

Town Wing Way To Victory: Two For Legate

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FINE RALLY AFTER LEEDS PENALTY ANGERS THE CROWD

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LUTON TOWN 3, LEEDS UNITED 2

ALTHOUGH it was a bright sunny afternoon, a very cold wind probably kept down the size of the attendance at Kenilworth-road this afternoon when Leeds United were the visitors.

Again there were ominous gaps on the terraces, though it look as if the crowd might turn out to be larger than the rock-bottom one we had a fortnight ago.

Past clashes between the teams on this ground have been closely fought and often rather unimaginative affairs, which probably did not add to the attraction.

Leeds came in the dangerous position of being next to the bottom of the division, but they fielded an unchanged team because Peyton, who has been suffering from blistered feet, was able to report fit this morning, and Hawksby stood down.

The Town had to make changes for the team that won at Norwich last Saturday, mainly because of the unfitness of Morton who has back trouble, so Groves was pulled to left half and Pacey was switched to the right.

Rather surprisingly, in view of the news in midweek, McKechnie passed a fitness test so he continued at inside-right and Turner, after being absent a fortnight, came back as leader of the attack.

TEARAWAY START

There was almost a sensational start because in the opening seconds McConnell, a tall inside-left, reached with his head a high ball that had eluded Pacey, and Standen just managed to tip it over the bar.

The corner from Bremner dropped on top of the bar, then there was another corner on the left which Standen cleared in smart style. It had been a tearaway start by Leeds which had effect of unsettling the Town.

Then Legate received an unkind run of the ball in front of goal following a centre from Fleming, and McKechnie had what might have proved to be a scoring shot deflected.

With eight minutes gone the Town took the lead through Legate, who showed his uncanny ability to snap up chances in front of goal. It followed a corner on the right which McKechnie took and did not place well, because it required Fleming's header to enable the ball to carry on.

There Legate was stationed faced with a problem through an awkwardly-bouncing ball, but he made up his mind about it and headed it firmly past Younger.

FREE-KICKS TO TOWN

There was a considerable improvement from the Town, and Legate was brought down by Hair just as he was moving

promisingly. The free-kick yielded nothing, then Groves came through with the Leeds defence opening up, but he delayed his shot too long and the ball went off the legs of Goodwin.

Another free-kick came to the Town when Smith obstructed Ashworth, but this was cleared without much difficulty although the Town stayed on the offensive and Younger pulled down a long cross by McNally.

A clever interception by Pacey stopped a Leeds move, and when the Town came back Fleming deceived Kilford before centering but Legate was forestalled this time by Hair.

There might have been another goal for the Town when a pass by Groves to Ashworth was fired first time straight at Younger.

Ashworth twice menaced the Leeds goal — once when he shot narrowly over, and then when he burst dangerously through the middle only to be stopped by Hair.

TOWN FIND DEFENCE SOLID

Leeds were not living up to their early promise, but their defence was putting up a solid front, and the Town were not finding it easy to reach shooting range.

All the same they were having the better of matters.

With 25 minutes gone Leeds unexpectedly drew level through REVIE. The trouble began just inside the Leeds half when Fleming lost possession of the ball and a through pass caught the Town defence all over the place.

Revie gained possession somewhere around the inside-left position and beat Standen with a shot that crossed him into the far corner of the net.

There was a rather ominous-looking gap down the middle of the Town defence, and this was nearly the means of Leeds going ahead. McConnell exploited it,

RIGHT		LUTON TOWN		LEFT	
		Standen			
		McNally		Bramwell	
Pacey		Cope		Groves	
Fleming	McKechnie	Turner	Ashworth	Legate	
					
Referee:				(Nottingham)	
R. J. Leafe					
		LEEDS UNITED			
LEFT				RIGHT	
Peyton	McConnell	Charlton	Revie	Bremner	
Bell		Goodwin		Smith	
	Kilford		Hair		
		Younger			

going through unchallenged, and it required a great full-length save by Standen to prevent him scoring. The game had swung dramatically in favour of Leeds with the Town defence in a tangle.

There was further trouble and Charlton should have been able to force the ball home from close range but he failed to be decisive enough.

For a time Leeds kept it up, with the Town giving the impression of being very much on the run.

STANDEN TO THE RESCUE

Still Leeds looked the more dangerous, and Standen again stood between them and success when he pushed up the ball to catch it at the second attempt after Bremner from point-blank range had let loose a powerful drive.

For a time the Town could do little in attack, and apart from a wild effort by Turner, who banged the ball high over, there was little sign of them regaining the lead.

Leeds were much more incisive, and Charlton should have done better than firing the ball much too high after getting the better of Bramwell.

After a most unproductive spell, the Town suddenly revived when Groves set an attack in motion and McKechnie was fouled as he sought an opening.

From the free kick the ball went to Legate, who found Hair a barrier he could not pass.

