

BROWN A GREAT SUCCESS

VITAL PART IN THE TOWN'S VICTORY

McLeod Gets His First Goal In The League

By Chiltern

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BEFORE it had a chance to prove itself the Town's new forward formation suffered a setback at Leeds today. On arrival at Leeds last night Gordon Turner complained of pain from a boil on the side of his left knee. This developed quickly and all the efforts of trainer Jack Crompton to clear up the trouble failed. There was still some hope this morning, though Turner complained of soreness and stiffness when he moved his knee joint.

To make absolutely certain, manager Dally Duncan and the trainer took Turner to Elland-road in the hope that some active work would enable him to lose the soreness. However, the reverse happened.

Turner developed a limp, and there was increased swelling of the knee, so there was no question of considering him further, and it was as well that utility player Wally Shanks was on hand.

Not wishing to disturb the half-back line he had chosen, the manager decided to put in Shanks at outside-right, his original position, and the one from which he scored a goal at Everton three weeks ago.

That meant that Roy Davies took over the leadership which he held during the second half last Saturday, so we had no opportunity of discovering exactly what the manager had in mind as regards the disposition of his new inside-forward trio.

Bearing in mind that John Groves, chosen originally for centre-forward, is always happier on the wing, the manager consulted his new star, Allan Brown, from Blackpool, on the situation that had developed.

Allan said that the inside-right position would suit him very well, so that Turner's ailment caused the Town to make four changes in the front line originally chosen.

Turner was terribly disappointed at the turn of events. "I was looking forward to playing with Allan, and then this had to happen to me," Turner told me after he had failed his test.

In addition to the attack reshuffle, the defence was changed in three positions, which involved the return of Baynham, Aherne and Pearce.

LEEDS UTD.: Wood; Dunn, Hair; Gibson, Marsden, Kerfoot; Meek, Charles, Forrest, Crowe, Overfield.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Pearce; Shanks, Brown, Davies, Groves, McLeod.

Referee: J. Barradell, Loughborough.

It was a bright, sunny day

and the pitch had dried considerably.

Prospects of a bumper gate were diminished by the counter-attraction of a Rugby League cup-tie between Leeds and Wigan, and another game at nearby Hunslet.

The place looked strangely bare without the main stand, which was burned down in September, and the only seating accommodation is on the opposite side.

As a contrast to the Town's sweeping changes, Leeds kept the team that made a draw at Aston Villa last Saturday.

Like the Town, Leeds have not won a match since 1957 began, so the Town were hopeful.

Owen won the toss, but there was no advantage. Both teams had early raids driven off, and a bad clearance by Gibson gave Brown the chance to feed Shanks, but Pearce lost control from the centre.

When Leeds got away, Meek put across a high centre, to which Charles jumped, as did Pearce, I was glad to note.

But the ball rose over their heads, and Dunne cleared.

Leeds were not looking very certain under pressure, and Dunn made a risky back pass to Wood, who collected safely in the end.

PAYING BACK

Then, in five minutes, Brown paid back a slice of his transfer fee by doing work that paved the way to the Town taking the lead.

Picking up a ball near the centre line, he beat an opponent and made a terrific burst of speed that took him to near the penalty area.

Quickly he summed up the situation and made a beautiful, low cross pass to McLEOD, who beat Wood with a first-time shot for his first goal in League football.

Beautiful work this by Brown, and a well-taken goal by McLeod. Hitting back hard, Leeds forced the Town on to the defensive and gained two corners, following the second of which Dunne headed a header from Charles off the goal-line.

The pitch was cutting up quite



Biggest event of the year for Luton Town Football Club as Allan Brown, Scottish International inside-forward, signs on the dotted line. Standing, left to right, are Mr. Dally Duncan, Team Manager; Mr. T. Hodgson, Director, and Mr. P. G. Mitchell, Chairman. — R5084P

How The Goals Came

McLEOD for Luton after 5 minutes.

CHARLES for Leeds after 17 minutes.

BROWN for Luton after 21 minutes.

a lot and Leeds had much of the play for a time, Crowe shooting tamely wide.

When the Town attacked again Brown was again prominent with clever footwork and a grand pass to McLeod, whose centre was punched out by Wood.

Then Brown headed only inches too high.

TWO QUICK ONES

Again Brown, who was making a tremendous impression, fed McLeod, after good work by Groves, and Davies's header went the wrong way.

However, a corner came and Pearce shot just over from Brown's backheel pass.

Things were going well for the Town at this stage, but Leeds broke away and equalised after 17 minutes through CHARLES, who rushed the ball through from close range from a centre by Overfield.

