

EARLY GOAL HIT TOWN AGAIN

Good Football Must Have "Finish" As An Ally

By Chiltern

the second time in two days the Town found themselves a goal down before they had had a chance to settle down at Leicester on Saturday.

It took Doncaster Rovers, the previous day, five minutes to open their account, Leicester knocked a minute off that, and the Town found themselves away once more to a bad start when they badly needed the encouragement of a good beginning.

ACTION of several Leicester officials to their 3-1 victory that they were fortunate to have it on the run of the play, they were impressed with the copybook football of the Town produced, especially when they were playing against the strong wind.

However, the City deserved the points only for the fact that they snapped up a larger percentage of their scoring chances than the Town, and it is this that gains points in football.

Surprise At Town's Good Football

Football circles it is often said that good football will triumph and something which may be beginning to doubt after their experiences in the two matches.

Man sitting next to me on Saturday seemed mildly surprised to find the Town's position in the league to be one of the best, and he was achieving that aim to a considerable degree.

It is becoming increasingly apparent that direct, speedy methods pay the biggest dividends in the Second Division.

Finishing Power Was Sadly Lacking

Good football will produce results if it is allied to finishing power and directness in front goal, but that was what the Town lacked mainly at Leicester. They had the major share of the first half play and yet found themselves two goals down at the end, despite the fact that City

had been playing against the wind and that their raids had been limited mainly to breakaways.

Bad covering by the defence was responsible for the first set-back after four minutes, when Hines had sufficient time to pick his spot in the corner of the net and head the ball into it with great deliberation.

Leicester Had A Lucky Escape

AN equaliser to the Town always seemed the next likely event, and they did work out their openings splendidly, and there was a class look about their attack until the 18-yards line was reached.

Then either hesitation in shooting meant that this good City defence had had time to cover up, or the shots, when produced, were wild, and were mostly over the bar or wide of the mark.

Luckiest escape the City had came when Anderson was worried into losing possession of the ball right in front of goal and Wyldes looked a certain scorer until Lever dashed across to kick away.

Rowley Added To City's Lead

AN equaliser might have brought more confidence to the finishing, but there came another bad blow when a goal developed for the City from almost nothing.

There was a completely innocent raid on the left wing, and the ball was pushed inside to Rowley.

He let fly from about 20 yards, and the ball, passing between two Town defenders, sped like a bullet for the corner of the net.

with Streten probably unsighted and not making his dive until too late.

That came with nine minutes of the second half left, and seemed to leave the Town with an impossible task.

Town Did Well Against The Wind

THE City must have been looking forward to the second half with a good deal of pleasure in view of the fact that, with the wind as their ally, they were likely to give their goal average a real boost.

However, the Town came out to play some grand football and have a lot of the play, despite the handicap they were facing.

Best chance, early on, fell to Wyldes, who blazed the ball wide from reasonable range. Even so, the City forwards always looked the more dangerous at close quarters, but they allowed some good opportunities to slip by.

Carbon Copy Of A Doncaster Goal

THEY were next to score, though, with 15 minutes remaining, when the Town defence hesitated, thinking that Hines was offside when he careered down the right wing after a pass from Griffiths.

There was no signal from the referee, and Hines lifted the ball well into the goalmouth and Rowley, standing near the far post, headed the ball into the net.

This was almost a carbon copy of the one which counted as Doncaster's fourth goal the day before, when Harrison did the trick.

Stobart Reduced The Arrears

EVEN after that reverse, the Town had the spirit to hit back, as they did at Doncaster when they were four goals down and Moore and Davie reduced the arrears.

This time they were facing a score of 3-0, and in four minutes it was 3-1 for a mistake by Anderson, when he went up to a corner from Wyldes, left Stobart in possession a few yards out.

He stabbed the ball through, and it was over the line by a yard before Lever reached it, and, in any case, he kicked it into the roof of the net. Before that happened, though, the referee had signalled a goal.

Jack Taylor Was A Success

JUST previously, Moore had looked a likely scorer, but Anderson just reached his high shot. A low drive might have left the goalkeeper helpless.

So ended a match in which the Town earned a lot of good marks for their approach work, but little for their finishing.

Introduction of Jack Taylor into the forward line was a success, for he played extremely well, beating his opponent cleverly and using the ball splendidly.

Some of his passes to Stobart were most accurate, and this was by far the more progressive Town wing.

Stobart Worried Jackson A Lot

AFTER the match the Leicester people were saying that they have seldom seen Jackson look so worried by a winger this season, and Stobart certainly gave him plenty to do.

Sometimes indifferent finishing spoils his work, but it certainly looks as if outside-right is Stobart's best position.

Moore's chances were limited, and although he chased and worked hard he did not make much impression on McArthur.

In midfield Davie produced much admirable footwork and clever play, and had a good few shots in the first half without managing to get on the target.

