

ADEQUATE REVENGE FOR TWO DEFEATS BY CITY

Match Personal Triumph For Three-goal Brown

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ADEQUATE revenge for two post-war Cup defeats at the hands of Leicester was exacted by the Town before a big, excited crowd at Kenilworth-road last night. Confirming the impression they had given on Saturday of being the better balanced, constructive side, they coasted into the last 16 in which they are called upon to visit Second Division Ipswich.

Two early goals helped a lot, and then there was the double hammer blow of two goals in a minute by Brown early in the second half. For Brown, who has been much out of form lately, the match was a personal triumph, because he scored three opportunist goals and generally moved in better fashion.

The Town won comfortably because their extra footballing ability stood them in good stead on this bone hard ground. Leicester had no forward to match the craftsmanship of Cummins, whose use of the ball was often a delight, nor the genius of Bingham, who gave another sparkling display.

Every time the winger secured the ball in the first half there was potential danger to the Leicester goal, and there was speed and directness on the other wing from Gregory.

With the tall King watching him closely, Morton had a comparatively quiet match, but this forward line moved well and it was quite something to see them snapping up their chances so avidly.

Again there was real strength in the half-back line in which, I thought, Groves and Owen outstanding, though Pacey did another very useful job. Behind them the stern tackling of McNally and Hawkes was always a matter of discouragement to the Leicester wingers.

ALTOGETHER IMPRESSIVE

Altogether, an impressive performance from the Town in very difficult conditions, which they mastered much better than Leicester whose main quality was their fighting spirit. In this they were matched by the Town, whom they could never approach for sheer football ability.

There was never much doubt about the outcome after the Town went into a two-goals lead after 19 minutes.

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

LEICESTER CITY: Maclaren; Cunningham. Baillie; Newman. King. Keyworth; Riley. Walsh. Hines. McNeill. Leek.

Referee: W. Hickson. Wigan. The pitch was still hard and

after inspecting it Leicester's acting manager, Matt Gillies, decided to include Jimmy Walsh at inside-right instead of Kelly.

As was expected Alf Ramsey, the Ipswich manager was a spectator.

Winning the toss the Town chose to defend the Oak-road end, and they swung into action straight away, Gregory having a shot beaten out by Cunningham.

Naturally enough, the ball was lively, bouncing about awkwardly and difficult to control, and in the opening phase it was the Town who were showing the more method.

Half a chance for Leicester came when Baynham made a bad goal kick. Pacey failed to clear it, and Hines went careering through to shoot much too high as he was bowled over.

BRILLIANT BROWN

A fine pass by Cummins, brilliantly kept in play by Bingham, who beat Baillie in the same movement was the forerunner of the Town taking the lead through BROWN after nine minutes. As the centre came across Brown met it unerringly with his head and it beat a somewhat fumbling attempt to save by Maclaren.

Jubilation was very nearly short-lived because Leicester hit back immediately and a low shot by McNeill struck the outside of the post and went out of play with Baynham beaten.

For a few minutes play ran Leicester's way and Owen robbed Leek who had come right across into the middle. Groves was twice prominent in breaking up Leicester raids, but Leicester were persistent without looking really threatening.

However, the Town gradually came back into it and increased their lead after 19 minutes through GREGORY. Forerunner of it was a corner when Baillie just failed to prevent the ball rolling for a corner.

This Bingham placed beautifully into the goalmouth, where Cummins headed it on to Gregory, who met it first time and sent flashing into the far corner of the net, leaving Maclaren helpless.

ALMOST A THIRD

A minute later it was nearly three because Bingham from longish range, deceived Maclaren and the ball struck the far post and came back into play.

Back came Leicester and Hines had a shot blocked at point-blank range after Riley had broken through.

Some delightful passes were coming from Cummins, and another sent away Bingham, who mesmerised Baillie and then his left-footed centre passed just too high.

A dangerous break through by Keyworth might have been troublesome but for a strong tackle by Owen, who then somewhat unnecessarily put the ball behind for a corner that was followed by another.

CITY FIGHT BACK

Leicester were fighting, but were not producing much in the way of marksmanship.

Morton shot across the face of the goal from an acute angle following a headed pass by Brown.

Chance of a third goal went astray when brilliant work by Bingham, a distinct problem to Leicester, left Gregory bang in front of goal. Hooking at the ball first time he sent it spiralling over the bar.

A foul by McNally on Walsh brought Leicester a free kick out on the left, about 10 yards outside the penalty area, and from it Hines headed sharply into Baynham's hands.

In some Leicester pressure

How The Goals Came

BROWN for Luton after 9 minutes.

GREGORY for Luton after 19 minutes.

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LEEK for Leicester after 88 minutes.

Walsh was high and wide from the edge of the penalty area, and Hines turned the ball outside from a corner. Half-time:

LUTON TOWN 2
LEICESTER CITY 0

First to be dangerous in the second half were the Town, with Gregory making a solo dash that he ended with a shot that was much too high.

In a Leicester foray Walsh shot wide from Leek's centre, and then Brown tried a shot on the half turn from Morton's header, did not connect properly, and Maclaren was able to pick up with ease.

Unpleasant moment at the Town end came when Baynham raced out after a clearance by Owen had struck Hines, failed to collect an awkwardly bouncing ball and Riley, who looked dangerous, was eventually kept out by good covering.

Morton was dead out of luck with a first-time flick, made with his back almost to the goal, that landed inches over the bar on top of the netting, with Maclaren groping.

Back came Leicester and a smoother-than-usual movement brought a centre from Leek to which Baynham leapt but could not hold on to the ball. It ran loose in front of goal and it was Hawkes who was there to make a prompt and most timely clearance.

At this stage Leicester were doing everything they knew to get the goal that would have put them back with a chance, but the Town improved again.

TWO QUICK ONES

After 56 minutes the Town increased their lead, with BROWN the scorer. It came as the result of a hefty balloon clearance bang into the goalmouth by Hawkes, and the ball, unluckily it seemed, struck Morton on the back of the leg.

In the event it was a fortunate circumstance, because the ball went straight out to Brown, who promptly rammed it past Maclaren.

In the next minute the Town were four up, with BROWN claiming his third goal. This time it was Gregory who did the spadework, bringing the ball across before pushing it to Brown, who was having a field day with his finishing, and again he gave Maclaren no chance.

Now, of course, the Town were playing with great confidence, and though Leicester were still fighting, theirs looked a forlorn hope.

More Town pressure, in which Bingham, Brown and Cummins all played a part, brought a fierce shot from Gregory that Maclaren held on to safely. Cummins, shooting first time from inside the penalty area, was well wide from a cross made from the right by Gregory.

CLOSE CALL

When they came back again Leicester went close to opening their account. A shot from Hines made Baynham leap quickly, but the ball went just too high.

A succession of headers in front of the Town goal followed a corner and ended with Baynham making a safe catch from Walsh.

Baillie put over his own bar in order to prevent a cross from Gregory reaching Brown, and from the corner Bingham headed inches wide.

Although Leicester did some pressing in the closing stages it was purely of a token nature and quite easily driven back.

Reward for Leicester came two minutes from the end when LEEK got up high to head well out of Baynham's reach a corner from Riley. Result:

LUTON 4
LEICESTER 1

Attendance: 27,277, highest of the season. Receipts: £3,850.