

TOWN DROPPED A VITAL POINT

Not Their Lucky Day, But Chances Were Missed, Too

After their sparkling performance of the previous week, it was a disappointment to see the Town drop a valuable point to Barnsley at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

Especially was this so in view of the fact that they had enough of the play and sufficient chances to have built up a substantial lead.

Said Manager Daily Duncan afterwards: "I have never seen a game like it before. The conditions were shocking, but we could have won by 4-1 or 5-1."

The conditions were as bad as have been for a considerable time, and the mud was so thick in the middle of the field that the ball mostly came to a full stop whenever it pitched.

This meant tremendously heavy going for both teams, but, considering the nature of the pitch, this was quite an entertaining match.

Had the Town picked up the other point, as they should have done, everybody would have been reasonably satisfied with the afternoon's work.

Had More Than Their Share Of Bad Luck

THE chances were certainly there and how the Town failed to score two or three goals in the second half when they had a real grip on things, was something of a mystery.

Definitely, they had more than their share of bad luck and Barnsley's goal escaped luckily on four or five occasions in the second half.

There were other times when weak shooting caused chances to go astray and the Town should have been able to snatch at least one goal which would have been the decider.

Havenga Failed From The Penalty Spot

THEIR best chance, of course, came in the first half when they were awarded a penalty after Stobbart had been brought down in the very act of shooting from less than 15 yards.

After his success from the spot against Swansea, Havenga was entrusted with the kick, but there will probably have to be some readjustment of ideas about the choice of penalty-taker following his failure to make use of the chance.

Attempting to place it in the corner of the net, he sent the ball wide of the post.

Might Have Caused Barnsley To Weaken

COULD the Town have got their heads in front, their cause might have prospered considerably.

Not A Happy Day For Havenga

THIS was not a very happy match for Havenga, who did not reveal the opportunity that has been one of the main features of his play.

Two or three chances came his way, but this time, his shooting was off the mark and his general play was below his recent standard, too.

Far more effective was Glover, who gave Pallister an uncomfortable afternoon.

The outside-right was most skilful in his approach work and got the ball across consistently, too. In fact, more use should have been made of the material he provided.

Ball Was Kept Too Close At Times

THERE were times when the Town forwards kept the ball too close and when the passing broke down, but for all that, the openings were carved out and some should have been accepted.

The going was a bit too heavy for Davie, but he put in a deal of clever, useful work and was another who was unfortunate not to be in the scoring list.

Despite his goal, Shanks was mostly out of touch in the first half, though he improved afterwards when he made some very good passes and worked the ball quite well.

BY CHILTERN

for Barnsley's defence always gave the impression that it might weaken.

Had they been a goal down, some of the incentive which a team draws from being on level terms away from home, would have disappeared.

A goal from the penalty would have made the score 2-1 with the game half-an-hour old and would have renewed the Town's confidence which was blunted a little by the early reverse when Deakin scored after 10 minutes.

Moved Briskly, But Could Not Score

THE balance was adjusted by Shanks seven minutes later and in the first half, there was a lot of quite lively play by the Barnsley forwards who were operating on the inner going at the Kenilworth-road end.

The Town were expected to make use of the better going in the second half and the attack certainly moved more briskly without being able to drive home their pressure.

Unluckiest of all was Stobbart who might easily have had a "hat-trick." He hit the bar, twice went rear with quick headers and made two or three other worthy attempts.

Brilliant Display By Stobbart

STOBBART has struck brilliant form and he seemed to find the conditions less trying than any other forward on the field.

Seemingly, he had no difficulty in working the ball in the mud and his footwork was always decisive and attractive.

He had something of a buffering too but he kept going to the end and had he got the goals he deserved, he would have capped a very fine performance.

One or two of the chances that came his way could go into the category of "misses," but, for all that, he was the Town's most dangerous forward.

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 1

Shanks

BARNSELEY 1

Deakin

LUTON TOWN.—Streten;

Wilson, Aherne; Morton;

Owen, Watkins; Glover;

(Alex), Shanks, Stobbart;

Davie Havenga

BARNSELEY.—Kelly;

Lindsay, Pallister; Blanch-

flower, Glover (Arthur), Nor-

mantion; Kaye, McMorran,

McCormack, Baxter, Deakin.

