

Into The Limbo Of Forgotten Things

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No goals, few thrills, not much football and rather a lot of whistle combined to make unsatisfying entertainment for nearly 17,000 people at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

There were no goals because the forwards of both sides lacked shooting power; the hard ground and light ball defeated most of the attempts to play good football, and the lack of thrills followed as a logical sequence to these two causes.

In addition to this, there were occasions when the referee's whistle was brought into use rather more often than circumstances required, and, all in all, it was a match which will go quickly into the limbo of forgotten things.

What honours there were went to two stalwart defences, whose task was eased considerably by some ineffective forward play.

Naturally enough, the Town were handicapped by the absence of regular members of the attack, and had fatal weaknesses in the key positions at inside forward.

Because of this the whole line was out of joint, and all the efforts of Shanks, who brought plenty of dash into his play as leader, failed to get the single goal which would have been necessary for victory.

Shanks missed the easiest chance of the match, but he was always the one who looked most likely to score.

Slatter faced up to a rigorous test with rare confidence, for one so young, and had every reason to be pleased with his showing, as were most supporters who believe in looking ahead.

The defence continues to perform its task capably, and Owen again dominated the scene and, in doing so, ended temporarily the scoring activities of Briggs. The centre-forward had one or two chances which he failed to accept, but usually he was given little room in which to work.

In fact, few loopholes appeared

anywhere, and when the Grimsby forwards did reach shooting distance, then Streten defeated their best efforts to score.

Cooke and Aherne formed a solid partnership, and Morton, making a successful re-appearance once he settled down, and Gardiner were grand wing-halves.

LUTON TOWN. — Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Gardiner; Small, Watkins, Shanks, Taylor, Slatter

GRIMSBY TOWN. — Chisholm; Moody, Fisher; McKenna, McMillan, Johnston; Lloyd, Barney, Briggs, Cairns, Hair.

Referee.—G Tedds, Bestwood.