

AT COVENTRY.

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The Town fielded a rather strange sort of team at Highfield-road, Coventry, on Saturday, but they did far better than the score indicated. Banes, Smeaton and Hutchinson were making their first appearances of the season in a League match, and the last-named was actually making his debut with the first eleven. In addition, Ted Smith was required to play at right-back, Fraser brought from left-half to the other flank, Smeaton to centre-half, and Yardley was moved from inside-right to inside-left.

After a rather poor start, in which the rearguard put up a gallant fight against an assault that was almost continuous, the Town played splendidly after the City had opened the scoring through LAKE, and HUTCHINSON, after forcing a corner, was able to head a goal from Daly's well-placed corner kick. This was at the end of half an hour's play, and thence to the interval the Town had the better of the game, and were only kept out by the resolute defensive work of the home backs, and their own lack of thrustfulness at close quarters.

Had Hutchinson taken two good chances that came his way the end of the game might have seen a couple of points brought home. He was not the only sinner, however, and, apart from the Baiting generally, the team played exceptionally well. As showing the difference between the teams, however, in this important aspect, Allen had little of a difficult nature to deal with, whereas Banes made many thrilling saves during the course of the first half, though towards the interval he was more of a spectator. At the cross-over the score stood:—

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The City had narrow escapes just after the start, and then Banes again did fine work before he was beaten by a header from WIDDOWSON, following the clever play of Richards, the home outside-right. Again the Town responded with fierce attacks that should have succeeded, but Hutchinson missed chances again, and, really, the only shot worthy of the name in this half came from Birch, Allen making a fine save. It was five minutes from the end when the next goal came.

The Town players had become soured, apparently, by a series of decisions against them, and though no goal was scored from these, the whistle went for goal, honest charges, and for tackling that took the ball but "downed" the man, and after a lot of protesting the Town's game simply went to rags, and the City took advantage of it. Richards, the City winger, got a lot of scope in this period, and he made the openings. PICK scored the third goal, WIDDOWSON headed the fourth and LOUGHLIN scored the fifth, and it was significant that three of the five goals of the City, and that to the Town, came from headers.

Banes, Richards, Fraser, Birch and Hutchinson were most worthy of note for the Town.

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