

Best Display Came Last

FULHAM 1

McGibbon

LUTON TOWN 1

Daniel.

Reserving their best display until the end, the Town picked up a vital point at Fulham on Monday, and with a bit of luck would have had both.

No until 10 minutes from the end did McGIBBON manage to equalise the goal scored by DANIEL after 15 minutes.

When it did come it was a fluky affair, for Hall's clearance kick struck McGibbon's foot and the ball flew into the far corner of the net well out of Streten's reach.

Just previously, Streten had wiped out the memory of mistakes in previous matches with a truly magnificent full-length save from a powerful low drive by Bob Thomas.

Actually, there were few other occasions in the match when Fulham really threatened danger, and the Town's attack was much more formidable.

Daniel had the honour of registering the first goal of the holiday programme when he pounced on the ball after Duggan and Brennan had worried Hinton, and drove it into the net.

The lead should have been increased by Brennan immediately before the interval, and in the first minute of the second half, Duggan shot against the post with Hinton hopelessly placed.

Even though their lead was so slender, the Town never looked other than victors, especially when injury compelled Taylor to move to outside-right.

However, Fulham made a despairing effort which enabled them to save the game. Even then, they were lucky to avoid going into arrears again, for both Duggan and Daniel were only inches too high with spectacular efforts.

Best feature about the game was the vast improvement shown by the Town. They looked far better than a team struggling against relegation, and were much superior to Fulham.

The defence was strong, with the middle line again in great form, and with Cooke and Lake subduing two fast wingers. Streten showed a return to complete confidence.

However it was the forwards who pleased most, and this formation was an undoubted success. Shanks had a grand match, and Brennan, using the ball with discrimination, thoroughly justified his recall.

Duggan again led the line in dashing style, Daniel did well, and Waugh never gave up trying and chasing.

FULHAM: Hinton; Lewin, Bacuzzi; Quested, Taylor, Beasley; Thomas (S), Thomas (R), McGibbon, Ayres, Shepherd.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Lake; Gardiner, Hall, Owen; Shanks, Daniel, Duggan, Brennan, Waugh.