

WORKED LIKE A CHARM

Selectors' Theory

Was Justified

THEN, to round off the excitement for the Town fans, Gregory added another five minutes from the end and Leeds were lucky that there were not other reverses for them after that.

Maybe, the Town's improvement could be attributed partly to the fact that they appreciated the change from struggling along in thick mud and they certainly did not allow the difficult conditions to worry them.

Theory of the selectors in preferring Brown to Turner at inside-right on the grounds that he would give Bingham better support was justified.

Bingham Thrived On

Better Support

BROWN himself showed a marked and welcome improvement and Bingham thrived on the service he received.

There is no doubting the Irishman's capacity as a match-winner when he has the opportunity, and he gave Hair a thoroughly uncomfortable time.

As for Gregory, he used his speed and shooting power to the full and this was the best display of extreme wing play we have seen from the Town for a very long time.

Playing his part skilfully was Cummins, who used the ball with telling effect and, on this occa-

For The Records

LUTON TOWN 5
Bingham (2), Gregory (2)
Morton

LEEDS UNITED 1
Shackleton

LUTON TOWN. — Baynham; McNally, Hawkes; Groves, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

LEEDS UNITED.—Wood; Ashall, Hair; Cush, Charlton, Gibson; Humphries, Crowe, Shackleton, Revie, Overfield.

Referee. — R. J. Leafe, Nottingham.

Attendance.—18,354.

sion, did not fall into the trap, as he sometimes does, of trying to do too much with the ball.

Found The Formula At Right Time

CONTENT to use it to advantage, he was the source of many Town attacks. The highly versatile Morton brought more dash and power down the middle, and he worked tremendously hard, never being afraid to chase anything, nor to come back and forage for the ball himself.

On this evidence, it would seem that the Town have at last found their most effective combination just at the right time and the punch they showed gives grounds for hope of some success at West Ham on Saturday when the Town are bound to be given a hard test.

Town Defence Was Much In Command

IN command for most of the time was the defence, with the result that only on rare occasions did Leeds appear likely to get among the goals.

Mistakes could have been expected on this going, but the Town defenders were sure-footed and accurate and Owen's head-work was a big asset with the ball bouncing so much.

The combined facts that he received little in the way of support and that Owen marked him closely, meant that there was not much danger from Shackleton, and Groves and Pacey, both strong and decisive, largely managed to blanket the inside-forwards out of the game.

McNally Did A Very Sound Job

GROVES seems to have made the right-half position his own property, and Pacey is showing most consistent form.

McNally could be pleased with his display on his reappearance in the team, only his second chance at right-back in 14 months. Steady and showing a keen positional sense, he held Overfield, who could have been a danger.

On the other flank, Hawkes had his task eased for him by the fact that he was opposed to the injured Ashall for most of the time, but he turned in another highly praiseworthy display.

With the Town defence so strong, Baynham had by no means a difficult afternoon and was almost unemployed when a comparison of the work that came the way of Wood is made.

Win Could Not Have Been Better Timed

THIS fine victory could not have been better timed, because it came when confidence

was at a low ebb and when supporters were beginning to lose faith in the team.

While I do not believe that there was anything in the nature of a boycott, the attendance was certainly not of usual Cup-tie size at Luton.

However, the Amateur Cup-ties at Vauxhall, Hitchin and Stotfold must have had some effect on the gate, and probably some of the regulars from some distance were not too sure of weather or ground conditions.

However, more displays of this calibre will certainly bring back the crowds to Kenilworth-road.



"Phew! That was a near thing," says Leeds pivot Charlton as goalkeeper Roydon Wood dives clear after scooping the ball away from Bob Morton's foot.—T. H. Sheen.