Referee.—S. E. Law, West

Bromwich.

Attendance.—15,032.

reaching the peak form they

showed against Portsmouth.

Owen's main job of course,

was to prevent McCormack from

running riot and he did this so

well that the centre forward had

few opportunities and did not

manage to add to his tally of

goals.

Always Owen kept a close

watch on this nippy leader, and

he had a difficult job in the

second half when ploughing

through the churned-up mud in

the middle of the field at the

Oak-road end.

Aherne's Kicking

Was Valuable

OWEN lashed a few times,

but that was forgivable in

the conditions which were all

against clean kicking.

In this respect, Aherne was

very good, for his strength in

clearing was most useful to the

Town and so was Streten's hefty

kicking.

Wilson had rather a worrying

first half against Deakin, but he

stuck to his task grimly.

Weakest part of his game were

his clearances on which he could

not obtain much length and

Cooke was missed for this

reason.

Youngster Did Not

Fare Badly

EVEN though Aherne kept a

grip on 17-years-old

debutant winger, Kaye, the

youngster did enough to justify

the confidence manager,

Angus Seed, placed in him, and

he looks like a star in the mak-

ing.

Watkins was not quite up to

his usual form, especially in his

distribution of the ball, and

Morton, opposed to the clever

Baxter, was beaten at times be-

cause he made his tackles too

soon.

However, both wing halves put

in some strong work in diffi-

cult circumstances, and both

helped to back up the attack in

their second half rally.

Streten Never

Hesitated

STRETEN had quite a busy

period in the first half

when he showed splendid

anticipation and timing in leav-

ing his goal.

Some back passing, a danger-

ous procedure in such going,

added to his task but he never

hesitated in going for the ball

and invariably got possession of

it.

Probably the Town will not

have a more gruelling game this

season, but without reaching the

form of which they are capable,

they did more than enough to

win, and the home defeats of

Bury and Chesterfield help them

in their struggle to stave off the

relegation threat.

Greyhounds

Half The Winners Were Favourites At Luton

Although half the races were won by favourites, at Luton Stadium on Saturday, there were some fairly high-priced winners, too, and average winning price was 3-1.

Traps 5 and 6 had three winners each, and numbers 1 and 4 drew blanks.

I (410yds).—1. WHISTLING WIND (3); 2. Miss Mufflet (6); 3. Little Sally (5); 4. Little Rio (2); 5. Desert Rat (1); 6. Silver King (4). 5. 1. 3. 4. 25.51. Off 6.34.

Betting: 7-4 Little Sally; 3. WHISTLING WIND; Little Rio; 8. Miss Mufflet; Desert Rat; 10. Silver King. Forecast: £3.10.3.

II (470yds).—1. HAIR CLIP (5); 2. Landlord (4); 3. House Warmer (2); 4. Ella's Joy (1); 5. Cumbrian (3); 6. 1. 2. distance. 29.46. Non-runner: Rub-A-Dub (6). Off 6.54.

Betting: 11-10 Cumbrian; 4. House Warmer; Landlord; 6. HAIR CLIP; Ella's Joy. Forecast: £2.14.3.

III (410yds).—1. TERRY'S PAL (6); 2. Albert (3) (reserve); 3. Wind-Break (5); 4. Sister Mary (1); 5. Dark Weather (2); 6. Exclusive (4). 4. 1. 3. 10. 1. 25.18. Non-runner: Biz Game (3). Off 7.12.

Betting: 7-4 TERRY'S PAL; 2. Sister Mary; 4. Wind-Break; 6. Albert; 100-8 Dark Weather; Exclusive. Forecast: £1.12.

IV (470yds).—1. SNUFF (5); 2. McGrane's Wish (6); 3. Grady (1); 4. Hurry-Hurry (3) (reserve); 5. Snowy (4); 6. Magpie (2). 1. 1. 5. 8. 2. 28.82. Non-runner: The Abbot (3). Off 7.33.