It was a snap goal that changed the pattern of things, and Owen somewhat uncertainly gave away a corner.

The Town hit back and regained the lead through BROWN after 21 minutes.

Groves did the early work and Wood fisted over a shot by Shanks.

Following the corner, Brown collected the ball on the edge of the penalty area, forced his way through a crowd of players, to make a low shot from 18 yards.

Wood went full length, but could only turn the ball on to the inside of the post, from where it bounced into the net.

To make a goal and score one

so early on was a great start for Brown.

When Leeds retaliated, Shanks, back in defence, pushed Forrest in the back, but Overfield sent over following the free kick.

Next Forrest, after a long race for the ball with Pearce, shot straight at Baynham, who cleared at the second attempt.

Then he made a brilliant one-handed save from Crowe after Overfield had baffled Dunne.

Another free-kick, when Owen pushed Forrest, came near the centre circle and Aherne booted away.

When the Town forwards were on the move there was purpose about their work, with Brown prompting cannily and not wasting a ball.

Again he made a run of 50 yards before passing to Groves, who sent the ball straight at Dunn.

When Brown set off on another run he was brought down from behind by Kerfoot.

Hereabouts the Town were having more of the play and twice Leeds attempts to make ground were held up by offside.

Main threat was from the speed of Overfield and the bustle and strength of Charles.

Owen headed away a centre by Forrest and foiled a Charles attempt to dash through the middle.

THAT RAKING STRIDE

For the Town, McLeod was having lots of the ball, much of it from passes by Brown.

Brown had another shot at goal from Groves's pass and Wood, stumbling as he collected, nearly made a mistake.

Overfield was being given too much room and Forrest, in a duel with Owen, headed over another centre from him.

Again Brown came through with that raking stride to feed McLeod whose positional centre on this occasion was not good enough and a goal kick was all that came.

Good football in approach was coming from the Town, though it lacked a bit of bite in front of goal.

In a Leeds break-away, led by Charles, Meeks had a terrific shot fingertipped over by Baynham, and Charles headed wide from the corner. Then Forrest headed too high from Overfield.

The Town had been much the better side and well deserved their lead.

On the stroke of half-time Wood, one-handed, just reached a side-footed shot from Groves, following a pass by Davies, with Brown again doing the ground-work.

It was a good chance to put the Town in Easy Street.

Half-time:

LEEDS UNITED 1
LUTON TOWN 2

It had been the best first half display by the Town away from home for a long time.

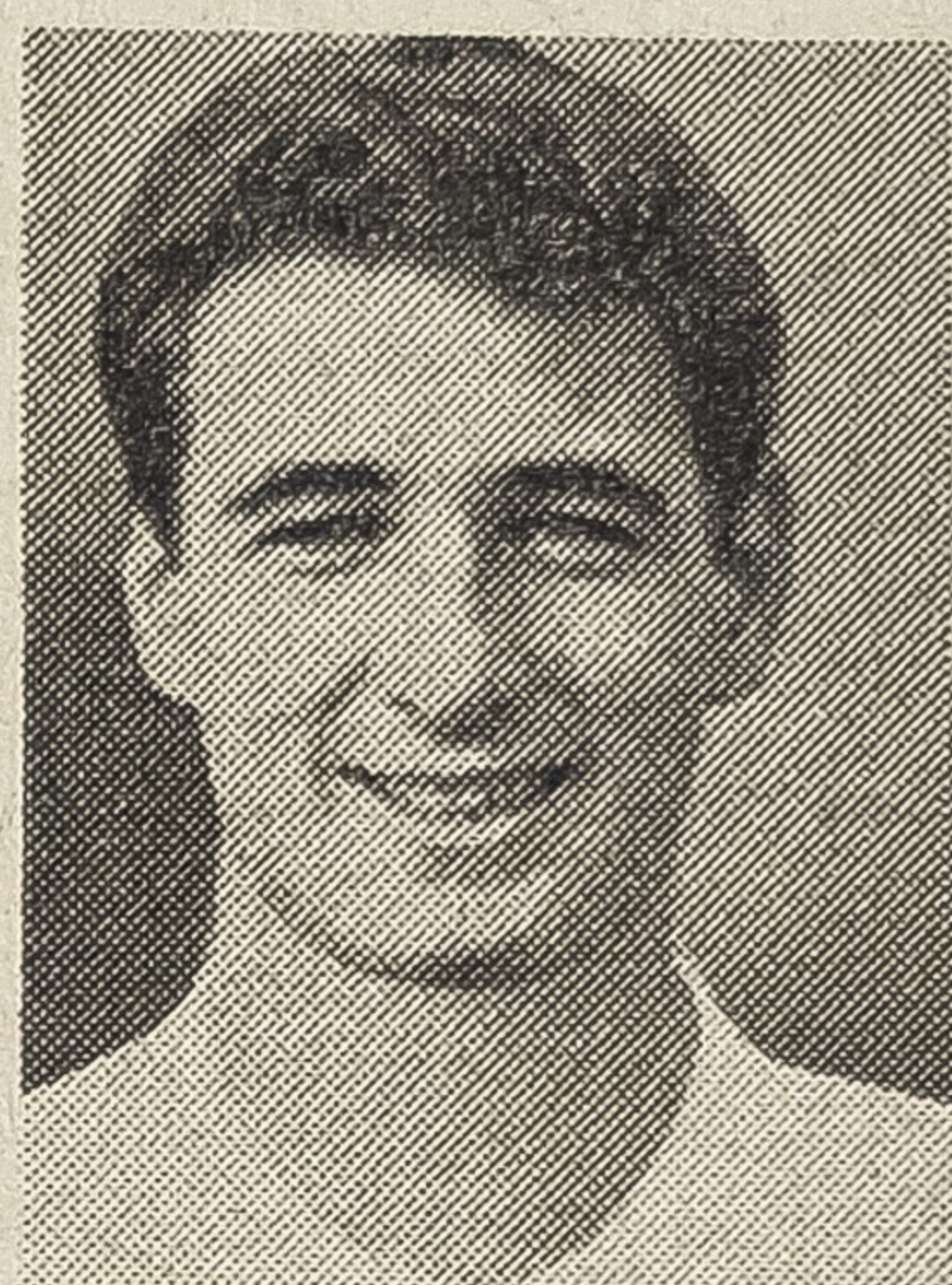
Some of the football from the forwards was delightful, with Brown making a tremendous difference.

