

TOWN'S NINTH AWAY POINT

As Many As They Gained In Whole Of Last Season

By Chiltern

During the whole of last season, the Town gained only nine points away from home, a bag which they equalled on Saturday by sharing the spoils with Doncaster Rovers at Belle Vue.

Those nine points have come from eight matches, only two of which have been lost, which is a record of which any team could be proud, and, certainly, the Town's away form has been more than impressive so far.

Only at Sheffield and Nottingham have they failed, and their display at Doncaster, whilst not quite so good as some they have given previously, was adequate enough to give them a point which they fully earned.

This was a match which either team could have won had they possessed an outstanding marksman and, again, there was not so much finishing power in the Town attack as we would like to see.

Nevertheless, there was constructive skill and clever mid-field play from the Town forwards, particularly in the early part of the second half when they gained the equaliser.

Flight Deceived Hardwick

THERE was a slice of luck about the way in which the goal came, for Davies scored direct from a corner which swung in disconcertingly and deceived Hardwick completely.

The ball passed over the goalkeeper's head and went into the net just inside the far post. On several previous occasions this season, corners from Davies have caused opposing goalkeepers some trouble, so the goal may not have been completely accidental after all.

The move that led to the corner was a good one which ended with Davies' shot being deflected on to the bar by Hardwick.

"Helped-on" Centre Brought A Goal

DONCASTER'S goal in the 26th minute also developed from the right wing from where Tindill

tried to allow the constant changing of the Rovers' forward line to worry them.

Harrison showed a distinct liking for roaming down the left wing, Docherty and Martin frequently switched over and finally settled in the opposite inside positions from those in which they started and there was also a change by Tindill and Giles before the end.

These are tactics the Rovers have developed to a high degree, but they were not so dangerous in the second half as they had been before the interval and found difficulty in reaching shooting range.

Owen Jarred An Ankle Again

DESPITE the fact that he jarred again the ankle that kept him out of the team for two matches, Owen was the strong man of the defence in the second half.

Nearly every time he kicked the ball with his left foot, he felt pain, but he kept pluckily on and did not relax his grip on Harrison.

The wanderings of the centre-forward worried him in the early stages, but Owen settled down to play a grand game.

For Ahern, too, there was full marks for his intelligent positional play and his splendid kicking, two factors that enabled the Town to get out of trouble several times.

First Appearance Is Never Easy

A FIRST appearance is never easy for any player and it was made more difficult for Ray Smith because of the switching of the Rovers' inside-forwards.

For an inexperienced half-back, this is trying and he did not approach his Reserve team form in the first half.

Afterwards, he settled down rather better without really leaving his mark on this game.

The light, lively ball was an added disadvantage to him and, from his point of view, it was a pity that his debut could not have been made on heavier going.

Watkins was very effective, both in defence and attack and he played most consistently throughout.

Some Smart Saves By Streten

ALTHOUGH Cooke was sometimes worried by the nippy Giles, he was rugged and strong in the tackle and, taking the game through there was good cover for Streten.

He had more to do than his counterpart and pulled off several smart saves, although most of the Rovers' shooting was of the rather long-range variety.

Best of the Town forwards was the hard-working, clever Stobart, who had a real tussle with Bycroft whom he often outwitted, and he kept the front line moving by his good distribution of the ball.

Davies' Goal May Restore Confidence

NEXT in line was Davies, who frequently posed a problem for Irish International Graham, and he showed improvement in his finishing, though there were one or two occasions when a more accurate cross might have brought a goal.

However, this was more like the Davies who did so well in the Festival matches and his goal

FOR THE RECORDS

DONCASTER ROVERS 1
Docherty
LUTON TOWN 1
Davies
DONCASTER ROVERS:
Hardwick; Makepeace, Graham; Jones, Bycroft, Teasdale; Tindill, Martin, Harrison, Docherty, Giles.
LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Ahern; Watkins, Owen, Smith; Davies, Moore, Stobart, Davie, Mitchell.
Referee: R. J. Leaf, Nottingham.
Attendance: 18,801.

should increase his confidence in his shooting.