FOR THE RECORDS

LEICESTER CITY 3
Rowley (2), Hines.
LUTON TOWN 1
Stobart.
LEICESTER CITY:—
Anderson; Lever, Jackson;
King, McArthur, Halton;
Griffiths, Baldwin, Hines,
Rowley, Adam.
LUTON TOWN:—Streten;
Cooke, Aherne; Watkins,
Owen, McAuley, Stobart,
Taylor (J.), Moore, Davie,
Wyldes.
Referee:—A. Bond,
London.
Attendance:—23,560.

Wyldes did not make a happy return against the sound Lever, who has been on the verge of a Welsh cap for some seasons.

Down-The-Middle Tactics By City

THERE was nothing fundamentally wrong with the defence, which was more certain than on the previous day, and perhaps the most surprising thing was that most danger came down the middle, mostly through tactics almost approaching those of two centre-forwards, practised by Hines and Rowley.

In combating these, Owen had quite a task, and he came through quite well without reaching his best form.

Main threat was probably expected from the wingers, Griffiths and Adam, but they were not given a lot of material and were kept commendably quiet by Cooke and Aherne.

So little of the ball did Griffiths see in the second half that the crowd applauded ironically when it came his way.

Value Of A Strong, Ranging Inside Man

THERE were sound displays by the full-backs and quite a reasonable showing by Watkins, back at wing-half after his spell in the forward line.

He was worried by the quickness with which Rowley broke through and the value of an inside forward of the strong, ranging type was there to be seen and is perhaps a pointer to the Town. Ken Chisholm performed similar service for the City as Rowley is now, and both were prolific scorers from inside-left.

Seen to best advantage in the first half was McAuley, who was able to play mainly an attacking game with the Town having most of the play.

This seems to be his role, for his defensive work was often not of the same decisive character.

Streten had no real chance of preventing any of the goals and he cleared several other awkward situations by the timely way in which he left his goal.

Surprise Point Lost By Reserves

AFTER their 7-0 win over Northampton, it was something of a surprise that the Town Reserves with only too changes in their attack, could do no more than draw 1-1 with Watford.

They had the best possible start, for Pemberton, keeping up his scoring rate, gave them the lead in the first minute, but Watford equalised midway through the first half.

It was a scrappy sort of game, but the Town should have made certain of the points and they had a golden chance of doing so when they were awarded a penalty half way through the second half, but Morton saved Whent's shot.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

DIVISION I
Aston Villa v Sheffield Wednesday
Blackpool v Stoke City
Bolton Wanderers v West Brom
Charlton Ath v Portsmouth
Derby County v Middlesbrough
Fulham v Newcastle Utd
Liverpool v Huddersfield T
Manchester Utd v Chelsea
Sunderland v Arsenal
Tottenham Hotspur v Everton
Wolves v Burnley

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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
Aldershot v Watford
Brighton v Reading
Bristol Rovers v Ipswich T
Colchester Utd v Leyton Orient
Crystal Palace v Plymouth Argyle
Newport County v Southampton
Northampton T v Bournemouth
Norwich City v Exeter City
Nottingham Forest v Bristol City
Port Vale v Gillingham
Swindon T v Walsall
Torquay Utd v Millwall

DIVISION III (NORTH)
Bradford City v Accrington
Chester v Tranmere Rovers
Crewe Alexandra v York City
Darlington v Wrexham
Gateshead v Barrow
Halifax T v Mansfield T
Hartlepool Utd v Rotherham Utd
Lincoln City v Oldham Ath
New Brighton v Carlisle Utd
Rochdale v Southport
Shrewsbury T v Bradford
Stockport County v Scunthorpe U

SCOTTISH CUP: SEMI-FINALS
Motherwell v Hibernian
Raith Rovers v Celtic

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "A"
Airdrieonians v Rangers
Dundee v Clyde
Partick Thistle v Falkirk

DIVISION "B"
Alloa v Dunbarton
Dunfermline v Dundee Utd
Forfar Ath v Ayr Utd
Queen of South v Stenhousemuir
Stirling Albion v Hamilton
St Johnstone v Albion Rovers

SELECTIONS
TEN HOME—Blackpool, Manchester Utd, Tottenham, Barnsley, Brentford, Norwich, Nottingham Forest, Bradford City, Gateshead, Lincoln.
FOUR AWAY—Newcastle, Preston, Plymouth, Rotherham.
THREE DRAWS—Sunderland v Arsenal, West Ham v Manchester City, Chester v Tranmere.

Draw For L.V. League Pairs

Draw for the pairs championship of Luton L.V. League, to be played on Thursday, is as follows:—

At the Robin Hood
Jones, Smith (Welcome Stranger) v. Mayes, Riley (Moulders); Roberts, Townrow (Plume of Feathers) v. Medhurst, Lee (Green Man); Bell, Gill (Star and Garter) v. Conybeare and Stanford (Plume of Feathers).

