

A Home Win Is Not Such A Novelty Now

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN 1

Arnison

CHESTERFIELD 0

Thanks to invaluable goals by Arnison, the novelty of a home win on a Saturday is beginning to wear off, and two more points were netted as the result of a narrow, but deserved, victory over Chesterfield.

Thus was the unbeaten home record maintained, but the visitors, who have reserved their best form this season for away matches, had a spell in the first half when they threatened to become the first side to take both points from Kenilworth-road.

They had their chances in the first 30 minutes, but failed to make use of them, and had nothing like such simple opportunities afterwards.

In fact, once the Town got their heads in front by means of ARNISON'S goal after 36 minutes, they played sound, constructive football and might well have had several more goals.

As it was, the 17,809 spectators had to be content with the sight of Middleton picking the ball out of the back of the net only once.

The goal came as the result of a twinkling bit of work by Kiernan, who took a pass from Arnison and quickly returned the ball for the centre forward to run on to.

Maybe this was against the run of the play, but the Town were the better side afterwards, and the forwards served up some delightful football.

Chances were missed by Arnison, Brennan and Waugh, and Chesterfield's nearest approach to an equaliser, which could never be disregarded in view of the narrowness of the lead, came when Capel made a long shot which rebounded from the woodwork.

KIERNAN IS A CRAFTSMAN

Kiernan made a splendid home debut in the Town's colours and impressed the fans as a craftsman of rare skill, particularly in his ability to beat an opponent in a narrow space and his accurately made passes.

He brought Brennan into the game continually, and although the winger's finishing left something to be desired, he did well otherwise.

Constantly in the limelight, too, with his neat bits of work was Watkins, and Arnison led the line cleverly even though there was still some lack of punch about his work in front of goal. Waugh is not back yet to his early season form, but did much better once he got over a poor start.

That the defence had such a trying time in the opening stages and still managed to keep a clean sheet was due in large measure to their pluck and very good covering.

Quite often Wilson was beaten by Roberts, a speedy, nippy winger, but someone always came to the rescue, though scoring chances sometimes resulted and were allowed to slip by.

Strong man of the defence was Hall, while Cooke had a good game, too, and Morton and Gardiner never stopped working. Both might have used the ball better on occasions, but there was no cause for grumbling about their defensive play.

Wilson is not the first to be troubled by Roberts, but he was game, and very quick in recovery, which stood him in good stead. In the last line of defence was Streten, cool and confident as ever, and while the whole of the rear-guard battles in this way, few goals will be conceded.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Wilson, Cooke; Morton, Hall, Gardiner; Brennan, Kiernan, Arnison, Watkins, Waugh.

CHESTERFIELD: Middleton; Milburn, Bell; Southall, Booker, Robinson; Holmes, Capel, Marron, Blakey, Roberts.

Referee: H. D. Edge, Birmingham.