

CLASSIC MATCH




Leeds United 3 Newcastle United 1

Football League Division Two
Saturday October 30, 1982, 3pm
Elland Road **Attendance** 26,570
Goals Anderson (40), Worthington (44),
Burns (76), Butterworth (84)
Referee MJ Heath (Stoke-on-Trent)

Newcastle (4-2-4): Carr, Anderson,
Wharton, Martin, Carney, Haddock,
Keegan, McCreery, Varadi (Hedworth),
McDermott, Waddle.



In the spirit of LLL magazine,
JON HOWE takes a retro
look at some of our most
memorable moments.

What do you want to talk about first?

It would be nice to mull over another impressive win – which player-manager Eddie Gray described as “very satisfying” – against an accomplished Newcastle side. But on an incendiary afternoon where the venomous atmosphere frequently spilled over into violence, most of the talking points involved incidents off the pitch.

Difficult to know what to concentrate on?

Yes! The players deserve credit for serving up a pulsating contest, because around them there were almost constant outbreaks of disorder. Bits of broken seats rained down onto the pitch from the Leeds fans in the South Stand, while the Newcastle fans tried to climb from the pens on Lowfields Road. Missiles hit two Newcastle players – leading to the ref taking the players off the field twice; once when Keegan was floored in front of the Kop, and then as soon as the players re-appeared, John Anderson was hit by a coin from one of his own fans, who was presumably aiming for someone else. Off

they went again, and in short, it was a chaotic afternoon.

Okay, what happened on the pitch? Leeds continued their decent start to the season. Having lost just once in the opening 12 games, today’s impressive victory suggests we may be set for an instant return to the top flight. It was reflected in the highest Second Division crowd of the day too; perhaps buoyed by midweek’s 4-1 Milk Cup win at St James’ Park, the Leeds fans saw three goals at home for the second game running following the 3-1 win over Burnley 10 days ago, when only half today’s attendance turned up.

We went behind again, though? Yes, in a tight first half there was little between the sides. McDermott, returning from suspension, was making the Geordies tick but there were few chances until the 40th minute when Chris Waddle’s low centre was palmed out by Lukic straight to right-back Anderson, who drilled home a fine finish. Four minutes later, and on the stroke of half-time, a Frank Gray shot was deflected



MAGIC NUMBER
Goals in a week
against Newcastle.



skywards and Frank Worthington, not known for putting his head where a stray boot might damage his reputation with the ladies, dived bravely to head home on the edge of the six-yard box. The goals sparked skirmishes around the ground and the police spent most of half-time restoring order. Unfortunately, Leeds' second-half dominance did nothing to quell the bristling undercurrent of savage antagonism that was reverberating around the bitter confines of Elland Road.

Supersub did the business again?

Terry Connor's introduction as a sub three days ago in the cup turned the tie in Leeds' favour during extra-time, and the 19-year-old had the Midas touch again today. Four minutes after his introduction Eddie Gray's deep left-wing centre was hooked back into the danger area by Connor at the far edge of the penalty area. He found Kenny Burns unmarked on the penalty spot, and the transfer-listed hardman, who has failed to win over the disgruntled fans at Elland Road, stabbed home the loose ball to send the Leeds hoards wild and the police into emergency standby position.

The end of the matter? No, if Newcastle had entered the game with dented pride after the cup mauling,

they regained none of it as Leeds steamrolled towards a landmark victory. Arthur Graham had caused havoc all afternoon, switching from one wing to the other, and with six minutes remaining he floated in a left wing cross. Aidan Butterworth, with his shock of blonde-hair lighting up Elland Road like a Belisha beacon, latched onto the centre and poked the ball home from close range.

How were the Leeds fans? Largely concentrating on repeated altercations with their Geordie counterparts, but in between times enjoying an all-too-rare victory over thoroughbred opposition. If the good times are finally returning to the club, it seems the hovering spectre of violence and savagery means we won't be able to enjoy it.

Best Leeds player? The three goalscorers were a thorn in Newcastle's side all afternoon in different areas of the pitch, but Arthur Graham gave a mesmerising performance, which outshone England hero Keegan.

In a nutshell? Order among chaos.



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🕒 Clockwise from bottom left: Aidan Butterworth, Kenny Burns, Arthur Graham, Terry Connor and Frank Worthington.

