

CHARLES'S HEADERS EARNED A POINT

Changes Did Not Bring Added Punch For Town

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IF Town supporters suffered the disappointment of watching their team drop a home point, they had the consolation of a sight of the finest all-round footballer in the country today, John Charles.

This dominating player is largely responsible for the way in which Leeds have taken to First Division football and the Luton crowd will not wonder at that after seeing the way in which he scored two great goals.

For a big man, he is remarkably agile and he shared the forward honours on a day when most members of the front lines did not shine, with Turner, who also scored twice and kept level with Charles in the goal-scorers' list. Each has obtained eleven League goals.

In cool, deadly accurate fashion, TURNER steered a through ball from Cummins past the advancing Wood to put the Town ahead in the 29th minute, but the lead lasted only six minutes before CHARLES gained the equaliser.

This was a remarkable goal because Charles, from the inside-left position, out-jumped Groves to reach a centre by Meek and his downward header sent the ball simply streaking into the corner of the net.

HAD THEIR CHANCES

There had been the chances for the Town to be quite comfortably ahead at the interval but, the finishing apart, there had been some measure of improvement.

However, this did not continue in the second half during which a scrappy element crept in and the Town's attacks began to break down on account of bad passing and, in other instances, through lack of understanding.

Only occasionally did even TURNER or Charles threaten to add a goal, but the former managed it first with 16 minutes left, with Cummins again supplying the material and that seemed likely to seal a narrow win for the Town.

CHARLES, though, had other ideas for, four minutes later, we again saw him jump high to produce another high-powered header following a cross by Overfield and again Baynham could do nothing about it.

The changing and switching which was done in the Town attack did not produce the hoped-for remedy.

Once again finishing power was missing and Gregory, tried as leader for the first time this season, showed signs of his inexperience and should have had a couple of goals in the first half.

DAVIES'S LIVELY SPELL

After Turner, who was the only one who promised goals, Davies was the most lively forward and his directness made him very dangerous before the interval.

Midway through the second half he switched with Cullen who had been unhappy on the left wing, but for Cullen this was

one of those days when nothing goes right and to crown it he nearly put through his own goal in the last minute.

Passes from Cummins led to both goals, but he was not in the game so much as he usually is, and, really, we had only glimpses of what he can do.

About the defence, there was not a great deal of ground for complaint. Charles was never mastered, but few defences can do that, and Groves, in at left-half for the first time, did the best he could against the Leeds star.

Groves kept fighting and chasing and came out with credit marks in the end.

Return of Morton to right-half helped balance the defence, and Owen's only worry came when Charles chose to make one of his strong bursts through the middle. Otherwise, Owen was much in command, as was Dunne, and Jones did splendidly, apart from a tendency to give the lively Meek too much room in which to operate.

Baynham looked full of confidence on his return and he made one magnificent save in the first half when Forrest's shot might well have beaten a lesser goalkeeper.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Jones; Morton, Owen, Groves; Davies, Turner, Gregory, Cummins, Cullen.

LEEDS UNITED: Wood; Dunn, Hair; Gibson, Marsden, Kerfoot; Meek, Charles, Brook, Forrest, Overfield.

Referee: J. Barradell, Loughborough. Attendance: 20,923.