

TOWN SUFFER MOST CRUSHING DEFEAT

Did Not Look At All Like Promotion Aspirants

By Chiltern

LEEDS UTD. - 4, LUTON TOWN - 0

AFTER the champagne produced by Saturday's success, the Town came rudely down to small beer before 29,500 people at Leeds yesterday, when they suffered their most crushing defeat of the season.

Not only did their promotion hopes take a knock, but they ended the holiday on a sad low note.

Nor did they look the part of promotion aspirants either, and as has been the case on previous occasions this season they could not master the prevailing conditions of a hard ground and a lively ball.

A hard, dry ground, with an eddying wind, made conditions difficult.

The Town made one change from Saturday's winning team, Roy Davies reappearing at outside-right in place of Reg Pearce, who has a bruised shoulder.

Leeds also had a right-wing change, with Welsh International Harold Williams in at outside-right, and Nightingale moving inside

Teams:

LEEDS: Wood; Dunn, Hair; Gibson, Charles, Kerfoot; Williams, Nightingale, Brook, Henderson, Meek.

LUTON: Baynham; Dunne, Aherne; Pemberton, Owen, Watkins; Davies, Turner, Groves, Cummins, Shanks.

Referee: Mr. J. G. Williams, of Woodthorpe.

There was an indeterminate sort of start, with neither side managing to overcome the handicap of the lively ball, which was often in the air.

After a period in which the Town shaped well, Leeds began to settle down, and Kerfoot produced the first positive shot, with which Baynham dealt capably.

Meek headed wide from a centre by Brook, and Leeds were looking the more dangerous team

LEEDS TAKE

THE LEAD

After 10 minutes Leeds took the lead through **BROOK**, who poked out a foot to steer into the corner of the net a pulled-back pass by Nightingale.

It was by no means a clear-cut goal, but Baynham had little chance.

This early disaster put the Town on their mettle, and Turner and Groves were prominent, but Wood was not brought into action.

ATTACK FIZZLES OUT

Dunne, taking up his auxiliary position at outside-right, made a good pass to Groves, but the attack fizzled out because Charles stepped in.

The Town were facing quite a strong wind, which was checking clearances, but they were fighting back, and Turner missed a chance when he only half hit the ball from inside the penalty area.

Most of what shooting was being done by the Town was coming from Cummins.

Then, after 30 minutes, further trouble came the Town's way when Leeds were awarded a penalty.

I thought it was a harsh award because Nightingale, the player judged to be brought down, looked to me, to fall inside the penalty area, and there was doubt anyway whether the tackle was foul.

CHARLES MAKES

NO MISTAKE

Dunne went for the ball, but the referee was on the spot. **CHARLES** came up to take the kick and rammed the ball into the roof. Baynham touched it, but it was too powerful to stop.

Just on half-time, after a period of Town pressure, Leeds broke away and Baynham made a brilliant full-length save from Henderson. Half-time:

LEEDS 2
LUTON 0

In the early minutes of the second half a stroke of misfortune fell when Baynham was injured when charged by Williams as he went up to catch a cross by Meek.

In a few seconds it looked as if the Town would go further into arrears, but the ball was scrambled away, and then the game was stopped to enable Baynham to have attention after

which he resumed without apparent discomfort.

In midfield the Town were looking as if they might wrest this brand from the burning, but there was little sign of increased finishing power from them.

In fact, goals looked more likely from Leeds, especially when Baynham had to push over a centre by Williams and from the corner lost possession of the ball, which produced a hectic few seconds in front of goal, with Baynham eventually emerging with the ball.

TOWN ATTACK

UNIMPRESSIONING

Turner and Groves switched positions, but the forwards were looking unimpressive, though Charles had to head over the bar in a hurry to dispose of a centre by Davies, for which Turner was challenging.

After 75 minutes the Town's hopes seemed to disappear completely. **HENDERSON** put on a third goal with a poor-looking shot which went straight at Baynham, who had it covered but failed to get hold of the ball, which rolled over the line.

He rounded Aherne and it was from his cross that Henderson's chance came, though Baynham was sadly at fault.

Worse was to come for after 80 minutes Leeds were awarded another penalty—no doubt about it this time—when Pemberton made a brilliant full-length goalkeeper save to keep out a shot by Brook.

Again **CHARLES** came up to blast the ball, though with Baynham again getting a hand to the ball.

It was a demoralised Town now, and Nightingale had a goal disallowed. Result:

LEEDS 4
LUTON 0