

Town Set Up A New Post-War Record

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The Town made for themselves a new post-war record at Kenilworth-road on Saturday when they completed a run of three matches without conceding a goal.

Several times during the last three seasons they have gone two matches and kept their goal intact, but the third has always brought about their downfall.

While this can be considered as a highly satisfactory state of affairs, the most interesting feature of this game was the new liveliness shown by what was to all intents and purposes a new attack.

Although once again a single goal was their only reward, this scarcely reflected the considerable improvement which was shown by the forwards.

Stobbart, making his debut, brought fresh ideas and stability to the line, and he made a very good impression on what must have been for him a trying occasion.

Stobbart looked as if he will be the inside-forward the Town have been lacking all this season, and with Arnison giving a most effective display, first at inside-right and then at inside-left, it may be that a lot of the worry about the Town's lack of scoring power can be said to have disappeared.

Support for this view came, too, from the promise shown by Walsh on his first appearance in the English League. Here is a real 90-minutes player who is not afraid to have a shot at the target, and the Leicester defence found his dash disconcerting at times.



A "Luton News" picture of the Town's new inside-forward, George Stobbart.

A SUCCESSFUL SWITCH

Stobbart expressed himself as being quite happy to play at inside-left, and was successful there, but he looked more dangerous when he switched with Arnison soon after the interval. It was the right-wing pair who did the work leading up to the goal after 52 minutes.

What a goal it was! WALSH met the ball from Stobbart's pass before it touched the ground and crashed it past the helpless Bradley.

That gave the Town a deserved victory and wiped out some of the disappointment that was felt about their Cup dismissal by the City last season.

Despite the fact that they were quite sound in defence, the City were constantly worried by the Town forwards. Glover did well, especially in the second half, but Waugh, apart from one very good effort before the interval, finished badly, and did not make the most of the passes which came his way.

The score tells the defence's story, and once again they were at the top of their form. Wing-halves Watkins and Gardiner laid much of the foundation of success by their brilliant spoiling work in midfield, and neither Revie nor Chisholm was given much time to develop the sweeping raids which were a feature of Leicester's play last season.

A change-over by the inside-men made things no better, for Watkins and Gardiner simply followed suit.

Owen, after taking a little time to settle down following his absence through injury, blocked up the middle quite decisively, and the Town owed much to Wilson for his gallant display against a Griffiths who was seldom allowed to scintillate in the way Town fans know so well.

Then there was Cooke, his usual stalwart self and seldom at a loss against Adam, and finally the reliable Streten, never in real difficulty and accomplishing everything in clear-cut, easy fashion.

There might have been, perhaps should have been, more goals, but the forwards of both sides found the fast-running ball a great handicap.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Wilson; Watkins, Owen, Gardiner; Glover, Arnison, Walsh, Stobbart, Waugh.

LEICESTER CITY: Bradley; Jelly, Scott; King, Corbett, Johnston, Griffiths, Revie, Hines, Chisholm, Adam.