TOWN-LATE GOAL SPECIALISTS

Stobbart Saved A Point With Three Minutes Left

BY CHILTERN

gaining a reputation for being late goal specialists are the Town, who for the second Saturday in succession snatched a point when the game was in its dying stages.

his time, at The Dell, Southampton, they left it so late that the Saints' fans were preparing to leave the ground with the thought of two more points to aid their fight for promotion to enliven their New Year celebrations.

here was very nearly no point at all for Southampton, for after George Stobbart equalised with three minutes to go, Willie Davie went close to snatching a winner.

1.1 42 minutes of the second were all against them, has disthe Town seemed destined appeared. and then it happened. ed positions and the out- in good stead.

kelly on his goal line, Webguarding the middle and ministre coming through fast.

colover made a slide-rule which Stobbart dived full h to meet and send the ball and squarely into the roof net.

This came as such a shock to inhampton that they seemed to pieces completely.

Nearly Snatched A Dramatic Win

CONVERSELY, it gave the Town forwards confidence d they produced more goalouth snap than they had shown eviously. In the last hectic inutes, two corners were forced. d Davie worked his way rough only to have the ball ked away from him as he tuped to make his shot. Even hen, the ball missed the post arrowly.

However every member of the uton party was content with his point that served to mphasise the improvement the ram has made during the last

It also proved that the Christpas activities were no mere ash in the pan and the tally om the last four matches now ands at six points.

lighting Spirit Much In Evidence

position is still fraught with inger, on this form, they should

Success breeds success and 6.53. h the ball running better for hem now, much of the overwety they showed when things | £2/15/-.

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THE LUTON BREWERS

down to another odd goal There is more confidence in the team altogether, and their conver and Shanks had fighting spirit is standing them

right, veered 'over to the This was far from being a Turning quickly, he great match, for neither set of med up the situation. There forwards ever really overcame the problems set by the hard ground and the light ball.

Most Attacks Broke Down Prematurely

RESULT was that most attacks broke down before they looked like accomplishing much and both defences were usually too strong for the opposing forward lines.

Result was that there were long periods of what amounted to stalemate with little incident in either nenalty area.

What shots there were were mostly off the mark though were exceptions, particularly when Edwards blazed in the ball at point blank range and Streten did extremely well to stop it at all.

Streten Saved Day's Penalty Kick

BACK went the hall straight to Edwards, who tried a header this time, but Owen had dropped back and he fisted the ball over. So, with the game only five minutes old, the Town found

themselves faced with a nenalty kick but their hopes revived when Day, trying to place the ball, merely sent it straight at

No Special Cup Training

THE Town's preparation for their Cup-tie with Portsmouth on Saturday will be along normal lines. It had been hoped to have a day's golf, but the weather has put this out of court

No serious injuries were collected at Southampton on Saturday. McAuley will not be available for the Cup tie. and considerable doubt still exists about the date of Cooke's return.

Gates will be opened at 12.30, and there is every evidence of a gate approaching-record proportions

All stand tickets have been

Streten, who picked it up and kicked away joyously.

After the match. Southampton Directors were saving, "If only Bill Ellerington had been play.

Reason for that is that Ellerington is theirlty kick expert, and he does not miss

Goal Came While Aherne Was Off

MARROWEST escapes after that came at the Saints' end when Havenga twice went close, but when Aherne had to leave the field because he felt ill and could not judge the flight of the call, the Town found themselves up against it

GREYHOUNDS

Trap Five Had Three Winners On Saturday

Trap five was the only one at Luton Stadium on Saturday to start more than one winner.

There was a 7-1 winner, Jack Mack, but although winning prices were not high, only two favourites succeeded.

LTHOUGH the Town's Popoff, 4 Speakeasy, 8 Duke, Little 7.13. Sally, 10 Salome, Forecast £1/1/6. II (470yds).-- 1 CHERRY BRANDY (2), 2 Cumbrian (4), 3 House Warmer away from the relegation (1), 4 Mighty Atom (3), 5 lan's Fet (6).

6 Dusty (5). 31, 2, 3, 3, 4, 28.76. Cfb Betting: 5-2 House Warmer, 3 Cum-

brian, 7-2 Mighty Atom, 6 CHERRY BRANDY, Dusty, 8 lan's Pet. Forecast

I (410yds).—1 ETHERLY TIME (6), III (410yds).—1 HARVEST KING 2 Speakeasy (3), 3 Little Sally (1), 4 (5), 2 Good Corona (6), 3 Sam's Song Duke (2), 5 Salome (5), 6 Popoff (4), (4), 4 Flying Saucer (3), 5 Malcolm (1), 5, 12, 1, dist, dist, 24.98. Off 6.34. Betting: 4-5 ETHERLY TIME, 7-2 2, 24.63. Non-runner, Robby (2), Off

Betting: 5-2 Good Corona, 7-2 Wally's Pup. 4 HARVEST KING. Malcolm, Sam's Song, 6 Flying Saucer. Forecast £1/8/6. IV (470yds).-1 JACK MACK (3), 2

The Abbot (5), 3 Hair Clip (4), 4 Ella's Joy (2), 5 Mofet's Mony (6), 6 Silver Wing (1), 6, 4, 11, 1, dist. 28.72.

