

DRAMATIC WIN BY TOWN'S 10 MEN

Aherne Out All Second Half— Doncaster Over-run

(By CHILTERN)

LUTON TOWN 3, DONCASTER ROVERS 1

TEN mud-stained, leg-weary Luton heroes walked off the field at Kenilworth-road yesterday with the cheers of the crowd of 14,486 ringing in their ears after gaining one of the most dramatic victories seen on the ground for years.

Not since the Town pulled back a Newcastle lead of three goals into a win of 4-3 has anything approaching this been seen from a Town team.

If they show this same tremendous form and fighting spirit in the remainder of the matches, the side must get away from the relegation zone.

At half-time it looked as if the bad luck that has attended the Town so often this season was going to crop up again in this extremely vital match.

In the first half they had been the superior team by a long chalk, and, in fact, had done everything but score.

Then, during the interval, came the news that Aherne had pulled a thigh muscle and would take no further part in the match.

The mishap happened towards the end of the first half, and the full-back spent the last few minutes on the left wing with Pemberton occupying the left-back position.

FORTUNE FROWNED

Having seen fortune frown upon them, especially during the first quarter-of-an-hour, when Stobbart hit the bar with a beautiful shot taken on the run; when Moore left a muddy mark on the foot of the post with a terrific drive; and when a confident appeal for a penalty for hands had been turned down, things looked pretty bad for the Town when they lined up for the second half.

Pemberton remained at left-back, and he played a big part in what was to be a famous victory.

PENALTY GOAL

First step towards it came three minutes after the interval, when Taylor was pulled down in the penalty area by Graham.

For the second time this

Last Four In Division II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bury	37	10	7	20	51	75	27
Chesterfield	37	8	11	18	38	56	27
Luton Tn	36	7	12	17	46	61	26
Grimsby T	35	7	11	17	55	82	25

national Graham an unproductive afternoon.

Well prompted by Taylor, who looks like making the inside-right berth his own Stobbart was the most dangerous winger on the field.

Moore led the line intelligently and with plenty of dash and punch, and it was really remarkable that with no left-winger, a forward line could contrive to be so dangerous.

Both Watkins and Shanks simply played themselves to a standstill with supremely plucky and successful displays.

In the middle was Owen, standing fast and although giving us one or two uneasy moments with his back passing, very much in command of the situation.

COOKE THE INDOMITABLE

Then we had the indomitable Cooke, never knowing when he was beaten and rarely being beaten, and Pemberton, after doing quite well at outside-left, turning in a grand display at left-back and earning his captain's handshake at the end of what was, for him, a memorable home debut in a League match.

Behind these players, fighting like terriers and playing good football with it, Stretten did not have a lot to do, but what there was, he accomplished soundly.

As for Aherne, he was the most disappointed man on the ground and it may be a week or two before he is able to resume.

Stobbart and Davie, who received knocks, are both almost certain to be fit for Saturday's vital home match with Chesterfield.

LUTON TOWN: Stretten; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Stobbart, Taylor (J), Moore, Davie, Pemberton.

DONCASTER ROVERS: Hardwick; Makepeace, Graham; Jones, Bycroft, Miller; Dubois, Martin, Harrison, Tindill, Giles. Referee: J. G. Williams, Nottingham.

HOLIDAY RUSH AT SHAW'S CORNER

Luton people who went to Bernard Shaw's house at Ayot St Lawrence over the holiday week-end found themselves caught up in the heaviest traffic that the narrow Hertfordshire lanes have seen.

LUTON DEFEAT FOR JOHNNY LEACH

ONE of the surprises in the Bedfordshire open table tennis championships at Vauxhall Motors, Luton, on Saturday, was the defeat of world champion Johnny Leach by England's No. 2, Aubrey Simons, in the final of the men's singles.

Simons did not have an easy match, and had to fight every inch of the way, but in the third game he gained a comfortable lead early on, and Leach could not catch up. Simons won 21-16, 13-21, 21-14.

The tournament was the largest one-day tournament ever held in England, and attracted entries from all over the country.

There were more than 500 entries, including such star names as Leach, Simons, Jack Carrington, Michael Thornhill, the Rowe twins, Joyce Roberts, and Eileen Grimstone.

LOCAL STARS KNOCKED OUT

The local stars were knocked out of the competition early on, although Miss Pearl Swales reached the second round of the competition proper, when she was beaten by Miss Diane Rowe.

Doug Randall and Colin Crowe, members of the Bedfordshire team, were beaten by Jack Carrington and Aubrey Simons respectively.

Because of the many entries, play started in the preliminary rounds at 9.45 a.m., and continued, non-stop, on 22 tables, until the finals were played almost 12 hours later.

Many enthusiasts attended, and they saw some first-class matches.

MEMENTOES OF SUCCESSES

Prizes were presented by Sir Charles and Lady Bartlett, and during the evening Lady Bartlett, on behalf of the Bedfordshire T.T.A., presented Johnny Leach and the Misses Diane and Rosalind Rowe with mementoes in recognition of their successes during the world championships.

Results: Men's singles, Aubrey Simons beat Johnny Leach; men's doubles, Carrington and Leach beat Ron Crayden and Harry Venner; ladies' singles Miss D Rowe beat Miss J. Roberts; ladies' doubles, Misses D and R. Rowe beat Misses King and Basset.

BEAUTY IN WORSHIP

THE attractiveness of the new organ at St. Anne's Church, Luton, was commented on by Canon Wm. Davison, Vicar of Luton, when he conducted a dedication service on Saturday.

"We must admit that it adds to the beauty of this building as well as to the beauty of worship," he said.

The priest-in-charge, the Rev. Stephen Fell, said the organ was not merely a piece of furniture. It was to be used to worship God better and to help lift men "above this sordid world."

On the service sheets, the church's organ committee said "We aimed at an organ that would be used primarily for congregational worship, and not for recital purposes."

"We aimed at a small organ of first-rate quality, and not at a large, second-rate organ."

The action mechanism of the organ is electric throughout, and the entire pipework is voiced on four-inch wind pressure.

During the service an organ solo was played by Dr. O. H. Peasgood, of Westminster Abbey, who also gave a recital in the evening.

Sites For Houses For The Aged

Luton Town Council may ask the Borough Engineer to-morrow to report on the possibility of acquiring sites for old people's dwellings near the town centre.

Two-Bedroom Houses Popular In Luton

Because of the demand for two-bedroom type council houses, the Town Council will be recommended at to-morrow's meeting to agree to the preparation of plans.



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