# TOWN LIVE TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY

## HOPE RESTORED THIRTEEN MINUTES FROM END

## Grim, Hard Battle In Difficult Conditions

Leicester City ... l Luton Town . . 1

By Chiltern

THERE were typical Cup-tie scenes at Leicester this afternoon when the Town faced their second Cup hurdle of the season. They took a tremendous following with them by road and rail and it is a long time since I have seen so many Luton supporters on an away ground.

The waiting period before the start was well punctuated by rattles wielded by the fans of both teams and everywhere around the ground black and white

favours were prominent.

The chief concern of the Town players when they arrived was the state of the ground and several immediately put on football boots to try it out. The general report was that it was mostly hard but that there were places, particularly in one goalmouth where the sun had been stronger, where the surface was soft and inclined to be treacherous. This produced a dressing-room discussion about the type of boots that would be best suited to the occasion and in the end it was left to each individual player to make up his own

that he had never any doubt letter business or not I could not about the fitness of the pitch. Prospects were of a near-capacity crowd, and a quarter of an hour before the kick-off appeals were made over the loudspeaker system

asking the crowd to close up because there were many hundreds of people still in queues outside the ground.

As had been expected, the Town fielded the team that dealt so capably with Leeds, and had Turner and Dunne as travelling reserves. So, too, were Leicester unchanged, although there would have been a disposition to make an alteration had Walsh, the regular inside-left, recovered from

a tendon injury. However, he failed to pass a CUMMINS HAS A TRY fitness test and McNeill continued in the position.

TOWN PLAYERS

CONFIDENT players seemed perfectly happy corner that Owen cleared in to keep his balance to chase a goal to give the Town the good | With two or three minutes to was fisted out one-handed by a corner by Keyworth and this, and confident. A tremendous great style.

pass by Groves that Maclaren start they were looking for. go to half-time, Gregory swept Maclaren and Leicester even- beautifully placed was punched cheer greeted Leicester as they Morton found Bingham, who cleared by booting the ball right across the field to tually gained relief with a goal clear by Maclaren, who got up ran out, led by Johnny Newman, switched the ball inside to touch without wasting time. down the middle by Leicester, Bingham, who, unfortunately, kick. and they went to do their shoot- Brown, and his attempt to find This was the start of some who were relying mostly on the could not quite control it, and it A shot from Brown deflected Then it was Baynham's turn ing in the harder goalmouth, Morton was headed behind by heavy Town pressure in which speculative long kick, were cut was no wonder on this treacher- by King's head was just pre- to punch away from Riley, and which had been liberally sanded. King. On many parts of the pitch a Keeping it up for a minute or without producing anything when Leicester came again, a got it back into the goalmouth ning for a corner and then ton was signalled offside, but the On many parts of the pitch a sprinkling of snow still remained but this was not sufficient to cause any trouble. In the pre-liminary kick about the balls was well were bouncing about in rather wide but in any case Brown had sufficient to the ball across wide of the ball across wide of the ball across wide of the ball than was out a goal really looking imminute or two. The Town swarmed around decisive.

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OFF-SIDE BOGY

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ran down to shake Maclaren by Maclaren caught as Gregory the hand and have a few words closed in to challenge. with him. Whether this had any- Then, in a quick break by

The referee said before the start thing to do with the threatening

say, of course.

Town were set to defend the goal ball. Back it went to Cummins, in front of the double decker whose long centre went near the stand on which the going was far post, where Bingham, closing

left wing where Groves stepped in line. to make a strong tackle, although he slipped in the process and it was pretty obvious even at this early stage that to secure or to keep a foothold would be difficult

There was some pressure during which Owen put into touch a ball that I felt Baynham could have reached had he been allowed.

end a long throw-in by Key- booted it to safety. ton and Brown, racing in, missed on this occasion he overdid it came back down the right where now, and still the Town were worth brought some threat and Forwards of both teams were it, and the ball ran loose across and his back-heel pass intended Bingham earned a corner. This no nearer to saving this match Pacey could do no more than finding it virtually impossible to the goalmouth. About their prospects the Town head the ball behind for a turn quickly but Brown managed This should have brought a Baillie.

conditions were going to be diffi- More activity by the Town brought a long centre from the sight of it. The Town were quick succession came the way develop.

brought a long centre from the side net. After he had tossed up, Owen right wing by Morton that

## HOW THE GOALS

CAME

McNEILL for Leicester City after 50 minutes. BINGHAM for Luton after 77 minutes.

