

No Power In Finishing

The following day at Leicester the Town suffered a similar experience to the one that had come their way at Doncaster.

They were a goal down in the early minutes—only four had gone this time when HINES, with the Town defence out of position, headed through to give the City the lead.

Difference between the two occasions was that this time the Town had the wind at their backs in the first half, but they failed to make use of this advantage.

Although it enabled them to enjoy a considerable territorial advantage and keep the City in their own half for long periods, they simply could not score.

Either hesitancy proved fatal against the quick-tackling City defenders, or the shots were well wide of the target.

When a breakaway on the left produced another goal for the City through a cracking drive by ROWLEY nine minutes before half-time, the City looked to be all set for a big victory.

DID WELL AGAINST THE WIND

That did not develop because the Town played better against the wind than had the City before the interval and contrived to have a large share of the play.

Good midfield football still failed to produce concrete results though and it was the City who increased their lead through ROWLEY who headed through a centre by Hines 15 minutes from the end.

Not that the Town finished the match without gaining some distinction, for when STOBART snapped up a chance following a mistake by Anderson four minutes later, that was the end of the City's hopes of extending the number of successive home League matches without conceding a goal, to seven.

Without looking to be built on absolutely solid foundations, the defence was more secure than at Doncaster, and main threat came from the near two centre-forwards' plan of Hines and Rowley.

Often Owen was set a problem in having to face both, and considering everything, he came through creditably.

LITTLE SUPPORT FOR WINGERS

So did Cooke and Aherne who did well to keep Griffiths and Adam reasonably subdued, though the City themselves contributed to this by not making sufficient use of them as spearheads.

Watkins had quite a good game on his return to the middle line and McAuley shone when he was able to give full rein to his attacking powers, but his defensive work was not up to the same standard.

Streten did all that could be expected of him and could not be blamed for the goals.

Had the forwards' finishing been anything like as deadly as their approach work was clever, the Town would have had at least a share of the points.

This was their failing, for they contrived to work out openings so far and then could not round them off with accurate shooting.

Once again, the right wing was the better balanced with Taylor making a most successful return to the team and linking up well with Stobhart, who was a handful for Jackson.

Only blot on the winger's display was that his finishing was rather inconsistent, but he was a constant source of danger.

Moore was closely watched by McArthur, but Davie's constructive skill in midfield stood out. Wyldes had a very moderate sort of match and seldom got the better of Lever.