

Stobbart's Goal Brought Two Welcome Points

(By Chiltern)

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Wisdom of not taking a decisive defeat to heart and of giving the same team another chance was shown at Gigg-lane, Bury, on Saturday when the Town gave a much more encouraging display than had been the case at Sheffield earlier in the week.

Assessment of the value of this away win is difficult because Bury were strugglers last season and are likely to be again unless they introduce some craft into their attack.

On the other hand, the Town have not yet reached the best form of which they are capable, but they certainly produced a much better brand of football in the first half than their Lancashire opponents.

The goal that decided the destination of the points came in the 17th minute, when Goram made a hash of taking a goal-kick. The ball struck Hart, standing just inside his own penalty area, rebounded to STOBART, and was promptly put into the net by the centre-forward.

In a match that did not produce a high standard of finishing, this was the only successful effort, but with a little more decisiveness and more shooting, the Town might have been able to consolidate their advantage in the first half.

Then, they had more of the play, with Bury relying on a peculiar forward formation that left only Plant and Daniel as the spearheads of the attack.

These tactics were discarded after the interval, with the result that the Town defence, which had had a quiet enough time previously, now began to work at full capacity.

One pleasing thing from the Luton standpoint was that the defence looked to be built on more solid foundations than it did at Sheffield, though Bury's forward line never worked with the same smoothness as that of the United.

On the other hand, they did make chances for themselves in the second half, mostly by big kicking down the middle, but they frittered them away.

There was no real weakness in the Town defence. Stretten kept a grand goal and was usually well covered by his full-backs. Watkins turned in his best display so far this season, and although Owen made some errors during the second half, he was always a big barrier to the home attack, while Shanks was a non-stop trier.

Of the Town forwards, Stobbart qualified quite comfortably as the best. Both Taylor and Davie were too often caught in possession and did not distribute the ball effectively.

Davies was the better winger, for Mitchell did not make a lot of impression on George Griffiths.

BURY: Goram; Griffiths (G.), Bodle; Greenhalgh, Hart, Bardsley; Hazlett, Griffiths (W.), Plant, Daniel, Slyn.

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

Referee: S. L. Overton, Derby.