

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN 2-2

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE Game 33

Saturday February 27, 3pm Galpharm Stadium **Attendance** 21,764 (3,853 Leeds)

Goals Pilkington (13), Howson (61), Becchio (66), Roberts (85)

Referee Kevin Friend (Leicestershire) **Booked** none (Huddersfield); Lowry, Naylor, Becchio (Leeds)

Mixed emotions? Definitely. It looked bleak at half-time after a comatose first-half performance, and were it not for an inexplicable miss from Rhodes we could have been dead and buried. However, after a rousing fightback we were for 20 minutes in a great position to win it – but ended up with the draw we would probably have settled for beforehand.

Nice to silence the Boys' Pen, at least... Yes, having witnessed two identical 1-0 defeats previously, and suffered the endless goading of the chav population of Huddersfield on one side, and the Mensa convention on the other, it was a beautiful experience to celebrate both goals with added delirium right in front of them. Thank you, Leeds.

Good game? It was absorbing and finely balanced, but lacking in quality. I've never seen so many headers in a game incongruously called football, and it was significant that when we got the ball down and passed it, we created problems.



Patrick Kisnorbo

The goals? Howson finished off a fine move that he had started with a glancing header past "England's number one" Smithies, and five minutes later Becchio nodded in from close range after Naylor had flicked on a corner. Either side of those, Pilkington's speculative shot took a major deflection off Lowry to loop over the helpless Casper and five minutes from time Roberts side-footed home unmarked at the back post.

Best Leeds player? Doyle played his part in our comeback by getting a grip in midfield, but Paddy, again, was a rock throughout.

In a nutshell Frustrating, but an agreeable point.

Jon Howe

United in celebration: fans and players after going 2-1 up.



Jonny Howson heads the equaliser.

MAGIC NUMBER

1

First point from three visits...

Huddersfield(4-4-2) Smithies; Heffernan, Trotman, Peltier (Clarke T 90), Clarke P; Roberts, Pilkington, Kay (Collins 90), Drinkwater; Rhodes, Novak

HEAD TO HEAD

Huddersfield	Leeds
12 Attempts on goal	8
5 Attempts on target	4
(+1) (hit woodwork)	

