# FORWARDS HAVE MISLAID GOAL TOUCH COMPLETELY

## WITHOUT IDEAS AND PUNCH AT LEEDS

## Defence's Determined Fight Was In Vain By CHILTERN

To was with something of a shock that I recalled during the match at Elland-road, Leeds, on Saturday THROUGHOUT the that this Town forward line which was so shot-shy, bereft of ideas and generally aimless, was the one that while was scoring more goals than most Second Division clubs during the early part of the season.

No one would have thought from their performance against struggling Leeds that they are capable of the NO JOY FROM sort of scoring feats they have behind them and one can only assume that the root of the trouble is a complete loss of confidence.

TUST how much the source of deeply about the future status of goals has dried up is shown the club can have failed not to only too plainly by the fact that notice the gradual drift of the in only one of the last eight Town towards the lower reaches League matches has more than of the table. one goal been scored, and of the Their present total of 31 seven secured during that period, points does not represent a martwo have come from full-back gin of safety, which I regard to Brendan McNally and one from be at least 35, and there are some left-half Dave Pacey, who was at terribly tough matches to be inside-right at the time. | faced, with not the least being the

pointed out that some more for- Liverpool on Saturday. points out of 16.

#### Gradual Drift To The Lower Reaches

WHILE the threat is not here INSIDE-FORWARD is the key

Only too clearly is the fact home meeting with the leaders,

ward power must be found from While the defence gave good somewhere if the Town are to cause for satisfaction at Leeds, raise themselves out of their pre- they cannot be expected to carry sent depressing run, which has the burden of the weakness of brought them a meagre four the men in front, sufficiently to win the vital points.

#### Nothing Coming From The Inside Men

yet, no - one who cares position in any team, and it is

here that the Town are so dread- ling, the story had been one of seemed to be a near impossible making the most use of what

gain his touch since his return luck. after injury and is doing much First McNally headed out a running about, which is accom- shot by Bremner that was so

being caught in possession far too a cross shot to have the mortificaeasily and continually runs into tion of sceing the ball rebound

Result is that there is scarcely the far post. anything of a constructive nature coming from the inside positions, and Turner seems torn between the need to try to provide some of the deficiency in that respect and to be a spearhead at the OTHER than McNally's shot, forwards that there was never much hope of an equaliser, even Kelly Stabilised

#### Younger Was Almost Unemployed

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# SCOTLAND

Back from Scotland without anything tangible as yet to show for their trip, are the Town Manager, Sam Bartram and Chief Scout George

They watched two junior cup semi-finals, in one of which—which was drawn there was a player who interests the Town greatly.

The replay is next Saturday, and the Town's Scottish scouts will be holding a watching brief on this player.

Mr. Bartram's next task is to choose his team for the Reserves' home match with Shrewsbury tomorrow night, and he will probably do so to a background of the Town's forward problems and with one eye on Saturday's game with Liverpool.

forward and Younger was almost completely unemployed in the second half until Pacey suddenly brought him into action with a shot that bounced awkwardly in front of him.

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In fact, it was symptomatic of the general state of affairs that the Town's only goal should come from McNally after 35 minutes.

That it was completely against the trend of the game is another story and it was one of the many free-kicks conceded by both teams for a series of minor, niggling fouls that led to Leeds going behind.

McNally Took Leeds By Surprise

RATHER needlessly, Mason fouled Walden some yards outside the penalty area and McNally came up to take the kick from quite an acute angle to surprise everybody and dismay Leeds by smashing the ball between Younger and the near post.

Possibly the goalkeeper was caught because he expected MoNally to centre and, un-

wittingly, left a gap. Before that unexpected happen-

Ashworth seems unable to re- brought them two slices of bad

into the goalkeeper's hands off

#### Leeds Stormed Into Second-Half Action

in any sort of trouble was close though Pacey went up to aid to half-time when Fleming them in the last quarter of an chipped a shot over the heads of hour. defenders, but the goalkeeper, match, sighted, reached it.

> missed two splendid ohances, one the extreme wings. from less than six yards when he shot wide, before Leeds deservedly reached level terms after four minutes.

fully weak at the moment. desperate Leeds pressure which angle. does come their way.

#### Winner Was Almost A Carbon Copy

who took the lead after minutes with a goal that had the two points would probably doom stamp of the first one on it.

which Standen should have intercepted, but he did not move to cular, the covering was excepthe ball and Bremner was

Apart from the lack of though he must have been un- material coming from the insideforwards which means In a storming start to the Turner is having to play a lone second half by Leeds, Collins hand, there is little support from

#### Fighting Defence Earned Marks

centre, Standen followed it to the will point to the fact that breaking up attacks and the only far post, but could not reach it they are not really receiving the fault that could be found with and Bremner, behind him, rolled sort of support they need, but either was that they did not use the ball over the line from what the fact is that they are not the ball as accurately as they

Of the two, Fleming was slightly the better, but neither finished well. Most marks went plishing precisely nothing.

So, too, has McKechnie lost his Leeds appealed for a goal and always in favour of Leeds, which was only too well aware which was only too well aware to the defence for the way in of the fact that the loss of these them to a spell in the Third Again, Hawksby made a centre Division.

> During the first half, in partion tionally good, so that Leeds found hand again to head a simple goal. difficulty in getting a clear shot

### The Middle

THROUGHOUT, they fought with a great deal of determination, none more than Kelly, who made a most auspicious return to the team.

Strong in the tackle and generally solid, Kelly brought greater stability to the middle of the defence and the £18,000 Lawson DESPERATE efforts by the just could not find a loophole.

Flanking him, Groves and When Hawksby made a long MAYBE, Walden and Fleming Pacey both did their share in

#### Pacey Was Always Prominent

the two goals from Bremner, and ing inside. it was only on odd occasions When the Town did shake that Hawksby escaped the vigi- themselves into action in the closlance of McNally.

Unfortunately, Standen blotted over the bar when, with a little what was otherwise a satisfac- more steadiness, he could have tory display by failing to move had it in the net, and Chandler off his goal line to cut out the was unfortunate when he shot

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goal came and he did not always deal confidently with high crosses.

#### Off-Form Reserves Forwards' Blank

Town Reserves to secure a goal in the last ten minutes of their game with Northampton on Saturday failed.

And indeed it would have been flattering to a badly off-form Town attack had they snatched both points in this period.

With both defences right on top, and neither side looking capable of a goal, there could have been no result other than a goalless draw.

HOWEVER, Pacey, particularly was always prominent and although Collins had his triumphant moments, the left-half came through with considerable credit.

So too did Promyell despite So, too, did Bramwell, despite right with Robin Chandler mov-

ing minutes Lornie lifted the ball centre from which the winning against the woodwork.