

Bold Policy Brought A Tonic Win

By Chiltern

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This was one instance of boldness paying a handsome dividend, for, even apart from the result, the Town manager's decision to reshuffle his team for this match was an unqualified success.

The win was as good as a tonic to everybody concerned, with the exception of Lincoln, who probably wondered how the Town had managed to lose their previous seven matches.

If they had any thoughts about acquiring cheap points they were quickly disillusioned, for never at any stage in the game did they look other than a beaten team.

What was particularly pleasing from the Town point of view was that the goals were shared among four forwards. Only Waugh failed to get his name into the list, and he was a trifle unfortunate to be left out.

Burtenshaw, Mulvaney and Taylor all opened their scoring accounts in League football. BURTENSHAW'S goal came in four minutes, which gave the Town a fine start to their task of breaking their unlucky run.

Then, with only 10 minutes gone, MULVANEY marked his first appearance at centre-forward in the League side by bundling the ball over the line after Jepson had half-stopped a hot shot from Waugh.

Although the Town continued to have more of the play up to the interval, the City staved off further disaster until six minutes after the resumption, when BRENNAN headed past Jepson following a splendid bit of work by Burtenshaw.

This goal meant the end of any slight Lincoln hopes of saving the game, and although their inside forwards played some clever football at times, they seldom looked like breaking down the sound Town defence.

CAME THE GOAL RUSH

The game was dragging on to its foregone conclusion when suddenly came the afternoon's most exciting period, which produced three goals in the last 12 minutes.

BRENNAN began the rush by scoring from the penalty spot after Waugh had been fouled, and there followed a well-taken goal by MULVANEY from a grand pass by Taylor, and then, with two minutes to go, TAYLOR was quick to accept a chance at close range after Waugh had headed on a corner from Burtenshaw.

Newcomers to the forward line, Taylor and Mulvaney, both justified their inclusion, and the former, a highly promising young player, looks a real proposition for the future.

Mulvaney revealed ability in the way he sought to keep his line together, and he gave certain proof that if the chances are there he will not be slow to take them. Naturally, some of his work was on unorthodox lines, but, on this showing, the Town must persevere with him in this position.

Both Burtenshaw and Waugh were generally too fast and clever for a rather lumbering defence, to which they provided a constant problem and threat.

Brennan looked far happier at inside-left, and was responsible for many clever moves. He was perhaps inclined to play too much to his wingman, but the bulk of his work was most accomplished, and he showed excellent control of the lively ball.

There was no weak spot in a defence which was not really thoroughly tested, but sufficient was seen of Owen to give the firm impression that he will settle down into a first-class centre-half.

He was flanked by two resolute, extremely successful wing halves in Watkins and Gardiner, and both Wilson and Cooke played excellently.

Duke's opportunities to show his worth were strictly limited, for the City forwards were poor in finishing, but he dealt with everything that came his way in capable, assured fashion.

LUTON TOWN: Duke; Wilson, Cooke; Watkins, Owen (S), Gardiner; Burtenshaw (C), Taylor, Mulvaney, Brennan, Waugh.

LINCOLN CITY: Jepson; Green, Young; Wright, Emery, Owen (R); Windsor, H Parr, Dodds, Eastham, Finch.

Referee: S. J. Beasley, Hinckley. Attendance: 12,643.