

PLEASANT SURPRISE FOR THE TOWN FANS

Wingers Had Great Part In Brilliant Cup Win

By Chiltern

THE brilliant way in which the Town swept to their convincing 5-1 Cup victory over Leeds was a turn up for the book so far as the majority of their fans were concerned.

After recent disappointments, coupled with team changes that did not meet with general approval, there was not the usual measure of confidence in the Town's ability to make progress, even allowing for the fact that they had ground advantage.

In view of the recent lack of scoring power, with the outstanding exception of the home match with Arsenal, this was not surprising, but the forwards certainly did their stuff on this occasion.

THOSE forward changes worked like a charm with the greatest threat coming from the extreme wings from Bingham and Gregory.

For the latter, his first team career has been something of an in and out affair so far.

There have been times when he has established himself as first choice for one position or another but, in the end, has found himself in the Reserves once more.

Now, he has his best-ever chance of establishing himself in the first team on the left wing, judging from the power display he put on in this match.

Gregory Remedied A Basic Trouble

ONE of the basic troubles these last weeks has been that the ball has not been coming across

from the left, but Gregory remedied that and it was he who set the Town on the way to victory by laying on the first goal for Bingham after 16 minutes.

His low cross, after he had beaten Ashall, came across unerringly and Bingham, now beginning to make a reputation for himself as a goal-scorer, did the rest.

From the start, on this tricky surface which had been heavily sanded in order to ensure that the match could be played, the Town adapted themselves much better to the conditions.

Leeds Did Not Claim Injury As Alibi

RIGHTLY, they kept the ball on the move, making it do the bulk of the work and the Leeds defenders always found the

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through pass difficult with which to cope.

This was emphasised even more strongly when Ashall damaged his left wrist and, after about 20 minutes, switched to outside-right, where he stayed for the remainder of the time.

That brought Cush to right-back and Revie to right-half and, of course, had a considerable effect on the team as a whole.

But, after the match, Leeds officials were not inclined to claim this as an alibi and did not think that it had a bearing on the final result.

Adapted Themselves To The Going

DISAPPOINTED as they were, they conceded that the Town had adapted themselves better to the hard going and had used exactly the right tactics.

Although Leeds kept the score to a single goal at half-time, they had seldom looked like getting on terms and their forwards were contained comfortably by a Town defence whose covering was immaculate.

When Cummins was pulled down in the penalty area by Gibson ten minutes after half-time, the crowd waited anxiously to see who had been deputed to take the kick, and their anxiety was understandable in view of the fact that the previous four had been missed.

Penalty-kick Was Nearly Missed

THEN it was seen that the job had been given to Gregory, who scored from the spot for the Reserves the previous week.

Very nearly he made a hash of it, because Wood got his hands to his low shot but could not hold the ball, and Gregory, following up, gained possession and booted it into the roof of the net.

What could have been a serious happening for the Town occurred in the 60th minute, when Shackleton ran in after Baynham had only been able to push out a terrific free-kick by Crowe and turned the ball in as he crashed over the dead-line.

Quick Reply To The Leeds Goal

HOWEVER, before Leeds could gain confidence from this success, they were two goals down again, because a minute later Morton snapped up a goalmouth chance after two shots had been beaten down.

After that the result was never in doubt, with the Town hungrily going after more goals.

Although Wood's handling of the ball was never impressive, he managed to stop several goal-worthy shots, but there was nothing he could do about one from Bingham after 76 minutes, when the outside-right smacked the ball in low following a corner



An action-packed cameraman's view of Bob Morton as he rushes in at the Leeds goal.— G1929T