

Quick Double Blow Did Not Shake The Town

By Chiltern

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The happenings in the 60th minute of this match at Boothferry Park on Saturday would have shaken many teams to the core and produced a very different result.

With Shanks lying outside the touchline having attention to his injured knee, Hull took a corner from which HARRIS blazed the ball into the net to secure the equaliser for the City.

Was the effect of losing a player and their one-goal lead at one fell swoop to cause despondency among the ranks of the Town?

It was not. The exact reverse was the case, for the Town forwards, cut down to four by the recall of Taylor to the middle line, struck back forcibly and regained their lead three minutes after they had lost it.

The goal that proved to be the winner came from MITCHELL, who rounded off a smart movement in which Stobbart and Davie took part, by beating Bly with a low, fast shot.

All the scoring took place in the early part of the second half, and the first goal, obtained by STOBART four minutes after the resumption was a gem.

It was purely an individual effort in which the centre-forward gained possession of the ball out on the right wing and brought it in close to goal after a long run before slipping it accurately past Bly.

The Town's second goal took a lot of steam out of Hull, who must have seen their salvation in sight when they reached equality and saw Shanks helped from the field.

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If they did, they reckoned without the fine fighting spirit, team spirit and skill of this Town team, who contrived to work out dangerous openings despite their numerical inferiority.

That was the only way in which they were inferior to the City, whose defence was neither so compact nor their forwards so clever and co-ordinated as those of the Town.

In fact, throughout this match, the Town played as a team near the top of the table should play. The forwards moved briskly, used the open spaces and might have secured goals before half-time.

The nearest they came to doing so was when Davies and Mitchell each had one disallowed for off-side, and one or two chances were allowed to slip by, too.

Those second half goals amply made up for earlier misses, though, and at the end the Hull supporters could not forebear to applaud the Town for their gal-

lanty and their tremendous victory won against odds.

In the later stages of the game Hull were near desperate in their efforts to equalise, but they were thrown back repeatedly by the Town's sound defence.

Good covering, hard tackling and clean kicking were the features of the defence's display, and every man here played his part to a nicety.

Once Hall had settled down after some early uneasiness, this department was well-knit and revealed not the suggestion of a weak link. Even after Shanks had left, Taylor took over the left-half berth brilliantly.

Shining star of the attack was Davie, who gave the fans a second half treat of pure football. The other forwards did their share and more, and it was Stobbart's planned excursions down the wing that really opened up the City defence for the goals that mattered.

HULL CITY: Bly, Hassall, Jensen; Harris, Tarrant, Mellor; Moore, Revie, Gerrie, Harrison, Fagan.

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

Referee: S. E. Law, West Bromwich. Attendance: 29,646.