

FATAL LAST MINUTES FOR TOWN

Swansea Rally Brought A Remarkable Change

By Chiltern

One thing which the Town must assimilate is the necessity to guard against the possibility of untoward happenings in the closing stages of their matches. Last season several points were lost through goals coming with only a few minutes left, but the Town were never involved in anything quite as sensational as the finish at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

It looked any odds on the Town repeating their feat of last season and getting off the mark with a win in their first home match, and there were probably many supporters who left the ground just before the end thinking that two points were in the bag.

Certainly, it looked that way, for the 86th minute was reached with the Town holding a lead of two goals, and there was not even a danger signal flying to give warning that Swansea were capable of scoring twice in the short space of time left.

First Goal Was A Fortunate Affair

YET, that did happen and the Town defence, which had kept the Swansea forwards at bay quite comfortably previously, suddenly capitulated twice before the end.

The first goal was a fortunate affair, for I doubt very much whether Scrine knew a lot about the header which sent the ball into the net.

It was bad luck for Sid Owen, who hooked the ball off the goal-line after a point-blank shot by Allchurch had rebounded from Streten.

On the half-turn and nearly falling, Owen did well to get the ball away, but it went straight to Scrine, who was running up at top speed.

The Unbelievable Happened

HE stuck out his head and the ball was in the back of the net. I was informed afterwards that Scrine told Owen that he did not see the ball until it was almost on top of him.

That goal did not seem to be a really serious setback for the Town, but then the unbelievable happened, and Scrine, securing the ball from a throw-in, found an empty space through the defence.

Streten came out to narrow the angle, which was all he could do, but Scrine forced the ball wide of him.

Nearly The Last Kick Of The Match

OWEN tried to kick off the line again, but could not prevent the ball from crossing it and then there was great enthusiasm among the Swansea players.

There was just time to re-start play before the final whistle went. Just before these misfortunes, from the Town point of view, Bernard Streten had been knocked out in a collision, but it is doubtful whether this had any substantial effect on the turn of events.

The fact was that the Town forwards should have put the team in a position which would have wiped out any possibility of such a dramatic comeback by Swansea.

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 2
Taylor, Mitchell
SWANSEA TOWN 2
Scrine 2

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Davies Taylor (J.), Moore, Davie Mitchell.

SWANSEA TOWN: King; Elwell, Beech; Lucas, Weston, Williams; O'Driscoll, Scrine, Turnbull, Allchurch, Bellis.

Referee: A. W. Smith, Aldershot. Attendance, 15,606.

Cannot Afford To Squander Chances

SUFFICIENT chances came their way for a substantial lead to have been built up and this is the other lesson to be learnt by the Town—no team can afford to squander its scoring opportunities.

Bert Mitchell could have made this game a really memorable one for him, for he missed perhaps the easiest chance of all when a goal would have put the Town three up, but he was not the only culprit, for almost every member of the front line failed at some time or another.

Had this match worked out as it well might have done and the Town gained a clear-cut victory, reflections to-day would have been on very different lines.

Fine Start By The New Wingers

JUDGMENT from this one showing must be that the Town will be more powerful in attack this season and that they have, at long last, two wingers who can make ground quickly, create openings for the inside men, and who have a liking for cutting in to have a crack at goal themselves.

Both Davies and Mitchell came through their first League game for the Town with great credit, and this pair will worry plenty of opposing defences this season. Both have speed and thrust, and Mitchell scored a neat goal early in the second half.

Jack Taylor First To Score Again

THE other came from Jack Taylor 10 minutes before the interval which made him, for the second season in succession, the first to open the Town's account. He should have had one previously and missed another in the second half.

In some ways, he had a patchy match, but the fact remains that he scored, made the other for Mitchell and was unlucky with a down header that struck the foot of the post.

Taylor was certainly there, or thereabouts, when the scoring

chances were going, but his mid-field play was not up to his standard of the closing weeks of last season.

Should Have Two Progressive Wings

WILLIE DAVIE did much that was clever and worked out many openings, but he spoilt his work at times by inaccurate passes and this was not Davie at his best.

However, both inside men will settle down, and then the Town should possess two very dangerous wings, for there were signs of coming understanding on both flanks.

Moore pulled a muscle and was under a handicap in the second half, but he was rarely dangerous and apart from one shot and a header in the first half, made few scoring efforts.

