by 3-2 to Norwich City before their own supporters.

This was a disappointing result in view of their performance at Southampton the previous week, but they had their chances to set up a winning lead.

In fact, they were ahead until eight minutes from the end and the deciding goal came in the last minute.

What the Town did not do was to move the ball about in conditions that were crying out for first-time tactics.

Tactics In The Mud Were Wrong

INSTEAD, they tended to keep it close and try to force a way down the middle where the mud was thickest.

Almost the only one to realise how much easier it was to kick a moving ball rather than stop it and then try to distribute it was Leslie Hall, who gained many honours in defence.

Most dangerous of the forwards was Moore, who restored the Town's lead after Armes had equalised an early goal by Wyldes.

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