

Town's Early Goals End Walsall Hopes

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN	4
WALSALL	0

When the Town scored twice in the first 10 minutes of this F.A. Cup-tie at Kenilworth-road, they qualified for the next round as surely as if the referee had blown the final whistle there and then.

By a gallant, fighting display, more reminiscent of a rearguard action than anything else, Walsall delayed the inevitable end, but they must have known, as did everyone else on the ground, that their's was a well-nigh hopeless task.

A start in a Cup-tie such as the Town made is something of a manager's dream of paradise, and it would have taken a lot to wrest that lead from the Town.

Walsall did their best, and without a great deal of luck attending their efforts, either. Had they scored quickly after these reverses they might have been able to stage something of a comeback, but, in the absence of success, they had little hope of a revival later.

What was noted with a great deal of satisfaction is that the Town have discovered a centre-forward of ability should the necessity to find a deputy for Arnison arise again.

BRENNAN installed himself as the hero of the hour by scoring three goals, and he set the Town on the winning path with the first goal after seven minutes when he helped into the net a shot from Small.

Three minutes later the second came from WATKINS, who accepted a chance presented to him when the Walsall defence stood still after Kiernan had been brought down.

TWO MORE FROM BRENNAN

That was the limit of the scoring until the first minute of the second half, when BRENNAN coolly beat Lewis, following good play by Small and Kiernan, and the same player rounded off a very good afternoon's work by diving to head through a centre by Small for the fourth goal after 66 minutes.

Despite all these setbacks, Walsall continued to fight as if their lives depended on the outcome of this match. They chased and chased, but it was all to no avail.

Had they received their just reward, they would have had a goal, but the brilliance of Streten denied them this, and much of their dash in attack fizzled out at close range.

Apart from his scoring feat, Brennan led the line well, and the other big success in the forward line was Small, whose speed enabled him to be the most dangerous winger on the field. He received good support from Kiernan, who was an adept prompter, and the pair formed a formidable partnership.

Had the left wing been equally effective, Walsall would have been in a sorry plight, but though Watkins played a useful game, Waugh, closely marked, found it difficult to make ground, and was not much in the picture.

Strong man of the defence was Hall, who was at his best when Walsall were battering away hardest at the Town goal. He was completely confident and sound in everything he did.

Morton and Gardiner were able to take on an attacking role early in the game, and although there was a considerable amount of defensive work for them afterwards, they were both equal to it. Morton was handicapped in the second half by an ankle injury, but stuck to his task grimly.

Cooke settled down after an uncertain sort of start, and largely cut Aldred out of the game, but Wilson had more of a handful with Condie, who was quite a dangerous number.

Luton Town.—Streten; Wilson, Cooke; Morton, Hall, Gardiner; Small, Kiernan, Brennan, Watkins, Waugh.

Walsall.—Lewis; Jones, Walters; Crutchley, Foulkes, Newnan; Aldred, Devlin, Chapman, Mullard, Condie.

Referee: W. D. Murdoch, Manchester.

Attendance: 26,422.