

Town Earning Title Of "Draw Specialists"

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The Town are fast bidding for the title of "draw specialists," and this was the fifth time this season in which they have been concerned in a division of the points.

This latest one probably ranks as their best performance yet, for Vetch Field is far from being a home from home for visiting teams, and Swansea have built up an enviable record of successes before their own supporters.

This time, they disappointed nearly 25,000 of their fans, who could not understand why their favourites gave such a disjointed display. A great part of their trouble lay in the fact that the Town often held the initiative, and Swansea found they could never retain it for long.

Both goals had narrow escapes, but taking the game through, neither side really showed sufficient penetrative power at close quarters. Yet, the Town might easily have taken both points, for they went very close to scoring on a number of occasions.

In fact, they showed a better capacity for making openings for themselves than did Swansea, and with a little more luck, allied perhaps to a little more accuracy, might have caused us to say that the goal famine is over.

What the forwards did show was a deal more resourcefulness than has been the case in some recent matches, and, especially in the second half, they looked a strong striking force and gave considerable promise of an improvement in the "goals for" column very soon.

The department which was most responsible for the retention of a point, of course, was the defence which always presented a bold front to the Swansea attack, which tried all manner of switches in an effort to blast a way through.

Still, the Town were up to all this, and I noticed that when Lucas and Scrine changed places, Watkins and Gardiner followed suit, which gives an idea of the thoroughness with which the Town defence is working.

HALL DID WELL

That they could keep a clean sheet without the help of Owen, who has been one of the main sheet anchors, is a tribute to the way in which Hall fulfilled his task. It was not an easy one either, for after playing at centre-half only twice previously this season, he was pitchforked into a game that was fought out at a terrific pace.

He came out with colours flying, though, and this applied to the whole of the defence, in which there was not the slightest suggestion of a weak link.

In the first half, Glover, receiving the sort of support every winger expects, showed that he has everything that was attributed to him before he came from Bradford.

He has good ball control, ability to outwit an opponent and to size up a situation quickly, and he makes good use of the ball. Arnison, too, had a good first half, but finished the game on the wing after being injured. Glover went inside and proved quite a harassing raider.

Mulvaney was much in the picture after the interval when the Town achieved a measure of superiority, and he looked a very useful marksman. Apart from that he made a real attempt to hold the line together with no small measure of success.

Taylor and Waugh, too, had their best time in the second half when they proved a man-sized problem to the Swansea right flank, and Taylor came out very well against Paul, said to have been the subject of offers up to £25,000.

SWANSEA TOWN: Parry; Elwell, Keane; Paul, Weston, Burns; O'Driscoll, Lucas, Richards, Scrine, Beech.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aberne; Watkins, Hall, Gardiner; Glover, Arnison, Mulvaney, Taylor, Waugh.