

Town Scored—With An Opponent's Help

By Chiltern

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Although the Town did get a goal to end their monotonous run of blanks, this match became the fifth in succession in which the forwards have failed to find the net.

Waters, North End's centre-half, did the trick for Luton when he deflected the ball past his own goalkeeper, and enabled the Town to pick up a badly-needed point.

All of which gives rise to the thought that all is not well with the attack yet. True, the introduction of Mulvaney at centre-forward, and the switching of Arnison to inside-right, brought more fire and dash, but the essential openings were not made.

Too often the ball was kicked rather aimlessly in the hope that something would develop, and there was not sufficient planning or scheming.

Mulvaney was a great trier who earned everyone's admiration by the way in which he overcame a nasty head injury, and I suspect that his dash had something to do with WATERS'S mistake when the ball went past Gooch from Glover's centre.

That was the equaliser to the early shock goal made by Finney, who took the ball to the byeline before pulling it back to MORRISON, who had only to tap the ball into the net.

Twice afterwards the Town goal escaped almost miraculously when the centre-forward was left with good chances, once from Langton and once from Finney, but despite this the Town defence did not become rattled, and altogether gave a very good account of itself.

Owen was the star turn again until injury forced him to finish the match at outside left, a move which necessitated Arnison taking over as an emergency centre-half.

At inside-right, Arnison had been a great forager, but there was more wholeheartedness than craft about the play of the line as a whole. Taylor gave signs of latent brilliance which never reached full blossom.

Most of the clever bits came from Waugh, who had a good afternoon, and Glover gave signs that he, too, can manipulate the ball, but it was not a suitable game in which to judge the capabilities of a newcomer.

There was plenty of incident and honest-to-goodness endeavour and interest never flagged. Finney earned the admiration of the home fans by his clever play, and was more successful against plucky Aherne than was Langton against Cooke, who was again one of the stalwarts in defence.

Credit, too, to Streten, Watkins and Gardiner for their share in keeping one point in Luton.

LUTON TOWN. Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Gardiner; Glover, Arnison, Mulvaney, Taylor, Waugh.

PRESTON NORTH END: Gooch; Walton, Cunningham, Brown, Waters, Robertson; Finney, Horton, Morrison, Knight, Langton.

Referee: G. Salmon, Stoke-on-Trent.

Attendance: 20,135.