

Davies's Unusual First Goal Gained A Point

By Chiltern

DONCASTER ROVERS 1 LUTON TOWN 1

There can be no complaint on the score of lack of variety about the results of the meetings of these two teams on the Belle Vue ground, for this draw completed a 2, 1, x sequence.

A draw was a reasonably fair ending to a hard-fought match in which the Town were both rugged and purposeful in their play—qualities that stood them in good stead against the nippy Rovers.

The goal that enabled them to share the spoils counted as ROY DAVIES'S first for the club, and to get the ball into the net direct from a corner is a somewhat unusual way of achieving that object.

It was effective enough, though, and there was a rueful look about Hardwick after the swinging ball had eluded his grasp and landed in the farther corner of the net.

That came seven minutes after the interval to equalise the goal DOCHERTY had scored for Doncaster 26 minutes earlier.

Both goals came as the culmination of quite a lot of pressure. Doncaster's forwards looked quite a dangerous formation in the first half, as did the Town in the early stages of the second half, but neither attack really carried sufficient finishing power.

Chances, none of them particularly easy, fell to both teams and all the Town forwards had at least one shot at goal that might well have brought success.

TOWN THE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE

The more clever, more constructive football came from the Town, for the Rovers relied to a large extent on quick first-time passing, and on the switching of positions in attack to try to confuse the Town defence.

It was always difficult to decide in which inside forward position Martin and Docherty were playing, and Harrison showed a distinct liking for lurking out on the left wing.

Then, the wingers changed places in the second half, but all this did not achieve the purpose for which it was meant because the Town defence was in dour mood.

Owen dominated the middle despite the handicap of an ankle injury and there was much solid work from Cooke, Aherne and Watkins. Behind them Streten was in top form, although he was not tested as much as he would have been had the Rovers' shooting been more accurate.

The switching of the inside forwards added to the difficulties of Smith, making his League debut, and he had a shaky first half, but showed signs of getting into the way of things as the match wore on.

The forwards could still use some more punch, but there was a deal of good midfield play from them and the lively Stobbart was constantly harassing the Rovers' defence.

Davies showed a decided improvement which bodes well for the future, and there was quite a lot of promise in the way Moore shaped at inside right, though he fell away after an encouraging first half display.

Also not so prominent later as he had been earlier was Davie, who produced some bright footwork before the interval, while Mitchell, with not the best of support, had rather a quiet match.

DONCASTER ROVERS. — Hardwick; Makepeace, Graham; Jones, Bycroft, Teasdale; Tindill, Martin, Harrison, Docherty, Giles.

LUTON TOWN. — Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Smith; Davies, Moore, Stobbart, Davie, Mitchell.