At the Royal Hotel
Harper, Whittmore (Bull) v. Thomas, Tompkins (Lea Bridge); Tooth, Crick (First and Last) v. Hannell, Lawrence (Green Man); King, Faller (Midland Hotel) v. Grey, McDermott (Royal Oak, R.G.).

At the Globe
Edwards, Stevens (Foresters) or Croft, Wesley (Cardinal) v. Winstanley, Conroy (Wheatheaf); Wiles and Wiles (Gardeners Call) v. Gore, Brammer (Brewery Tap); Clarke, Lühr (Gardeners Call) v. Marsh, Draper (First and Last).

At the Wellington
Gilmore and Gilmore (Regents) v. Lawrence, Robinson (Richard III); Barter, Bennett (Star and Garter) v. Mardle, Cox (Bedford); Lapidge, Sharp (Green Man) v. Newbury, Rix (Marquis of Bute).

At the Bedford
Stainer, Cook (Welcome Stranger) v. Marney, Lennon (Queens Head); Carlin, Catlin (Queens Head) v. Harper, Stow (Bull); Hughes, Deakes (Crown Arms) v. Wicks, Williams (Royal Oak, Lea).

At the Blue Lion
Blows, Scott (Royal Oak, Lea) v. Barnwell, Coote (Black Swan); Clark, Conlon (Midland Hotel) v. Smith and Smith (Gardeners Call); Streeter, Young (Green Man) v. Smith, Brown (Hearts of Oak).

At the Star and Garter
Jones, Gore (Queens Head) v. McDermott, Dimmock (Greyhound); Hall, Glenister (Foresters) v. Walker, Scrivener (Bull) or Wesley, Potter (Cardinal); Hall, Smith (Bedford) v. Moules, Smith (Royal).

At the Green Man
Green, Barton (Blue Lion) v. Conquest, Jenkins (Royal); Smewing, Smith (Moulders) v. Walker, Short (Panama); Waller, Cook (First and Last) v. Frost, Rust (Moulders).

At the Richard III
Sharp, J. (Hearts of Oak) v. Clark, Cusance (Panama); Catlin, Milloy (Queens Head) v. Dodson, Tull, (Great Northern); Shepherd, Dean (Globe) v. Bowler, Anderson (Royal Oak, Lea).

At the Bute Arms
Day, Davis (Green Man) v. Jefferson, Sitter (Painters); Hanson, Thorogood (Queens Head) v. Burton and Burton (Midland Hotel); Robinson, Edz (Luton) v. Underwood, Markham (Northern) v. Archer, Cook (Star).

At the Hibernians
Wood, Ross (Kings Arms) v. Anderson, Kite (Marquis) v. Cockburn, Diamond (Gardeners Call); Jackson, North (Luton) v. Baldwin, Wells (Robin Hood).



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Thin Time For The Favourites At Luton

Only one favourite succeeded at Luton Stadium on Saturday, when the average winning price was a little over 4-1.

Trap 3 was the most successful, with three winners.

Gourmet 8, Glenil, 10, Norrington End, Forecast £3/16/3.
V (410yds), Heat III.—1 MARVEX (3), 2 Fate's Style (1), 3 So Jolly (4), 4 Partition (2) reserve, 5 Margaret's Luck (6), 6 Cork Tip (5), 4, 1, 1, 3, 24.64, Non-runner, Muriel (2), Off 7.57.

Betting: 5-2 So Jolly, 3 Margaret's Luck, 7-2 MARVEX, 4 Fate's Style's Partition, 6 Cork Tip, Forecast £2/3/3.
VI (410yds)—1 SEAGULL (5), 2 Mystery (6), 3 Bandbox (4), 4 Reculvers (2), 5 Guttersnipe (1), 6 Wally's Pup (3), 11, 13, 1, 2, 25.02, Off 8.18.

Betting: 2 Wally's Pup, 3 Bandbox, 7-2 Mystery, 6 Seagull, Guttersnipe, 12 Reculvers, Forecast £2/19/-.

VII (470yds)—1 SID'S BOY (3), 2 Mac Silver (6), 3 Castle Rock (5), 4 Malcolm (2), 5 Curly O'Connor (4) reserve, 3, 1, 5, 1, 28.37, Non-runner, Ginger (4), Robby (1) d n f, Off 8.38.

Betting: 6-4 SID'S BOY, 4 Robby, Curly O'Connor 5 Castle Rock, Mac Silver, 6 Malcolm, Forecast £1/8/6.

VIII (410yds)—1 LOOSE BUTTON (3), 2 Adrian (1), 3 Wilfred (6), 4 Smithy Girl (4), 5 Black Mask (5), 6 Fair View (2), 1, 2, 1, 11, 8, 25.26, Off 8.57.

Betting: 2 Adrian 5-2 Black Mask 4 Wilfred, 5 Smithy Girl, 6 LOOSE BUTTON, 10 Fair View, Forecast £3/8/5.