Doubtless, there will be another chance for Moore at inside-right, who did by no means amiss in an unusual position.

Particularly in the first half, he moved well and his shooting could be an asset to the line.

After the interval, he was not so successful, mainly because he tended to be caught in possession, and one or two possible chances went astray through over-running the ball.

Point Halted The Downward Trend

SOME clever football came from Davies in the first half, but he, too, did not achieve the same success later, after making a promising start to the second half.

There was not the best of support for Mitchell, who was usually closely marked, and an injury in the second half handicapped him to some extent.

Altogether, this was a performance most satisfactory from the Town viewpoint.

The Rovers are by no means an easy team to hold on their own ground, and this partial success halted the downward trend of the Town following their two defeats.

Hopes That Owen And Taylor Will Be Fit

ONLY member of the team requiring treatment for injury yesterday was Sid Owen, but the manager is hoping that he will have recovered from his ankle trouble in time for Saturday's match with Everton. Yesterday, it was said that there was some improvement.

Taylor is expected to be able to resume this week-end and Pemberton, too, is fit again.

New casualty after the week-end matches is Bob Morton, who pulled a groin muscle in the Reserves' match with Watford, and is likely to be out for a week or two.

Right Wing Pair Got The Goals

CONSIDERING the somewhat experimental nature of their team, the Reserves did very well to take both Combination points from their home match with Watford.

Bennett and Haveron secured the goals that gave them a 2-0 interval lead, and they went on to win by 2-1.

They formed quite a progressive wing, but Sexton was not very happy in his new role of centre-forward.

The amateur, K. Hawkes, again showed a great deal of promise at left-back, and his partner, Seamus Dunne, played extremely well.

Top-Class Boxing At Electrolux

So many of the bouts at the amateur boxing tournament at Electrolux on Saturday were in the top class that it is difficult to pick out one or two for individual mention.

The programme attracted a full house and nearly 1,000 spectators saw contests between representatives of clubs from England and clubs from Wales and Eire.

One contest that demands mention was the only heavy-weight bout on the programme between Cpl. J. Moran, of the Middlesex Regt., and Garda Walsh (Garda B.C., Ireland).

Walsh is the European and Irish Police champion, 1950, and may be remembered by boxing fans as the man who won a sensational contest at Vauxhall about twelve months ago when he knocked out his opponent in twenty seconds.

On Saturday he had tougher opposition, and although he won the verdict fairly easily, Moran gave him plenty to think about and was game to the end.

The first round was a case of "Greek meeting Greek," but afterwards the Irishman gradually got on top, and he opened a cut on Moran's face in the second.

Both men landed punches that would have floored any average man, but they each absorbed a tremendous amount of punishment without showing undue signs of wear and tear—apart from Moran's cut. Walsh depended mainly on the straight left, and it was constant use of this that won him the decision.

A BRILLIANT DISPLAY

The finest display of pure boxing was in a welterweight contest between F. Kilmartin (Corinthians B.C.) and G. Ernest (Cardiff Amateurs). Kilmartin, an Irish international and member of the 1951 European team that met America, gave a brilliant display.

His opponent was brave enough, but had no defence against Kilmartin's two-listed attacks which were first to the head and then switched to the body with a speed that Ernest must have found bewildering. Ernest was counted out in the third round.

Every tournament has an "unexpected" result, and Saturday night's was no exception. In a light-heavyweight contest between L. Cheesman (Vauxhall) and S. Smyth (Hitchin Y.C.), the Luton boxer appeared to have the edge on Smyth in a hard-hitting, very sporting match.

Both showed plenty of skill and spirit, but even Smyth appeared surprised when the verdict was announced in his favour.

There were many other good bouts, and the audience certainly had value for money. If there was any complaint, it could only have been that the tournament was too long. It was not over until nearly 11.30.