Leicester, a corner came, though the Town were certain that it should have been a goal-kick and so was I. This brought some scuffling in the region of the penalty area and although the ball was cleared was quickly returned by Leek and Riley had an outside chance of getting in a shot until Hawkes came in strongly.

Back in defence Cummins accidentally conceded a corner and this was a difficult period tor the Town, facing quite steady pressure. Hines headed over from Riley's corner kick.

### FORWARDS LOOKED PROMISING

on the move they were looking injury, but he was soon all For a time play was mainly the conditions. promising and worrying a right again. Next incident was confined to midfield, with players Leicester desence that looked a free-kick from 10 yards inside still finding extreme difficulty in lucky deflection of a Pacey clear-thrust in which Kelly, shooting none too happy under pressure. the Leicester half against Cum- keeping their feet and controlling ance and the ball was put across as Groves tackled him, sent the Meanwhile, mistakes were inevit- mins from what looked to be the ball. able on this skating rink of a sur- a clear case of accidental face that made control extremely handling.

ton, who was around the region of the penalty spot, was thwarted Owen lost the toss and the by King getting a flick at the in, headed it down and Maclaren Leicester went away down their picked it up cleanly off the goal-

nature of direct shooting.

Another Leicester raid ended to the lown. when Keyworth crashed into

the ball bobbed about dangerously off by Baynham. ous surface, and by the time he vented by Maclaren from run- when the Town hit back, Mor-

were bouncing about in rather wide but in any case Brown had Gregory, who in the first quarter nent. of an hour had scarcely had a Two corners on the left in the line before danger could eventually it was Groves who making the game safe, but he pinning their faith, too, on the of the Town, and from the through ball down the middle, second of them Gregory, receiv- with the Leicester defence not RANGE TOO GREAT

LEVEL AGAIN

Straight from this the Town of which Groves had produced ing from Cummins, drove the hesitating to boot the ball out of Leicester were next dangerous broke away to equalise through several good samples, but off-side ball across much too hard. When play when they were in trouble. when Owen was beaten on the BINGHAM after 77 minutes. It way was Bingham as he raced inside-left swept across a centre Half-time: away down the left to force plete confidence.

Morton whose return pass was Gregory, whose centering had not thing else. intercepted. Then Pacey came been on the mark so far, and he The Leicester forwards had

Right Left LEICESTER CITY Maclaren Cunningham Baillie King Newman Keyworth Kelly Hines McNeill W. Hickson Referee: (Wigan) Groves Hawkes McNally Baynham LUTON TOWN Right

When the Town forwards were have attention for a facial between.

tackle from Owen.

with play swinging up and down the left, headed away by Pacey, Owen found Bingham in good Maclaren and the ball ran loose who was being harassed by the field and nothing much in the and the strong headwork of the position, and he switched the in front of goal between Morton Bown. In the end Morton

much too long, he was challenged ing himself, as he could from bar as he jumped up. by both Bingham and Morton, something of an angle, he It was the Iown pressing now, However, this particular thrust Newman between them. With play still at the Town lost the ball and in the end King squared the ball low. Both Mor- with Bingham threatening, but was driven off, but the Town A quarter of an hour left

through, and then Leicester broke that Baynham cut out with com-

another corner off McNally. A too-casual clearance by This Baynham punched away Owen nearly put the Town in

way behind. battle in these conditions, and ing.

## BEST EFFORT TO DATE

A fine through pass by Groves sible in the circumstances was wing, Gregory placed a corner went across to Leek. His centre to Cummins took the Town back coming from the Town, but any badiy, but the ball somehow got was headed by McNeill into the on to the attack again and the degree of accuracy was most through, and Pacey made the corner of the net and about the inside-left's attempt to find Mor- difficult to achieve. best scoring effort to date with only part of the goal that Town Coming through again, Pacey a first-time shot that cleared the defenders were not covering. earned a corner that Cummins bar by rather less than a foot. FIGHTING BACK

placed badly, and after this in a quick thrust at the other Leicester had another look in end Kelly, from nearly 30 yards, ith Hines making a long run was a lot higher over the target. this character was of incalculable hat was stopped by a hard loo high, too, was Hines from a benefit, of course, and it was a tew yards outside the penalty tough fight that the Town had on area, but there had been more their hands now. shooting in these last few minutes than in any previous stage.

