

The previous meeting of the teams at Doncaster on Friday did not go so well for the Town, who were beaten 5-2, and that represented a discouraging start to a difficult holiday programme.

There was a time when it looked as if the Town might gain some reward, for playing against the wind in the first half they held the Rovers to one goal scored in the fifth minute by TINDILL.

Although the Town were not well together and were constantly worried by the switching of the home forwards, they gave every sign of being in a position to hit back after the interval.

What was probably the turning point of the match came two minutes from half-time, when LAWLOR rounded Owen and beat Streten, who had left his goal, with a shot that just scraped the under-part of the bar.

To face the task of pulling back two goals was not a particularly happy outlook, but there was the fact that the wind would help the Town.

This did not prove to be the case early on, for Rovers scored twice in five minutes through TINDILL and HARRISON and not until that happened did the Town really reach top gear.

With 24 minutes left, MOORE opened the Town's account with a low shot from Gardiner's corner and eight minutes later DAVIE produced what could have been a very interesting situation by converting a penalty for a foul on Stobbart.

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Doncaster's defence had a worrying time after that with the Town in full cry for another goal which would have brought them within striking distance of the Rovers.

It did not come though, and a quick breakaway six minutes from the end brought a fifth goal to the home side through HARRISON.

There were weaknesses in the Town defence and the mistakes proved costly, for Doncaster were quick to snap up their chances, even though their finishing was not impressive in the first half when they had the greater share of the play.

Both Morton and McAuley were disappointing, though the latter gained marks for the quality of his distribution of the ball.

Owen failed to get a real grip on things and Streten was not so safe and sure as is usual. Aherne was effective in a quiet way, but chief defensive honours went to Cooke, who caught the eye by his excellent use of the ball.

The forwards did not carry

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Davie (pen.), Moore, Stobbart
DONCASTER RYRS. .. 1
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much threat until the second half and then most of it came from Stobbart who was given plenty of the ball and caused the Rovers' defence the bulk of the anxiety that came their way.

Watkins improved after a moderate first half, and Davie, who had been ill overnight, was in quiet mood, while Gardiner was not a success on the wing.

Seldom able to escape the grip of Bycroft, Moore had few chances and the team as a whole was well below the form they showed against Bury the previous Saturday.