Injury Kept Moore Out Last Night

HE worked hard to keep things moving, but I am not certain that there is real value in the number of times he veers out to the right-wing.

With his height and weight, Moore would be more dangerous were he in the goalmouth more often.

His injury kept him out of last night's match at Sheffield and gave an opportunity to George Stobbart to make an early return to the team.

Taking everything into consideration, there is infinite promise about this attack with the wingers likely to be the Town's trump cards this season.

Late Capitulation By Defence

HAD those late disasters not occurred, most people would have been happy enough about the way the Town defence played, but, now, a certain amount of doubt must creep in.

One goal can be put down to bad luck and the other to bad covering, but in the main the Swansea forwards, playing cleverly in midfield, did not make a real impression on the defence when it came to rounding off the work.

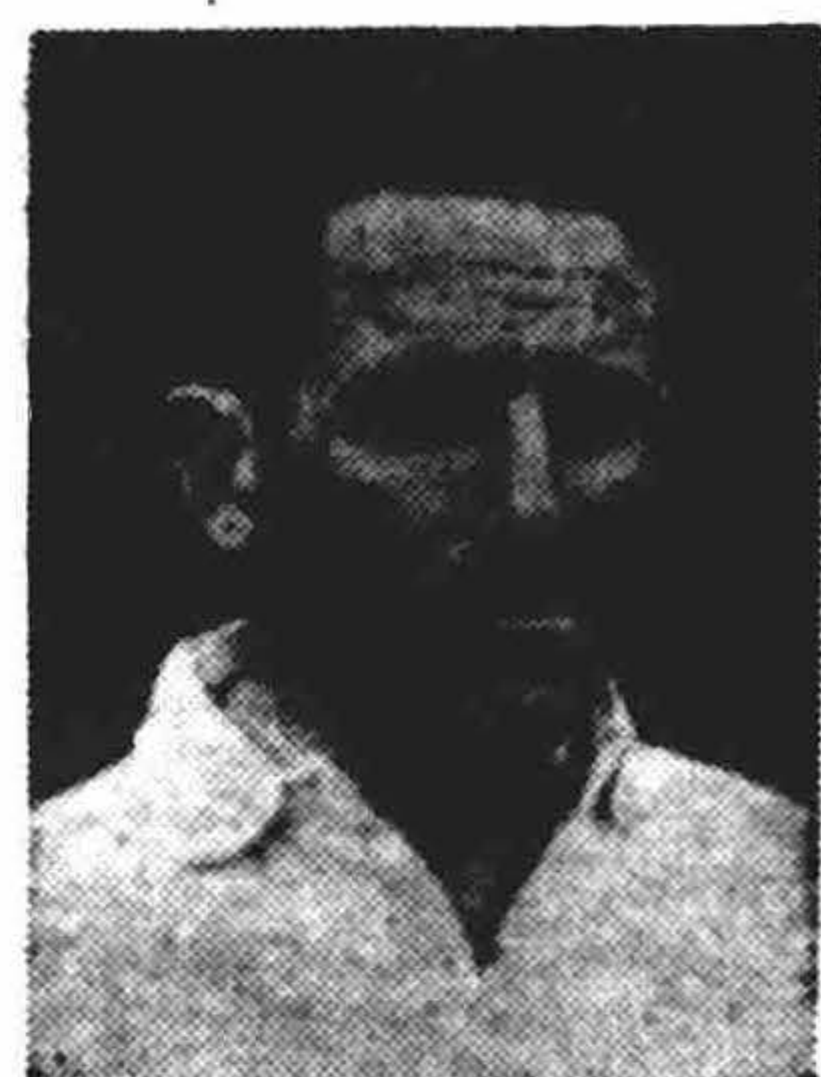
There was nothing wrong with the left flank, where Shanks worked like a terrier and gained much applause for his hard tackling and good clearances.

Aherne's Grip On O'Driscoll

AHERNE found that he had the measure of fellow International O'Driscoll, obtained by his good sense of positional play, and his kicking was good and he did seek to make use of the ball.

For Watkins there was the task of keeping tabs on the wandering Allchurch, though by tacit agreement this was left to Shanks when the inside-left began to wander continually over to the right wing.

