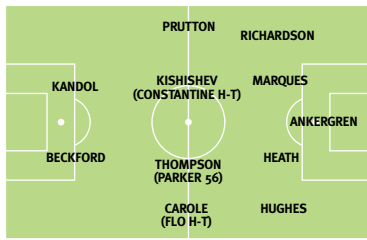


OLDHAM ATHLETIC 1-3

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE Game 24 Elland Road Tuesday January 1, 3pm **Attendance** 25,906 **Goals** Hazell (28), Trotman (36), Hughes (og 41), Constantine (46)
Referee Mark Clattenburg (Tyne & Wear) **Booked** none



SUBS NOT USED HUNTINGTON, WESTLAKE

OLDHAM (4-4-2) CROSSLEY; STAM, TROTMAN, BERTRAND, ALLOTT; McDONALD, HAZELL, KILKENNY, TAYLOR (SMALLEY 19); HUGHES (KALALA 58), DAVIES

Happy New Year? Not yet. This first home league defeat soured a tough holiday programme. It was a pity Leeds had come up against a team in much better form away than at home.

Any positives? Constantine's first league goal with his first touch at the start of the second half gave the fans something to cheer momentarily. Sadly, the unforced errors that had gifted the Latics a 3-0 half

HEAD TO HEAD

	LEEDS	OLDHAM
Attempts on goal	7	10
Attempts on target	2	6

time lead left too big a mountain to climb.

How was the referee? Well, he didn't book anyone, which with a number of players on the edge of suspension was a small consolation.

Best Leeds player? Rui Marques, again. Just over a year ago many Leeds fans didn't know who he was. Now we are wondering how we will cover for him as he heads off to the African Cup of Nations. Is Lucas Radebe busy over the next six weeks?

Midfield stretched, too? Douglas and Howson were out. Thompson and Kishishev played on despite carrying



Flo versus one Neil Kilkenny...



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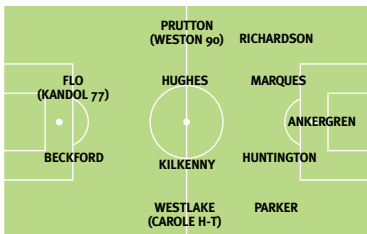
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Goals conceded in back-to-back defeats.

knocks. And the best midfielder in the reserves, Rob Bayly, is recovering from an operation. However, with the transfer window now open the cavalry might be just over the next hill.

But Shez still loves us? Yes, the Oldham manager rates us highly and wants us to be promoted. He has many fond memories of his time at Elland Road, still lives in the city, and has many friends who are fans.

In a nutshell Pity his love didn't stretch to giving us three points...

Katy Page



SUBS NOT USED LUCAS, KISHISHEV

NORTHAMPTON (4-4-2) BUNN; DOLMAN, HUGHES, BRETT JOHNSON, JACKMAN (HENDERSON 57); BOWDITCH, CROWE, BURNELL, LARKIN (MAY 70); HOLT, KIRK (COKE 58)

As straightforward as it looks? Pretty much. One point was the limit of Northampton's ambition, and from the first whistle Leeds were allowed to dictate the game.

The goals? Took a while to come, and we were beginning to run out of ideas. Frazer picked the ball up on the touchline in his own half, beat three challenges and headed inwards with the pitch left open in front of him. The visiting fans in the Cheese Wedge were about to take cover, until he checked onto his right foot, avoided a fourth challenge and unleashed a sweet 20-yard contender for Goal of the Season. Soon after the

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MAGIC NUMBER
Points, goals, unlikely scorers.

break a deep corner from Neil Kilkenny was volleyed goalwards by Andrew Hughes for Rui Marques to glance into the net. Then with the last kick of the game, and his only touch, sub Curtis Weston finished neatly from an angle.

How were the crowd? Muted and apprehensive at first. They warned to Leeds' neat play and after the second goal, the relief even prompted Mexican waves.

Best Leeds player? Kilkenny had a tidy debut, he and Hughes ensured we controlled midfield for a change. Beckford was a constant threat and deserved a goal,



Last minute scorer: Weston!



Last before leaving for Africa: Marques!

but Huntington was imperial. Although we were never under the pressure of recent games, his display exuded confidence and his distribution was outstanding. An excellent league debut that was Woodyesque even down to the white wristbands.

In a nutshell Back to basics, back on track.
Jon Howe

HEAD TO HEAD

	LEEDS	NORTH
Attempts on goal	16	4
On target (hit woodwork)	10(+1)	1

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE Game 24 Elland Road Saturday January 5, 3pm **Attendance** 24,472 **Goals** Richardson (43), Marques (52), Weston (90)
Referee Graham Salisbury (Lancashire) **Booked** none (Leeds); Coke (Northampton)

NORTHAMPTON TOWN 3-0