

The Defences Never Lost Their Grip On Forwards

LUTON TOWN 0

BURNLEY 0

Even before the interval, this match looked more likely to end in a draw than any other way, for both defences had such a grip on the forwards that goals were always something of a remote possibility.

A draw was a fair result on the run of the play, but the Town had to survive a hectic few minutes in the closing stages when Burnley came near to winning the tie without the necessity of a replay.

However, the Town defence, ever reliable, weathered this particular storm, the heaviest which faced them throughout the match.

Then Chew missed a chance, and Potts drove in a shot from point blank range which Bywater grabbed at as it flew straight at him. That was another tense moment.

WHEN BURNLEY ESCAPED

Burnley had their anxious times earlier in the game. There was the Duncan header that flashed past the post, the shot from Soo that was diverted on to the bar, and a cracking shot from Waugh—saved brilliantly by Strong.

Throughout the match it was attack and counter-attack with neither side able to claim any clear-cut superiority for long. Considering the difficult conditions, the pace was surprisingly fast and it never showed much sign of flagging.

On the whole I thought the Town had slightly the better of the first half when the forwards did well in approach, but foundered consistently on the rock-like resistance of the Burnley defence.

After a strong resumption the Town fell away for a time, then came again, but the forwards were never sufficiently strong in finishing power to break down the Burnley wall.

Play was remarkably even until the concluding stages, when Burnley seemed to get a grip on the game, but the Town thoroughly deserved to hold out, and really, it would have been

less than either defence deserved had a goal been scored against them.

Chief honours in the Town defence go to Cooke and Beach, who held two dangerous wingers.

Luton Town.—Bywater; Cooke, Beach; Soo Gager, Gardiner; Waugh, Daniel, Billington, Driver, Duncan.

Burnley.—Strong; Woodruff, Mather; Loughran, Brown, Bray; Chew, Morris, Harrison, Potts, F. P. Kippax.

Attendance: 22,640. Receipts: £3,300.

Bowls

County Matches

When the Executive Committee of the Beds. County Bowling Association met at Luton recently the principal business was to arrange the dates and venues for next season's friendly county matches. Three of the eight will be played in Luton and one at Dunstable. Dates and games are:—June 28, Glamorgan at Bedford Borough; July 9, Somerset at Bedford De Parys; July 19, Leicester at Bedford Russell Park; July 26, Northants at Bedford Borough; August 20, London Parks at Waterlow's (Dunstable); August 23, Kent at Luton Town; September 6, Oxford at Skefko; September 20, Essex at Electrolux.

Voting for the County Selection Committee was very close, the following being elected to fill vacancies: Messrs. H. Ansell (Luton Adult School), S. Puddephatt (Luton Town) and Sycroft (Bedford Borough). These together with the President, the Hon. Secretary, Messrs. W. C. Holes (Waterlow's) and H. P. Shorten (Bedford De Parys), will constitute the principal sub-committee for the Association in 1947.