

BIG JOHN SHOWS WHY FANS CALL HIM CHARLES THE GREATEST

No wonder Leeds fans, and thousands of others, claim John Charles to be THE greatest present-day footballer. The Daily Mail sequence camera caught Big John—which was more than Luton could do as the Wales and Leeds star headed his first goal.



Guest Charles upsets Owen birthday party

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★★ IT was Sid Owen's 34th birthday. The fans gave their popular skipper a special cheer. The band played "Happy Birthday To You." Everything was set for a celebration.

And when Tony Gregory sent Gordon Turner away to score (29 minutes, 1-0), it looked like a birthday bonus for Sid.

But then one of the guests started to get out of hand—a big chap well-known for causing trouble to defenders—John Charles.

John Groves was detailed to trail him and Sid himself tried to keep the big boy quiet.

But when George Meek flighted over a centre, Charles, with an acrobatic leap, beat both of them to head a spectacular goal (34 minutes, 1-1). The party was spoiled.

Luton could not get into the mood. Perhaps it was the re-shuffling of the invitations which brought eight team changes, but there was no understanding, no football.

They did, however, scramble into

the lead again. Left back Ken Hair misjudged a George Cummins cross to let Turner through for his second goal (74 minutes, 2-1), but back came Charles again.

He had a game of blind man's buff with his hosts in the penalty area, so when Jack Overfield's corner came across he was on the spot to head the equaliser (2-2).

Well, what did they think of King Charles after his party-wrecking piece? Owen: "A pleasure to play against. A perfect example to all boys."

Seamus Dunne: "Those headers of his are uncanny. Before the ball came over for that last goal I saw John look for his spot . . . and he found it. I was standing on the line but could do nothing."

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