Maclaren and Baillie kicked off some time was led by Baillie and this Kelly had a fine chance of

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two-fisted, and the referee trouble when Leicester came The Town had been the better penalised Hines for jumping at back again but in the main the side in the first half and deserved the goalkeeper. Town defence was holding its to be a goal ahead. They had When Gregory was brought own competently. two distinct chances that slipped into the game he worked the Neat work by Cummins and away, probably more because of ball neatly past Cunningham to Bingham in midfield sent away the state of the going than any-

through strongly and pulled the wasted this by putting the ball been unable to make much of the ball back to Gregory whose behind.
centre was unfortunately some It was a grim, hard-fought which the Town were now attack-

First stoppage came after 20 goalmouth incidents of a dan- In the first minute of the

second half the Town came away | McNally came across to stop him. and Bingham was pulled up for When the Town came back offside, although it must have Hawkes, from fully 40 yards,

ing Riley as he came back to give | Some of the Town's approach chase, and the free kick brought work was good, considering the some activity near the Town conditions, out they were not penalty area which finally came being able to force home their to an abrupt end. attacks. For Leicester it was

### ANOTHER CLOSE CALL

yards, Brown was not only unduly rather gone on to attack in an optimistic, but out in his reckon- effort to restore the situation. ing, because the ball went high A nice open movement by the and wide. Then Morton, pivoting Town left Bingham closing in quickly on to a low pass from with a chance of either a shot or Gregory, cracked the ball just a centre, but perhaps because he wide of the near post, and that slipped at the vital moment, he was another close call for Leices- put the ball behind.

on the attack, Morton went out right position, and his shot went to the wing to harass Newman, just too high. and when he ball came across, A foul by Bingham on Leek Brown and Maclaren went for it brought him a word from the together, neither got hold of it referee, and Baillie knocked the and Cunningham kicked it into ball bang into the penalty area the crowd behind the goal for where it was headed out to Keysafety. Gregory's corner came worth, who gained a throw-in some yards outside the penalty near the corner-flag. area, which caused a halt to the When the Town hit back, Town's progress for a time.

the run of play, Leicester broke away to take the lead through Nothing was quite coming off McNEILL. It was one of those minutes when Keyworth had to gerou nature were few and far unfortunate happenings following and Maclaren saved somewhat a series of mistakes inevitable in luckily from Brown after Morton

field into the penalty area, with hall just wide. Groves stretching out a leg and TOWN PERSISTENT unable to reach it. Back it Most of what football was pos- | Veering over to the opposite came into the goalmouth and |

The first goal in a match of

chance when a centre from hand in the nick of time to There was very little in it now After this came a corner on A long, sweeping pass by Gregory was pushed out by save a back pass from King half-back line was a distinct asset | ball inside to Cummins before and Brown, neither of whom 'obbed the ball just past the far running on to the return pass could get a foot to it. Fighting rost Then came a tremendous es- and making a centre from which hard, the Town threw Leicester When Hines was brought Brown a couple of yards outside cape for Leicester when Pacey Brown made an overhead lob back on to the defensive, and at down by Hawkes two or three the Town penalty area and then, raced through from a pass by that was so close to the target this period there was only Bayn- vards outside the penalty area, when Baillie delayed his clearance Cummins, and instead of shoot- that Maclaren pulled down the ham in the Town's half of the the referee awarded a free kick

was something of a bogy to the McNally delayed his clearance But the difficulty of ball control centre line and Riley went racing Town. Latest to be caught this and was robbed by McNeill, the and accurate finishing remained. through dangerously until (Please turn to Back Page)

been touch and go. tried a shot that finished almost Gregory was penalised for foul- as near the corner flag as the goal.

now mainly breakaway stuff which looked threatening at times Trying a shot from over 25 because the Town accent had

Best effort for Leicester came After that, with the Town still from McNeill from the inside-

qingham was fouled by Baillie Then, after 50 minutes, against out near the touch-line, but the

bad made a through pass. After First of all there was an un- this there was a quick Leicester

## The more persistent pressure

was still coming from the Town and they were held up again when Brown was penalised for pushing on the fringe of the penalty area. Back came Leicester and Owen nut behind as Hines came racing through. Bavnham, well out of his goal, went up to the ball, could not hold it at the first attempt, but smartly dropped on to it as Hines sought to gain

possession. Leicester were lucky again Again the Town missed a when Maclaren stuck out a

that was wasted by Riley and