Bramwell was injured in a tackle on Bremner, but recovered quickly, and the Town had a corner on the left which Younger adventurously punched away.

PENALTY PLEA TURNED DOWN

McNally and Peyton both finished full-length after a clash as the winger sought to cut in, but the ball went harmlessly for a goal-kick and the referee would have nothing to do with some luke-warm penalty appeals.

More than once the Town forwards were caught offside, and this spoilt a promising movement which Turner began and McKechnie looked like carrying to a decisive finish.

There were few occasions when the forwards looked like producing the goods, and they were being thrown back by stern tackling before they could reach the danger zone.

Standen earned applause by a



LEGATE

Once again he showed his ability to snap up chances, and put the Town ahead after eight minutes.

He justified his choice with a second goal after the Town had found themselves drawing 2-2.

brilliant catch from a high centre by Peyton, and Pacey and Groves were both having to do a lot of covering in the middle. This cut their support to the men in front and caused something of a gap in the middle.

Towards half-time the Town exerted some pressure but the Leeds defence stood firm.

Again a free-kick brought them nothing, and the Town were badly needing some sort of inspiration. Half-time:

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LEEDS UTD 1

In the first minute of the second-half Turner missed a great chance of restoring the Town lead when with great deliberation he headed a centre from Legate a yard wide.

When Leeds had a turn

Charlton was caught offside as he went in to head a centre from the right, and Standen pushed over. Then Ashworth tried to infuse life into this Town attack which was giving such a disappointing performance, but all he got for his pains was to be penalised for a foul on Smith.

TWO VIEWS OF FLEMING

Fleming made a hash of an opening by putting the ball weakly wide, and then atoned in part by a shrewd pass to Legate who failed to control the ball at the vital moment, but the Town remained on the attack and Legate blazed away first-time and had a drive deflected by Hair.

Both Groves and Pacey were well up in the goal area when the corner came across but they did not connect. For a few minutes, though, Leeds were hard pressed without the Town producing the knock-out blow.

A goal to the Town seemed in the offing when Fleming made a long diagonal centre that Turner reached, but the whistle went for offside when Ashworth seemed on the point of scrambling the ball through.

Then after 56 minutes the Town did regain the lead through FLEMING. He picked up a loose ball and made a shot that seemed destined to go over the bar. To everybody's amazement—and certainly to the astonishment of Younger—the ball seemed to hang in the air and found a billet in the top corner of the net as the goalkeeper, spreadeagled on the floor, watched it curl in.

CROWD ANGERED BY PENALTY

Immediately after this there was a strong Leeds attack in which McConnell had a header scrambled off the goal-line. Then, in spite of vehement protests by Town players, the referee pointed to the penalty spot. Why a penalty was awarded was not clear to the



How The Goals Came

LEGATE for Luton after 8 minutes.

REVIE for Leeds after 25 minutes.

FLEMING for Luton after 56 minutes.

BREMNER (penalty) for Leeds after 58 minutes.

LEGATE for Luton after 63 minutes.



FLEMING

missed some chances, but made amends with a goal after 56 minutes.

which he finished full-length following a tackle by Goodwin.

Before a corner could be taken, there was a hold-up while Hair was attended to for an injury, and he was led over the touch line for further treatment.

There could have been another goal to the Town when, after a slide-rule pass from Ashworth, the ball landed on the foot of Turner,



who was slow to get it under control and was robbed before he could make an effective shot.

The referee had a word with Smith after a tackle on Legate,

and Bramwell's free kick enabled to Town to begin a further spell of pressure, during which Younger just foiled a scoring attempt by McKechnie.

Turner, who had been having a comparatively quiet time, forced Younger into action again with a crisp shot which the goalkeeper snatched up as Ashworth and McKechnie closed in.

Hair, who had been off for about four minutes, was now outside-right, with Smith at right back and Revie back in his old right-half spot.

Pushing by Goodwin on Ashworth brought the Town another free kick midway in the Leeds half, and from it there came a



corner as Legate and Smith angled for a high ball.

In fine style Younger came out to the region of the penalty spot to collect Legate's cross. There was little threat from Leeds now, so that the Town were hanging on to their narrow lead comfortably enough.

There were visions of another goal when Ashworth and Legate combined neatly but Ashworth's cross was cut off by Smith. By and large, Leeds had faded out, but Peyton did try to spark off a late rally, only to find his pass being cut off by McNally.

There was a bit of a scare at the Town end following a long centre by Smith which McConnell



headed over, but the whistle had gone penalising him for a foul on Standen.

Then as Leeds drew themselves together for a final effort Bramwell put the Town in danger with a headed clearance that went straight to McConnell, but the Town survived.

McKechnie shot across the face of the goal after Groves had brought the ball through in powerful style, and McNally sent Turner racing through the defence but the ball went out of play. So the match ended with the Town's goals all coming from the wing men. Result:

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