

Not One Of Town's Brightest Efforts

By *Chiltern*

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(Arnison)

GRIMSBY TOWN ... 1
(Clifton)

Although this was not one of the Town's brightest efforts, they should have taken both points with a certain amount of ease.

In fact, things seemed to be moving in that direction until Grimsby came along with a surprise, late equaliser.

However, the Town should not have been in a position whereby they could be caught on the post, for they had had the opportunities to make the game safe long before the end.

The first half was a poor affair in which the Town came nearest to opening their account even though Streten was kept fairly busy.

When a goal was obtained by ARNISON five minutes after the start of the second half, it seemed as if this was just the tonic needed by the Town.

Previously, there had been a lack of cohesion about their work, and inaccurate passing was the main reason why so many attacks came to a sudden stop.

Things improved considerably after the success, and a penalty should have come their way when Robinson handled as Brennan tried to force his way through the middle.

A goal at that stage would have sealed Grimsby's fate, but although the Town continued to do most of the pressing, their finishing was not good enough to enable them to beat Tweedy again.

Because of that, they left the door open for a Grimsby equaliser and it came 10 minutes from the end when Cairns, their most effective forward, made an opening for CLIFTON whose shot was nearly kept out by Streten.

By far the outstanding forward was Waugh, who generally had the measure of Moody despite the fact that he was given a rough handling two or three times during the match.

A first half injury did not prevent Duggan doing his share, and Arnison was a hard-working leader who suffered from lack of scoring openings. He tried hard to make them for himself and his colleagues, and was always worrying the Grimsby defence.

Brennan seems to be completely unable to recapture his last season's form, and scarcely a thing went right for him from start to finish. Result was that the best was not seen of Shanks, who met with only fair success on his return to the team.

The half-backs never really got a grip on the game, and they could be faulted on the score of inaccurate passing. Gardiner was an offender in the first half, but found things going much better after the interval.

He was as hard-working as ever, and Collins, again facing extra toil, never slackened. Hall was not completely comfortable against Cairns, and chief honours in defence went to Wilson and Streten. Cooke gave nothing away and was quite sound throughout.

LUTON TOWN.—Streten; Wilson, Cooke; Collins, Hall, Gardiner; Shanks, Brennan, Arnison, Duggan, Waugh.

GRIMSBY TOWN.—Tweedy; Moody, Fisher; McKenna, Robinson, Forrest; Lloyd, Clifton, Cairns, McGowan, Lynn.