

"First Division Stuff" Wins Barnsley Match

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CONTINUING their most successful run, which has now brought them seven points out of eight, five of them in three matches away from home, the Town put up an impressive performance at Barnsley last night.

They were at their best in the first half when they played such smooth, accurate football that at half-time prominent football officials were describing it as First Division stuff. Certainly it kept Barnsley in complete subjection and enabled the Town to cross over with a one-goal lead.

This could well have been more with a little more sharpness in the finishing and less agility by Hough in the Barnsley goal.

All through the first half the Town forwards played beautifully.

Then, as often happens when a side is reduced to ten men and a passenger through injury, Barnsley, with Murphy limping on the wing, showed altogether more spirit and more dash at the start of the second half.

They got an early equaliser, and for a time the Town were thrown off their stride by the bustling, hard-fighting Yorkshire team.

Apart from that early period in the second half, the defence was sound, with Owen dominating the middle. But it was the forwards who took the eye most with their clever work.

Settling down to play clever, constructive football from the start, the Town did nearly all the attacking in the early stages, and it was 15 minutes before Barnsley had a shot at goal.

Even then Streten was not called into action, for Wood sent the ball just wide.

Earlier, Davie had forced Hough to make a one-handed punch over the bar from a somewhat unexpected shot, and the 'keeper had also to dive full length to prevent a header from Davies reaching his colleagues in front of goal.

There was, too, a header by Stobbart that passed just wide, and a good save by Hough from Mitchell.

All this time the Town were distinctly threatening, and it was not surprising to anyone when they took the lead after 20 minutes.

GRAND FIRST-TIMER

MITCHELL was the scorer with a grand first-time cross-shot that sent the ball smacking low into the corner of the net.

The ball came across from Davies and was flicked on to Mitchell by Stobbart.

Only really dangerous threat to the Town came from a grand drive by Wood from which Streten made a fingertip save.

Right through the half, though, Hough was much the busier and

he punched away again from Taylor.

Half-time:

BARNSELEY	0
LUTON TOWN	1

LEVEL TERMS

During the interval it was discovered that Murphy, who had spent the last stages of the first half at outside-left had pulled a muscle.

He resumed but was mainly a passenger on the left wing with Jones moving to centre-forward and McMorran switching to inside-left.

JONES, taking kindly to his new position, put Barnsley on level terms after 52 minutes. He scored from close range, following hesitation in the Town defence.

Hough made a goal-line save from Mitchell and then Streten touched over the bar a terrific 35-yarder from Jones.

After 25 minutes or so of uncertainty the Town clicked back into something like their first-half form, and 16 minutes from the end TAYLOR regained the lead when he scored from close in.

BARNSELEY: Hough; March, Pallister; Ward, McNeil, Normanton; Smith, Wood, McMorran, Murphy, Jones.

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

Referee: J. Houston, St. Anne's-on-Sea.

Reserves Also In Great Form

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Turning round with a four-goals lead against Bristol City Reserves at Kenilworth-road last night, the Town Reserves reproduced the form they showed in their first two Combination matches.

MOORE, **MORTON**, **HAVENGA** and **WYLDES** scored for Luton in the first half. **PRENTICE** replied for the City midway through the second, and then **GROVES** added another for the Town. In a last-minute break-away **BOYD** further reduced the City's arrears.