

Early Promise Not Fulfilled

BIRMINGHAM CITY .. 2

Bodle, Aveyard

LUTON TOWN 1

Soo (penalty)

For a long time there seemed a distinct possibility that the Town would break their run of non-success at St. Andrew's, and settling down more quickly than the City, gave their defence some anxious moments during the goalless first half.

Could the Town but have translated some excellent approach work into goals during this period, they may well have caused further disappointment to the Birmingham fans.

In the end, however, the home supporters were able to cheer the City's first victory before them and this was almost entirely due to a lively spell by the forwards just after the interval.

Fine work by Mitchell which was carried on by Dougall, enabled BODLE to score the first goal after 56 minutes, and then a long run and centre by Edwards brought the finishing touch from AVEYARD in the shape of a well-placed header for the second goal 12 minutes later.

The City were duly shaken when McDonnell conceded a penalty which SOO converted. At that point, there were 19 minutes remaining, but the Town forwards could not regain their early power, and there was rarely much hope of a late equaliser.

Both Hughes and Owen shone

against their former colleagues, and Gager and Streten were the pick of the rest of the defence. The forwards played some pretty, but largely ineffective, football.

Waugh and Duncan were allowed little scope, and the finishing of the inside forwards were rather disappointing.

BIRMINGHAM CITY: Merri-
rick; Trigg, Quinton; Harris, Mc-
Donnell, Mitchell Hughes (J),
Dougall, Aveyard, Bodle,
Edwards.

LUTON TOWN: B. Streten;
Lake, Hughes Soo, Gager, Owen;
Waugh, Driver, Billington, Con-
nelly, Duncan.