Betting: 11-10 McGrane's Wish; 4. SNUFF; Hurry-Hurry; 5. Magpie; 6. Snowy; 8. Grady. Forecast: £1.12.6.

V (470yds).—1. GOOD CORONA (2); 2. Muriel (5); 3. Margaret's Luck (4); 4. Ginger (3) (reserve); 5. Malcolm (1); 6. head, head, 4. 28.67. Non-runners: Little Dot (3); Tony (6). Off 7.52.

Betting: 5-4 GOOD CORONA; 4. Malcolm; 9-4 Ginger; 8. Muriel; 10. Margaret's Luck. Forecast: £1.10.6.

VI (410yds).—1. SPORTING EXPRESS (6); 2. Red Ted (2); 3. Petty Officer (4); 4. Rockafella (3); 5. Boy Blond (5); 6. 1. 1. 10. 24.69. Non-runner: Tracker (1). Off 8.13.

Betting: 5-4 SPORTING EXPRESS; 5-2 Rockafella; 4. Petty Officer; 6. Red Ted; 8. Boy Blond. Forecast: £1.16.9.

VII (470yds).—1. MARVEX (5); 2. Etherly Time (3); 3. Castle Rock (4); 4. Dark Knight (1); 5. Margaret's Pal (6); 6. Garry (2). 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 28.78. Off 8.34.

Betting: 4-5 Etherly Time; 5-2 Margaret's Pal; 6-1 MARVEX; 8-1 Castle Rock; 10-1 Garry; Dark Knight. Forecast: £2.38.3d.

VIII (410yds).—1. STEP LIGHTLY (6); 2. Guttersnipe (5); 3. Royal Blue (4); 4. City Lights (1); 5. Rubber Band (2); 6. Danillo (3). 2. 8. 4. 3. 3. 25.16. Off 8.52.

Betting: 5-4 STEP LIGHTLY; 3-1 City Lights; 7-2 Guttersnipe; 6-1 Royal Blue. Forecast: £1.12.6.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

DIVISION I

Blackpool v Sunderland
Bolton v Aston Villa
Charlton v Manchester Utd.
Fulham v Derby
Huddersfield v Arsenal
Liverpool v Everton
Middlesbrough v Sheffield Wed.
Newcastle v Burnley
Stoke v Portsmouth
Tottenham v Wolves
West Brom v Chelsea

DIVISION II

Barnsley v Leeds
Birmingham v Bury
Blackburn v Swansea
Brentford v Hull
Cardiff v Q.P.R.
Coventry v Chesterfield
Doncaster v Notts County
Grimsby v Preston N.E.
Manchester City v Leicester
Sheffield v Luton
Southampton v West Ham

DIVISION III (South)

Aldershot v Northampton
Bristol Rovers v Brighton
Colchester v Newport
Crystal Palace v Millwall
Ipswich v Exeter
Leyton Orient v Bournemouth
Nottingham Forest v Reading
Plymouth v Southend
Swindon v Norwich
Torquay v Port Vale
Walsall v Gillingham
Watford v Bristol City

DIVISION III (North)

Accrington v Oldham
Barrow v Mansfield
Bradford City v Crewe
Carlisle v Wrexham
Chester v Hartlepool
Darlington v Rotherham
Lincoln v Stockport
Rochdale v Gateshead
Shrewsbury v Halifax
Southport v Bradford
Tranmere v New Brighton
York v Scunthorpe

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION "A"
Airdrieonians v Third Lanark
Clyde v Aberdeen
Dundee v Celtic
East Fife v St. Mirren
Falkirk v Motherwell
Hibernian v Partick Thistle
Morton v Raith
Rangers v Hearts

DIVISION "B"

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

SELECTIONS

Ten Home: Blackpool, Bolton, Middlesbrough, Birmingham, Blackburn, Coventry, Bristol R., Plymouth, Carlisle, Tranmere.

Four Away: Arsenal, Preston, Millwall, Rotherham.

Three Draws: Fulham v Derby, Doncaster v Notts County, Aldershot v Northampton.

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