

POVERTY STRICKEN TOWN ATTACK

Determined Defence Put Up Brave Show In Vain By CHILTERN

LEEDS UNITED 2, LUTON TOWN 1

ALTHOUGH they had their usual luck on the Elland-road ground, the quota that came their way was not quite sufficient for the Town to hang on to the point which is the least they have been accustomed to collect from their visits to Leeds.

Had there been some semblance of cohesion or finishing power in the forward line to ally with the determination of the defence, there might have been another story and another blow to United's hopes of remaining in the Second Division.

However, the Town front line was a poverty-stricken affair that fell easy victim to a hard-tackling Leeds defence and any sort of a shot at goal from them was so much of an infrequent occurrence that the number could be counted on the fingers of both hands.

When Bremner had a shot headed off the line by McNally and Hawksby shot against the far post with Standen beaten, it seemed as if fortune was smiling on the Town again.

This became even more evident when, after 35 minutes and right against the run of the play, the Town took the lead when Walden was fouled by Mason and McNALLY came up to take Younger completely by surprise and blast the ball past him at a rare pace.

To be a goal up at half-time was more than the Town deserved, but was a pleasant enough prospect for them, though they found themselves up against it in the early minutes of the second-half.

TWO GOALS BY THE SAME ROUTE

Anxious Leeds, probably still smarting from an interval dressing down, attacked in force and Collins missed two chances before they equalised with only four minutes gone.

Hawksby made a long centre that Standen could not reach and although he followed it outside the far post, BREMNER was on hand to roll the ball over the line from an acute angle.

The same mould might have been used for the second goal after 65 minutes because Hawksby again centred, Standen did not intercept as he should have done, and BREMNER accepted a simple chance to head into the net.

Even though there were still 25 minutes left, the Town's hopes of aving a point seemed slight in the extreme and Younger was scarcely brought into serious action.

Pacey caused him to go down quickly to a long range effort and he did well to intercept an attempted low centre by Ashworth out, otherwise, the points seemed safe in the keeping of Leeds.

Forward, the Town were indeed sorry lot, with neither Ashworth or McKechnie leaving any impression on this game which

meant that there were no openings for Turner, who tried to be schemer and spearhead, without success.

INTOLERABLE STRAIN ON THE DEFENCE

Nor was there sufficient drive or finishing power from Walden and Fleming and, in the main, the forwards were easy victims.

That there was so little to offer by the men in front put an intolerable strain on the defence which was up against it for most of the game.

Creditably, even though they were aided by a little luck, they kept the score-sheet blank at half-time, due to some good-covering and hard tackling.

Kelly brought a marked improvement to the middle of the defence, holding Lawson splendidly, and his determined tackling was always a deterrent.

From Groves and Pacey, he received solid support, so that the United inside-forwards often found themselves shut out, and although both wingers had a hand in each goal, both McNally and Bramwell gave their side good service.

Unfortunately, on his first appearance in the League team for three months, Standen has to shoulder the blame for the second goal but, otherwise, he was most competent.

LEEDS UNITED.—Younger; Hair, Mason; Goodwin, Charlton, Smith; Bremner, Collins, Lawson, Payton, Hawksby.

LUTON TOWN.—Standen; McNally, Bramwell; Groves, Kelly, Pacey; Walden, Ashworth, Turner, McKechnie, Fleming.

Referee.—K. Howley, Middlesbrough. Attendance.—13,078.