

Davie's Late Goal Saved A Point

Luton Town 1, Blackburn R. 1

A goal scored by Davie, his first since joining the club, six minutes from the end of this match at Kenilworth-road on Saturday, saved the Town a point just when the Rovers appeared set for a lucky victory.

On a bon-hard ground which was most teacherous in places, the Town played the better football and always looked more like the top of the table team than did Blackburn.

Operating in the better going at the Kenworth-road end in the first-half, the Town forwards looked a lively, potent force, but they just could not get the goals which their approach work deserved.

Rovers seldom looked dangerous in attack yet they took the lead after 2 minutes in what

was almost their only serious raid of the first half.

GRAHAM was the scorer when he hooked a pass from Wharton past Streten from close range to give Rovers a surprise lead.

As the second-half wore on, Blackburn were forced back completely on to the defensive, with even Owen going up to help drive home the attack.

However despite the pressure, it looked as if Rovers would survive until Stobbart veered out to the right wing and made a perfect centre.

Right on the spot was DAVIE and he carefully steered the ball wide of Patterson with his head to score a very neat goal and to cause cheering and sighs of relief all around the ground.

Davie made an excellent impression both by his cleverness and by the speed he showed in going through with the ball.

He has brought added craft and punch to the line which, in this match, again showed a tendency to fail to round off attacks.

There were few chances for Stobbart, who was most dangerous when he moved out to the wings, a move of which the fullest use was not made, for often no forward switched into the middle for the centre.

Still, the Town attack was better balanced than that of the Rovers' and both Glover and Havenga showed cleverness in approach, though they did not always bring their work to a successful conclusion. Shanks was a hard worker and was not very lucky with his shooting.

McAuley had a very creditable first outing in the team, and he demonstrated that the Town have acquired a class player who seldom wastes a ball. His distribution was brilliant, and he was very strong in the tackle, too.

The defence, as a whole, was sound, with Cooke and Aherne showing good positional sense and strength and accuracy in the tackle. Cooke met with his injury in the first half, but played on pluckily under a considerable handicap.

Owen had the measure of Graham almost throughout and Morton was rugged in defence, but his work in attack suffered by comparison with that of McAuley.

Streten had a comparatively quiet day, but his clearance kicking was again a marked and useful feature of his play.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Morton, Owen, McAuley; Glover, Shanks, Stobart, Davie, Havenga.

BLACKBURN ROVERS: Patterson; Suart, Higgins; Campbell, Holt, Bell; Wharton, Crossan, Graham, Todd, Fenton.

Referee: G. Pankhurst, Warwick.

Attendance: 11,631.