Leeds attacked at the start of the second half, but were driven off by decisive work.

Brown tried to send Groves through, but Marsden got there first, and then, a badly taken free kick by Dunne, straight to Overfield, put the Town in trouble.

MISSED A CHANCE

Forrest missed a chance to shoot, but Leeds had a corner from which Baynham half caught the ball, lost it, and then regained it after much scrambling about in



From a beautiful low cross by the Town's new player, Allan Brown, McLeod beat Wood with a first-time shot, to score his first goal in League football.

shot straight at Baynham, and it was the first time this half that the Leeds forwards had really got together.

Back came the Town, and Groves made a glancing header from Shanks's centre that went wide.

In a quick Leeds breakaway, danger threatened until Pearce made a firm tackle on Charles. Then the Welsh giant rose above everybody to make a header that scraped the top of the bar, with Baynham groping.

A brief interlude at the other end brought some bright work from Shanks, but Leeds hit back and Dunne handled to prevent a pass going to Overfield.

Pearce beat Charles in the air for Hair's kick—no mean feat.

The spasm ended when Shanks came right back to beat the winger and push the ball to Baynham.

In the tackle he was injured and had to have attention on the touchline but he was soon back with something of a limp.

For a few minutes it was action stations for the Town's defence, with Leeds straining all they knew for an equaliser, but being met with solid resistance.

Pearce spoilt a chance for Charles by tackling right in front of goal and it was Leeds doing the pressing now.

Charles was just wide from fully 30 yards and then headed wide from Overfield's centre.

Dunne fouled Overfield, which brought Leeds a free-kick just outside the penalty area, and Charles's terrific drive struck Brown and flew for a corner that was followed by another, punched firmly away by Baynham.

Leeds were desperate now and Aherne made a fine tackle on Forrest.

Then Owen came out with the ball and the Town were putting a firm front to the pressure.

ACCENT ON DEFENCE

Accent had switched to the defence for the Town who, however, made some breakaway, without making much impression.

Again Pearce forestalled Charles from a good position and Baynham literally hurled himself at the ball and Forrest to save another dangerous situation.

Baynham was injured and there was a hold-up but he quickly recovered.

He again had to risk injury to cut off a back pass by Dunne before Forrest could reach it.

All the shooting was coming from Charles, who was off the target with his left foot.

Then Charles threw himself to the ground in exasperation as a

national newspapers on Monday, it was not of me but Jack had been working, or attempting to save, but it showed me, wrench and nearly pulled facing the crowd and every muscle out of my waiting for Gordon chest!