Watkins was hard-working without really hitting the highlights, and Cooke was more worried by



Bad Aherne

Bellis than was Aherne by his immediate opponent.

Streten Was Injured On Two Occasions

STREten's severe shaking-up near the end was his second injury of the match, for he hurt an arm in the first half when Turnbull challenged him for the ball.

The goalkeeper had nothing like the amount of work that came the way of King, who made a series of spectacular saves, but Streten again showed good judgment and keen anticipation in leaving his goal to cut out down-the-middle passes.

Owen kept a close watch on the bustling Turnbull, with the result that there were few shots at goal from the centre-forward, and Owen was a dominating figure in the centre of the field throughout.

Fine Performance By Reserves

A VERY meritorious performance was achieved by the Reserves in holding Tottenham Hotspur to a goalless draw at White Hart Lane.

They earned their point, too, and there was much promise in the way they played.

Sexton, the new inside-right from Chelmsford, confirmed the good impression he made in the trial match, and both Stobbart and Havenga were dangerous raiders.

Groves had quite a useful first match, but Morton was too closely watched to be dangerous often.

The defence was sound, with Hall holding Wright, the former Barnsley inside-forward, and Eric Stibbards making a number of brilliant saves which suggests that he is stepping into the boots of former Hughes most successfully.

Another Defeat For Luton C.C.

LUTON TOWN C.C. suffered another defeat on Saturday—this time at the hands of West Herts. Features of Luton's innings were the 79 made by Ken Brazier, and John Oliver's unbeaten half-century. Glyn Owen made 24, but these three batsmen were the only players to have any success at all against West Herts' hostile attack.

Declaring with 178 runs on the board, and eight wickets down, Luton claimed West Herts' first wicket with only three runs on the board. The Watford team quickly recovered after this setback, however, and though they lost four wickets in reaching 162, T. McGratten and F. Moloney passed Luton's total.

A Win For Luton II

THE Town second string, however, were much too strong for West Herts II. They made 155 runs, almost 100 more than their opponents.

Barry Robinson was their highest scorer, with 48, but Frank Winstanley made a useful 38—one more than Alec Borrowman.

When West Herts batted, they found the bowling of Arnold Worboys and Doug Randall too much for them, Randall took five wickets at a cost of six runs each, and Worboys took four for seven and a half runs each.

Oliver Was Not Out Again

ON Sunday, at Wardown, Luton entertained Harpur Sports. Barring first, Harpur took things easily, but made 179 for six before declaring and leaving Luton 11 hours to pass their total—three quarters of an hour less than they had batted.

Terry Kelly and Winstanley put on 38 for the first wicket, but although Luton went for the runs they had made only 112 for the loss of six wickets when stumps were drawn. Once again, John Oliver was not out at the end with 27 runs on the board.



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Preston N.E. v Middlesbrough
Stoke v Bolton
Sunderland v Manchester City
Tottenham v West Brom
Wolves v Arsenal

DIVISION II

Barnsley v Southampton
Brentford v Rotherham
Bury v Luton
Coventry v Q.P.R.
Doncaster v Leeds
Everton v Sheffield Wednesday
Leicester v Birmingham
Nottm Forest v Cardiff City
Sheffield Utd v Hull
Swansea v Notts County
West Ham v Blackburn

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

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

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Barrow v Halifax
Bradford City v Lincoln
Carlisle v Accrington
Darlington v Southport
Gateshead v Crewe
Grimsby v Bradford
Hartlepool v Scunthorpe
Stockport v Rochdale
Workington v Mansfield
Wrexham v Chesterfield
York v Chester

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

DIVISION "A"

Airdrieonians v Morton
Third Lanark v Celtic
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Stirling v Motherwell
Dundee v St. Mirren
Raith v Hearts
Queen of South v Aberdeen
Rangers v East Fife

DIVISION "B"

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

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME: Portsmouth, Sunderland, Tottenham, Brentford, Coventry, Bristol Rovers, Norwich, Plymouth, Carlisle, Gateshead.

FOUR AWAY: Notts County, Ipswich, Lincoln, Mansfield.

THREE DRAWS: Wolves v Arsenal; Leicester v Birmingham, Wrexham v Chesterfield.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

Combination League

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22nd

TOWN RESERVES

v.

WEST HAM

RESERVES

Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

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