

Hull's Opportunism Was A Vital Factor

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What Hull City demonstrated amply at Kenilworth-road on Saturday was the value of having opportunists with the ability to take snap scoring chances. That quality enabled them to smash the Town's unbeaten home record, and to finish fairly comfortable winners, though the Town had their chances, but failed to accept them.

Vital spell in this match came midway through the first half when, with play on fairly even lines, Hull suddenly burst into the limelight, or what light the fog allowed to seep through, with two goals in four minutes.

The famous RAICH CARTER obtained the first with a close-range shot, which eventually went into the net after touching both the post and Streten.

A well-executed movement which left an open space for MELLOR to run into and crack 'the ball from 20 yards' range, brought the second. Streten went down full length to the ball, which seemed to pass underneath him.

Naturally, these happenings were a severe jolt to the Town, who had been perhaps a little unlucky earlier on when Stobbart had a goal disallowed for offside.

There were many in a good position to judge who averred that the inside-right was put on-side by Jensen.

MISSED A PENALTY

The Town fought back hard in the second half without really promising goals, though they might have made a successful fight back had they not looked the gift horse in the face by missing a penalty kick. Stobbart was the culprit after he had been brought down in the area, and Bly saved his shot from the spot.

Fog had enshrouded the proceedings to varying degrees all through the match, but it came down more thickly towards the end.

When HARRISON scored Hull's third goal, the first indication we in the Press box had of the happening was when the City players came into view congratulating the scorer.

Five minutes before the end, the players left the field, and many supporters had gone before they returned to play the remaining time. Afterwards, the referee explained that it was caused by a misunderstanding.

Hull were the more methodical team, and apart from an early period when they moved promisingly, the Town were sluggish and tended towards raggedness.

Waugh was the best of a forward line which seldom threatened goals, and Glover did not seem at all happy in his new position.

Stobbart was more often at centre-forward than was Walsh, but neither made the most of chances which came his way, and Wyldes was kept subdued by Jensen.

In the defence, neither Watkins nor Gardiner was able to command the middle of the field, and they had all their work cut out to keep a watch on the machinations of Carter and Revie, and were continually setting attacks in motion.

Owen was more successful against Moore, and Cooke saw to it that Shepherd had few opportunities on his first League appearance this season.

Despite the decisiveness of Hull's win Streten was not over-worked, and his only mistake was when he failed to keep out the shot from Mellor which counted as the second goal.

On the play, Hull were perhaps not three goals better than the Town, but there was no gainsaying that they deserved to be the first team to take full points from Kenilworth-road this season.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Gardiner; Waugh, Stobbart, Walsh, Glover, Wyldes.

HULL CITY: Bly; Jensen, Berry; Greenhalgh, Meens, Mellor; Harrison, Revie, Moore, Carter, Shepherd.

Referee: J. G. Williams, Notts
Attendance: 22,269.