

HARTLEPOOL UNITED 3-2



Andy Robinson opens up and says "Yee-hah!"

CARLING CUP Third Round Elland Road Tuesday September 23, 7.45pm **Attendance** 14,599 (1,300)

Goals Monkhouse (2), Snodgrass (14), Porter (33), Showunmi (58), Robinson (90)

Referee Andrew Penn (West Midlands) **Booked** Collins (Hartlepool)

Last minute cup drama? That's not very "Leeds" is it? Definitely not, I thought cup runs were just something that happened to other people, but this is now officially more than just a trot.

So why was it such hard work then? A combination of slack defending and hopelessly wayward shooting, Howson alone skied a hat-trick of very presentable chances. Although Macca made nine changes there was a good tempo to the performance – but we didn't quite click, and the defence made you nervous. Hartlepool played their part, Porter's 30-yard chip was the goal of the night, and a Casper save before half-time kept us in the game.

Leeds goals? Behind after two minutes, then Snodgrass robbed a defender and rolled the ball passed the keeper just inside the post. The second equaliser saw Prutton break through on the left and play it back for Beckford who hit the bar, and Enoch put just enough on the rebound to nudge it over the line. Finally, with extra time looming, Robbo found space on the right and rather than cross, fooled the keeper with a quality lob from an angle.

Best Leeds player? Nobody really stood out, but Robinson always looked like he could create something – and only he would have attempted to score from where he did. He has quality that Macca must be finding hard to ignore.



Showunmi makes it 2-2

In a nutshell? Sooner or later we're going to have to take this competition seriously! **LLL**

Jon Howe

MAGIC NUMBER

7

Years. Into the last 16 for the first time since 2001.

Hartlepool (4-4-2) Lee-Barrett; McCunnie, Collins, Nelson, Humphreys; Sweeney (Barker 68), Liddle, Jones, Monkhouse (Robson 90); Porter, Brown (Mackay 90)



HEAD TO HEAD

Leeds	Pools
21 Attempts on goal	9
8 Attempts on target	8
	(hit woodwork) (+1)

HEREFORD UNITED 1-0

COCA-COLA LEAGUE ONE Game 8

Elland Road Saturday September 27, 3pm **Attendance** 25,676

Goal Robinson (72)

Referee Graham Laws (Tyne & Wear) **Booked** Broadhurst (Hereford)

Just 1-0, against the bottom club? Surprising, yes, but don't panic... Worst things first: we switched off at the end (just like against Crewe) and Hereford could, perhaps should, have hit the net twice in the closing minutes. Happily, Matt Done sent us home relieved and laughing when he provided the game's comedy moment by falling over when scoring looked easier.

And the good news? In all areas except finishing – and until those last couple of minutes – we were simply brilliant. Official stats cited 60 per cent possession but it seemed like much more. One-touch passing abounded, Delph didn't even lose the ball if he fell over, Douglas roamed majestically – switching from anchor-man to centre-forward at times – and the whole team moved and worked as a unit. Breathtaking at times.

But only one goal? Beckford's blue boots in the second half served him no better than the silver ones of the first. But most of our attempts were long range and speculative. And when we did get into the box Hereford's young 'keeper Darren Randolph played the game of his life. His mid-air twist and parry of a Becchio header was Gordon Banks-esque – but history will overlook it because Robinson raced forward to head in his parry. Phew!

Best Leeds player Delph was audacious but I'm giving it to Becchio – his best game yet. When he shoots as hard as he works he'll be dynamite.

In a nutshell Just like watching Brazil. **LLL**

Neil Jeffries



Becchio shoots

MAGIC NUMBER

31

Attempts to score – one every three minutes!

Hereford (4-4-2) Randolph; Jackson, Broadhurst, N'Gotty, Rose; Hudson-Odoi (Smith 81), Johnson (Taylor 81), O'Leary, Diagouraga; Done, Chadwick (Ashikodi 67)

HEAD TO HEAD

Leeds	Hereford
31 Attempts on goal	4
19 Attempts on target	0
	(hit woodwork) (+1)

