

Workmanlike Display

EVERY TOWN PLAYER PULLED HIS WEIGHT

Missed Penalty Turning Point For Leeds

By Chiltern

ANOTHER workmanlike, thoroughly efficient display by the Town brought them two more points at Leeds last night and put their total to ten out of 12, one more than in the same period last season.

On a waterlogged pitch their forwards did not really get down to business until after the interval. In the first half they played clever football in mid-field but chiefly because of the difficult conditions their close-range work generally was not effective in this period.

However, there was a different story afterwards when the forwards showed more directness and generally impressed as a smooth, well-balanced formation.

Result was cleverly taken goals by Morton and Turner which gave the Town the win they richly deserved.

Always they were the faster, superior footballing combination and the touch of class showed up against a hard-working, rugged team.

In the main though it was a triumph for a side in which every man pulled his weight.

After a quiet first half the Cullen-Turner wing came more into it and Morton was always a thrustful leader.

There was some thoughtful prompting by Brown and McLeod's speed and directness were an asset.

With the dashing methods of the Leeds forwards the Town defence coped most confidently. To a large extent the inside-forwards were put out of the game and Pearce again played an outstanding part.

Owen, as confident as ever, held the defence together and both Dunne and Jones cut out the wingers.

Then there was Baynham whose penalty save was probably the turning point and who always handled the greasy ball well.

Keynote of the whole defence was their immaculate covering and complete understanding.

Attendance: 22,500.

LEEDS UNITED: Wood; Dunn, Charlton; Ripley, Marsden, Kerfoot; Meek, O'Brien, Baird, Brook, Overfield.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Jones; Groves, Owen, Pearce; Cullen, Turner, Morton, Brown, McLeod.

Referee: Mr. J. H. Clough, of Bolton.

Leeds made one change, Charlton, normally centre-half, deputising for Hair who was carried off at Old Trafford on Saturday.

Steady, heavy, rain began two hours before the kick off and was still falling at the start.

The light was poor and flood-lights were switched on immediately.

First chance came when a clearance rebounded off Owen and Baynham raced out to kick clear from near the 18 yards line.

STORMING RAIDS

Twice Pearce stepped in to stop the storming Leeds raids and Baird shot badly wide.

Conditions in the drenching rain were difficult and the white ball not easy to control.

After a tentative start the Town began to settle down to neat approach work, and Morton, on the wing, put just behind.

In the first ten minutes Wood did not have a direct shot to handle, but the Town were playing some attractive football in mid-field—perhaps a little too close at times—but accurate, long passing was near impossible on this going because of the ball skidding sharply.

Owen beat Baird in a leap for

a centre by Meek and gave away a corner, as did Pearce to stop Brook.

There was some Leeds pressure after this which, apart from a shot by Brook which went wide, did not amount to much in terms of danger.

A neat movement on the right enabled Brown to make one of the few shots the game had produced so far, though unfortunately he pulled it wide, and was too high a couple of minutes later.

Brown was doing the right thing by trying shots from lengthy range, and again he was not far off the target area.

Best shot came at the other end from Baird, who was only inches too high after he had won a tussle with Jones.

Leeds were now looking the more dangerous and Baynham had to throw himself full-length to keep out a low drive by Baird.

For some minutes little was seen of the Town forwards until Morton made a magnificent attempt from an angle, so close that it might well have scraped the top of the bar.

PENALTY MISSED

This prompted a Town improvement and Turner went very close with a typical effort.

After 40 minutes, Leeds were awarded a penalty when Owen raced across to challenge Meek who went full-length.

It was a harsh decision because it looked a perfectly fair challenge. Justice was done though because Baynham dived to his left to reach Baird's placed, not very fast, shot.

How The Goals Came

MORTON for Luton after 52 minutes.
TURNER for Luton after 63 minutes.

The linesman on the deadline raised his flag and it looked as if it would be ruled that the ball had crossed the line.

However after a consultation the referee said: "No goal." He re-started play by throwing the ball down midway in the Luton half. Half-time:

LEEDS 0
LUTON TOWN 0

Dunne got the Town out of a first-class hole from Overfield's centre and then, after Wood had just beaten Morton in a race for the ball, the Town goal had a narrow escape.

Overfield came in at speed and his cross shot was kicked off the line by Jones.

At this stage Leeds were a good deal more lively in attack and O'Brien's head clicked a free-kick too close to the post for comfort.

STABBED INTO NET

With 52 minutes gone the Town took the lead through MORTON.

It came direct from a long clearance kick by Baynham which Marsden misjudged and left Morton with a clear run for goal.

Wood confronted him almost on the edge of the penalty area but Morton calmly tapped the ball around him and, although he got off balance, recovered quickly to stab the ball into the empty net.

This was Morton's first goal of the season and reminiscent of the one he got against Wolves last season.

There was nearly another when Morton centred from the left and Cullen, racing in was just baulked by Charlton for a corner.

Turner, diving full-length, headed inches wide a centre by Morton and the Town were on top now.

LEAD INCREASED

They increased their lead after 63 minutes through TURNER who scored direct from a free kick from about 25 yards.

The kick was awarded when Turner was pulled down from behind. Instead of driving the ball he "chipped" it over the heads of the wall of defenders.

That caught Wood at the wrong end of his goal and although he got across and touched the ball it got in near the angle of the woodwork.

Leeds hit back and Baynham saved well from Baird and O'Brien.

Both Baird and Meek went close, but the Town defence were doing a most adequate job. Late desperate efforts by Leeds were driven off and at the other end, Wood just kept out an in-swinging corner by Turner. Result:

LEEDS UTD. 0
LUTON TOWN 2