

# Five Points For Town

## NEW STAR IN ACTION

# Town Are Hard Hit By Injuries

## FIRST 'DOUBLE' TAKES THEM AWAY FROM BOTTOM PLACE

By Chiltern

Although an uphill fight still faces the Town, hopes that they will avoid relegation made an upward surge over the holidays when the team collected five points out of six and took themselves away from the unenviable bottom position which they have occupied so long this season.

They began none too brightly by dropping a home point to Blackburn Rovers, but they made up for this amply by registering their first away win of the season at Swansea on Christmas Day and completing their first double the following day.

Man who stole much of the limelight was nippy South African winger, Billy HAVENGA, who scored four of the six goals obtained in the three matches and, on Boxing Day, completed a fine hat-trick.

Swansea were beaten twice, despite the absence of Billy Cooke, who fractured a wrist against Blackburn, and newcomer Pat McAULEY, who had to stand down because of an ankle injury.

## Teamwork A Vital Factor At Swansea

Swansea Town 0, Luton Town 2

In opening their away winning account at Vetch Field on Christmas Day, the Town gave a hard-fighting, cohesive display against a Swansea team that badly missed the guiding genius of Welsh international, Billy Lucas.

In his place at right-half, the Welsh club experimented with former Aston Villa centre-forward, Howarth, but this was a dismal failure, due mainly to the work of Davies.

The Scot was again in grand form and most danger came from this quarter. HAVENGA gave the Town the lead in four minutes when he collected a loose ball inside the penalty area and unleashed a long shot that sped out of Parry's reach.

On Christmas Eve the game only 10 minutes old, Owen was carried off after receiving a kick under the knee, the Town's hopes dropped, but they weathered the storm and Owen returned after 15 minutes absence.

The injury proved to be a kick on a nerve and he recovered so completely that he was able to take over at centre-half, much to the Town's relief.

DEFENCE WAS SOUND Swansea had quite as much of the play as the Town, but they never moved so fluently and although they tried direct methods they were doomed to failure against a Town defence which revealed no weakness.

Although their advantage was so narrow, the Town went along in assured style. There were one or two anxious moments, and Stretton made two brilliant saves, but for all that, it was seldom that Swansea looked likely to rescue a point.

It was not until the last minute of the game that the Town's second goal arrived. Again, HAVENGA played a major role in the scoring of the goal, as he was from his cross that SHANKS met the ball first time and steered it past Parry.

Teamwork had a lot to do with the success of the Town, and Wilson came in at right-back as Cooke's deputy and put up a splendid performance against the more dangerous home wing.

He kept Beech (C) very quiet and with Morton keeping a close grip on Allchurch, who was often forced to take the ball across the field, the Swansea attack was ragged.

HERNE WAS ON TOP Their difficulties were increased by the fact that O'Driscoll could interpose his body in the line of the Swansea attack and was blotted right out of the game.

After his lay-off through injury, Watkins took time to settle down but he played a blinder in the second half, while Owen was master of the situation throughout.

In fact, Richards had scarcely a single chance of adding to his tally, and he was a dominant figure in the centre of the field.

Kiley did well for Swansea, too, and Stobart had rather a lean time and was not until he began switching to the wing in the second half that he really came into the picture.

Glover and Shanks formed a dangerous wing and there was much more smoothness about the Town attack than that of Swansea.

Davies was the chief promoter and although HAVENGA had a somewhat quiet game, generally, he was the man who made the goals possible, and that was sufficient to earn him full marks.

SWANSEA TOWN: Parry; Roberts, Beech (C); Howarth, Kiley, Williams; O'Driscoll, Thomas, Richards, Allchurch, Beech (C).

LUTON TOWN: Stretton; Wilson, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Glover, Shanks, Stobart, Davies, HAVENGA.

Referee: A. W. Smith, Aldershot. Attendance: 18,000.

## All Goals In Second Half

Vauxhall Motors 3, Berkhamsted 2

Vauxhall opened their holiday programme by collecting two useful Spartan League points from Berkhamsted at Kimp's road.

There was no doubting their superiority, though credit is due to the Berkhamsted forwards, who only had two chances and accepted them both.

Pressing heavily from the start, the Motors looked all set for a runaway win, when, in the first half, Morgan, Abner and Todd all forced their way right through the defence, only to be foiled by Berkhamsted's goalkeeper Parkin, who was in top form.

Half-time came with the score nil, but CHAPMAN received the ball from Morgan, and drove it into the net.

SHARP increased their lead with 20 yards pile-driver, but STEVENS reduced the visitors' arrears during a breakaway.

INGLE (Vauxhall) and LEWIS (Berkhamsted) scored before the end.

FRIENDLY MATCH Biggleswade 6, Vauxhall Motors 3

Followers of favourites showed a good return at Luton

Followers of favourites had quite a happy time at Luton Stadium on Boxing Day, when winning prices were low.

Trap 6 provided four winners and numbers 1 and 3 drew blanks.

1 (40/60)—NEAPOLITAN (6), 2 Half-Pint (1), 3 Wm's Boy (4), 4 Phyllis (5), 5 Plum Lane (2), 6 Maroon (2), 7 1/2, 8 1/2, 9 1/2, 10 1/2, 11 1/2, 12 1/2, 13 1/2, 14 1/2, 15 1/2, 16 1/2, 17 1/2, 18 1/2, 19 1/2, 20 1/2, 21 1/2, 22 1/2, 23 1/2, 24 1/2, 25 1/2, 26 1/2, 27 1/2, 28 1/2, 29 1/2, 30 1/2, 31 1/2, 32 1/2, 33 1/2, 34 1/2, 35 1/2, 36 1/2, 37 1/2, 38 1/2, 39 1/2, 40 1/2, 41 1/2, 42 1/2, 43 1/2, 44 1/2, 45 1/2, 46 1/2, 47 1/2, 48 1/2, 49 1/2, 50 1/2, 51 1/2, 52 1/2, 53 1/2, 54 1/2, 55 1/2, 56 1/2, 57 1/2, 58 1/2, 59 1/2, 60 1/2, 61 1/2, 62 1/2, 63 1/2, 64 1/2, 65 1/2, 66 1/2, 67 1/2, 68 1/2, 69 1/2, 70 1/2, 71 1/2, 72 1/2, 73 1/2, 74 1/2, 75 1/2, 76 1/2, 77 1/2, 78 1/2, 79 1/2, 80 1/2, 81 1/2, 82 1/2, 83 1/2, 84 1/2, 85 1/2, 86 1/2, 87 1/2, 88 1/2, 89 1/2, 90 1/2, 91 1/2, 92 1/2, 93 1/2, 94 1/2, 95 1/2, 96 1/2, 97 1/2, 98 1/2, 99 1/2, 100 1/2, 101 1/2, 102 1/2, 103 1/2, 104 1/2, 105 1/2, 106 1/2, 107 1/2, 108 1/2, 109 1/2, 110 1/2, 111 1/2, 112 1/2, 113 1/2, 114 1/2, 115 1/2, 116 1/2, 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