Betting: 2 The Abbot. 4 Silver Wing. Ella's Joy, 9-2 Mofet's Mony, 7 JACK MACK, 8 Hair Clip. Forecast £2/12/3. V (410yds).—1 MUCH MELODY (5) 2 Mexico (4), 3 Kelling (1), 4 Norrington End (6), 5 Sweet Sue (2), 3, 6, 1, 1 24.43. Non-runner, Seagull (3), Off 7.53. Betting: 10-11 Mexico, 5-2 MUCH MELODY, 5 Kelling, 6 Sweet Sue, 8 Norrington End. Forecast £1/10/3.

VI (470yds).-1 GINGER (5), 2 Rosy Apple (1), 3 Midnight Star (4), Muriel (3) reserve. 21. 11. 8. 28.12. Non-runners. So Jolly (2), Johnny D (3), Bright Hour (6). Off 8.10. Betting: 5-4 Midnight Star, Rosy

Apple, 9-2 GINGER, 6 Muriel Fore-

cast £1/2/-. VII (470yds).—I MARGARET'S PAL (4), 2 Hurry-Hurry (1), 3 Puck (6), 4 Toby Gay (5), 5 Magpie (2), 6 Sad Sack (3). 7 4. 6, 1. 1. 28.22. Off 8.30. Betting: 9-4 MARGARET'S PAL. Puck, 5 Toby Gay, Magpie, 7 Hurry-Hurry, 10 Sad Sack. Forecast £3/14/9. VIII (410yds).—1 BIG GAME (1), 2 Marigold (6), 3 No Limit (3), 4 Our Alice (4), 5 Sister Mary (2), 6 Lone Eagle (5). 1, 3, 2, 6, 3, 25.05. Off 8.50. Betting: 6-4 Sister Mary, 3 Our Alice. 9-2 Big Game, 5 Lone Eagle, 6 Mari-gold, 100-8 No Limit, Forecast £3/14/3.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR TO-MORROW

7.30 (410yds).-216 Just Peter. 565 Kitchen Boy, 5 Lorna Doone, 265 Major Slater. 645 Miss Muffet, 45 Rub-A-Dub. Reserve. 233 Sunshine. 7.48 (470yds).-216 Brookside, 141

Comus. 323 Lazy Snowball, 43 Molly. 322 Smiling Bess. 543 Wild Honey. Reserve. 314 Fascination. 8.06 (410yds).-413 Beau Geste, 244 Black Beauty 422 Cigar Joe, 424 Dark Hazard. 523 Eastern Silver, 55 Plain O.P.R. v Millwall Jane. Reserve. 226 Pat's Dislike. 8.24 (470yds).—231 Gourmet.

Peg. 416 Red Ted. 323 Terry's Pal. Reserve, 51 Midnight Star, 8.42 (470yds).5 Bunty (Oct 18, tp 5, 23,98, Dec 2. tp 6, 24.24), 222 Petty Officer, 33 Port Barn (Dec 2, tp 4, 24.64) 312 Rockafella, 144 Tony, 112

9.00 (410yds).-123 City Lights, 116

Handy Bill. 64 Little Dot. 555 Red

Donny. 215 Karlie. 454 McGrane's W.sh. 141 Neapolitan. 1 Red Coat Reserve. 221 Danillo. 9.18 (470yds). - 221 Clancy, 126 Destiny, 321 Egg Flip, 541 Joe Rook

115 Recorder, 511 Wind - Break

Tracker.

SELECTIONS

Reserve. 531 Snuff. 9.36 (410yds). - 233 Halfway, 46 Panda, 346 Peabody Boy, 544 Salad, 162 Snowey. 333 Win's Boy. Reserve. 666 Whistling Wind.

7.30 Major Slater (Just Peter, Kitchen 7.48 Molly (Smiling Bess, Comus) 8.06 Black Beauty (Beau Geste Dark

8.24 Gourmet (Red Peg. Red Ted) 8.42 Petty Officer (Tracker, Port Barn) 9.00 Karlie (McGrane's Wish, Donny) 9.18 Wind-Break (Joe Rook, Egg Flip)

o 16 Win's Roy (nan) (Salad, Panda)

Shanks moved to left-back and Southampton crowded on pres-

sure Their goal came five minutes before half-time through Bates, who left Streten with no chance from close rarge.

After that the Town hung on until the interval and were brought up to fell strength for the second half sinc: Aherne made a complete recovery.

Centre-Halves Were Dominant Figures

WITH the accent mainly on the defences, the centre-halves. Owen and Webber, were two domirant figures, helped by the number of times the ball was in the air

Owin carried too many guns for Brown, who was seldom dangerous although he tried to find the open spaces by switching out to the wings.

