

# No-one satisfied by draw

THE SECOND goal-less league game of the Town's season left neither side satisfied at Filbert Street on Saturday.

The Town threw away enough chances to have victory sewn up before half-time, and Leicester did the same after the interval, in a match they needed to win to pull away from the lower end of the table.

"Very few players of either side did justice to themselves," said Town manager David Pleat. "It was a sticky pitch and players couldn't pass the ball accurately."

The Town were without Ricky Hill, and although Andy King helped to ensure that the midfield was rarely in trouble, signs of attacking flair vanished after the interval.

The first half held plenty of promise for the Town, with Steve Foster and Mal Donaghy blotting out Leicester's central strikers Alan Smith and Tony Sealey, and Peter Nicholas storming through midfield.

Tim Breacker became the right-sided attacker to link with Nicholas's decisive tackling and incisive passes, and with David Preece exerting pressure on the other side Leicester were glad to reach the interval on level terms.

The Nicholas/Breacker combination set up the best chance, with Mike Newell taking Breacker's low cross off King's toes and blasting

in a shot which was deflected wide. From the corner Nicholas headed back across the face of the goal and Mitchell Thomas lifted a shot from four yards into the stand.

Mick Harford, scorer of four goals in his two previous Town games against Leicester, was tightly marked and Leicester had the better of the second half but produced finishing even worse than the Town's had been.

The highlight after the interval was a pass by John O'Neill which sent Smith clear. His pace took him into the penalty area and around Les Sealey, and his angled shot was crisp and accurate.

The speed with which Foster got back to stretch out a leg and clear for a corner was breathtaking.

The only other danger was when Ali Mauchlen was a couple of yards offside

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and the linesman mistakenly allowed him to go for goal. This time Donaghy was the defender with the pace to repair the damage, overtaking his opponent and robbing him before he was within shooting range.

The rest was forgettable, with the Town's only source of satisfaction the fact that they were rarely made to look uncomfortable against a team that played better when being beaten 3-0 at Kenilworth Road on New Year's Day.

## DETAILS

**TOWN:** Sealey; Johnson, Foster, Donaghy, Thomas; King (Mark Stein, 62 mins), Nicholas, Breacker, Preece; Newell, Harford.

**LEICESTER:** Andrews; Feeley, Osman, O'Neill, Morgan; Lynex, McAllister, Mauchlen, Cunningham (Banks, 59 mins); Sealey, Smith.

**GOAL ATTEMPTS:** Town five saved and ten off target; Leicester six saved and 12 wide. Corners: 5-3 to the Town.

**ATTENDANCE:** 9,912.

**REFEREE:** Ken Walmsley, Blackpool.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Reasonable first half, very poor in the second.