Results — Flyweight: D. Dover (Rush) beat E. McDonald (Wilmott Brothers). Featherweight: A. Pack (Doncaster Goldsmiths) beat L. Gibbons (Electrolux). S. Coffey (Pillbox, Dublin) beat E. Hill (Doncaster Goldsmiths). H. Davies (Doncaster Goldsmiths) beat J. Hawkins (Electrolux). Lightweight: T. Best (Cardiff A.M.) beat J. Cunningham (Corinthians). D. Palmer (Doncaster Goldsmiths) beat J. Foley (Pillbox). E. Jones (Vauxhall) beat E. Hord (Electrolux). Welterweight: F. Kilmartin (Corinthians) beat G. Ernest (Cardiff A.M.). G. Beaumont (Vauxhall) beat G. Hamilton (Hitchin Y.C.). D. McLeure (Robert Brownings) beat B. Andrews (Potters Bar). Middleweight: G. Rayment (Robert Brownings) beat F. Woolard (Callowlands). Light-heavyweight: S. Smyth (Hitchin Y.C.) beat L. Cheesman (Vauxhall). K. Savage (St. Albans) beat W. Salmon (Robert Brownings). Heavyweight: G. Walsh (Garda) beat J. Moran (Middlesex Regt.). Junior contest: F. Surberland (Potters Bar) beat K. Margerum (Doncaster Goldsmiths).
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LUTON SCHOOLS' F.A. SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOLS LEAGUE

SENIOR				
	P	W	D	L
Technical	4	4	0	0
Old Bedford-rd.	4	2	1	1
Surry-st.	3	2	0	1
Challney	4	2	0	2
Denbigh-rd.	4	2	0	2
Stopsley	4	1	1	2
Icknield	3	1	0	2
Beech Hill	4	0	0	4
SECOND YEAR				
	P	W	D	L
Denbigh-rd.	4	4	0	0
Old Bedford-rd.	3	2	0	1
Stopsley	3	2	0	1
Icknield	1	0	0	1
Beech Hill	1	0	0	1
Surry-st.	3	0	0	3
FIRST YEAR				
	P	W	D	L
Surry-st.	3	2	1	0
Challney	2	1	1	0
Denbigh-rd.	3	1	1	1
Beech Hill	3	1	1	1
Stopsley	3	0	2	1
Old Bedford-rd.	4	0	2	2
JUNIOR LEAGUE				
	P	W	D	L
Norton Road	8	7	0	1
Denbigh Road	8	5	2	1
Hart Hill	10	6	0	4
Maidenhill	7	5	0	2
St. Matthew's	7	4	1	2
Beechwood	7	4	0	2
Dunstable Road	8	3	2	3
Tennyson Road	9	3	2	4
Stopsley	7	4	0	3
Hitchin Road	8	3	0	5
Lea Road	9	2	1	7
Christ Church	8	0	1	7
Queen Square	8	0	1	7

Chiltern's Forecasts

DIVISION I

Arsenal v. Fulham
Aston Villa v. Preston
Blackpool v. Middlesbrough
Chelsea v. Bolton
Derby v. Burnley
Huddersfield v. Stoke
Liverpool v. West Brom
Manchester City v. Charlton
Portsmouth v. Newcastle
Sunderland v. Tottenham
Wolves v. Manchester United

DIVISION II

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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

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

DIVISION III (NORTH)

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

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "A"

Aberdeen v. Rangers
Celtic v. Hibernian
Heart of Midlothian
Motherwell v. Morton
Paisley Thistle v. Dundee
Queen of the South v. East Fife
Rutherglen v. Stirling Albion
St. Mirren v. Airdrieonians

DIVISION "B"

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

SELECTIONS

Ten Home: Arsenal, Liverpool, Luton Town, Notts County, Sheffield Utd, Brighton, Millwall, Northampton, Chester, Oldham.
Four Away: Bolton, Rotherham, Plymouth, Stockport.
Three Draws: Wolves v. Manchester Utd, Q.P.R. v. Sheffield Wednesday, Reading v. Norwich.

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