Day was not so troublesome as had been expected, partly due to the fact that he was closely marked by Aherne, and partly because he rather over-did his attempts to score in the second haif.

That policy might have come off, but, for the most part. Streten was able to watch the ball fly harmlessly by.

Streten Playing At Peak Form

CTRETEN is now displaying the form that gained him an England cap and he came through this match with great credit, for his anticipation and judgment were never at fault and he made two saves in the first half that could not have been tettered by any goalkeeper.

Wilson had a good match againsi Edwards, who showed a liking for cutting in goadwards. but Wilson was quick in recovery. tackled hard and kicked well.

Both wing halves played strongly, though Watkins was the more effective and used the ball better than Morton, though he. too had difficulty in keeping it on the ground.

Forwards Were In Quieter Vein

THE forwards were in rather quieter vein than they have been recently, but they did not suffer by comparison with the Southampton front line which is the only fair way to judge in such conditions. Generally, the football they

produced was not so good as in the last three matches and until Stobbart's late success, there seemed little hope of an equaliser

However everybody kept on trying and pegging away and this brought its reward in the end Glover's late move was a touch

of genius and there is no possible doubt that he can be a matenwinner on occasion.

Webber Was "The Boss" In The Air

N this match he did not receive the best of material, chiefly because Shanks could not get going and the majority of the inside-right's passes went astray

FOR THE RECORDS

SOUTHAMPTON 1 Bates.

LUTON TOWN 1 Stobbart. SOUTHAMPTON: Kelly;

Anuerson, Ballard; Elliott, Webber, Mallett; Day, Cuctis Brown, Bates Edwards LUTON TOWN: Streten;

Morion, Wilson, Aherne; Watkins; Glover, Owen, Stobbart, Davie, Shanks, Havenga

Referee: L. A. M. Mackay, Fulham

Attendance: 20,000.

of the number of times the ball came to him high in the air, where the tall Webber was the master of the situation.

For all that, Stobbart never stopped working and his goal was a gem of opportunism.

The left-wing was the better balanced and although Davie was not quite so prominent as he has been, he frequently took the eye with his clever footwork and Southampton always had to keep a weather eye turned in his direc-

Point Was Earned On Run Of The Play

ALMOST until kick-off time, there was a doubt about Havenga playing but play he did with his wrist and hand amply protected, and he came through without mishap.

He often worried Ellerington's stand-in, Anderson, and was rather unlucky not to score in the first half for he was always on the look-our for the odd chance.

So the Town further improved their already good record at The Dell, and there was no doubt that they earned this point on the run of the play. Neither team really looked

their part. Southampton certainly did not play well enough to strike one as contenders for promotion, while the Town had no relegation look about them.

Hat-Trick Of 1-1 Draws By Reserves

FOR the third march in succession, the Town Reserves were concerned in a 1-1 draw when they met Crystal Palace Reserves at Kenilworth-road.

On a hard, slippery ground, little good football could be expected, and the result was a scrambling sort of game, in which the Town dropped a poir. after holding the lead for 72 minutes. Jinks gave them the lead after eight minutes, and although Palace the threatened an equaliser, it did not come until 10 minutes from the end.

The Town's outstanding player was Jim Pemberton and Jinks Stobbart, too, suffered because was the most dangerous forward.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

F.A. CUP-THIRD ROUND Arsenal v Carlisle Utd.

Aston Villa v Burnley Birmingham C. v Manchester C Bolton W. v York C. Brighton v Chesterfield Bristol R. v Aldershot Bristol C. v Blackburn R. Charlton Ath. v Blackpool Derby Co. v West Brom. Fulham v Sheffield Wed. Grimsby T. v Exeter C. Huddersfield T. v Tottenham H. Hull C. v Everton Leeds Utd. v Middlesbrough Leicester C. v Preston N.E. Luton T. v Portsmouth Manchester Utd. v Oldham Ath. Mansfield T. v Swansea T. Newcastle Utd. v Bury Newport Co. v Reading Northampton T. v Barnsley Norwich C. v Liverpool Notts Co. v Southampton Plymouth A. v Wolves Rochdale v Chelsea Rotherham Utd. v Doncaster R. Sheffield Utd. v. Gateshead Stockport Co v Brentford

Stoke C. v Port Vale Sunderland v Coventry C. West Ham v Cardiff C.

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Ipswich T. v Walsall Nottm. Forest v Crystal Palace Swindon T. v Bournemouth

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Barrow v Accrington S. Bradford C. v Shrewsbury T Darlington v Crewe Alex Eartlepools Utd. v Halifax T. New Brighton v Lincoln C. Scunthorpe Utd v Bradford

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Gillingham v Leyton O. Wrexham v Tranmere R.

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DIVISION "B" Albion R. v Kilmarnock

Alloa Ath. v Stirling Arbroath v Dumbarton Ayr Utd. v Hamilton Cowdenbeath v Forfar Ath. Dundee Utd. v Stenhousemuir Queen of South v St. Johnstone Queen's Park v Dunfermline

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