INTO CLICKED FORWARDS

BRILLIANT FIRST HALF SHOWING

Then Defence Held Up Swansea All-Out Raids

By Chiltern

Not only was their 3-0 win at Swansea on Saturday the most clear-cut of the five successes they have gained away from home this season, but, in view of the circumstances, it was probably their most meritorious.

The dramatic departure of Willie Davie to Huddersfield on Friday, coupled with the unfitness of Roy Davies, led to the fielding of what could only be described as an experimental forward line and that this "clicked" so admirably must have been a source of both pleasure and relief to the Town officials.

Not only did the new-style attack show good understanding. but, in the first half they produced high-powered, direct football that had Swansea's defence floundering time and again.

After a somewhat bleak spell so far as goal-scoring is concerned those three first-half goals to the Town provided a rare tonic.

Each came as the result of quickly developed movements and accent of the first-half display from the Town forwards was on speed and accuracy.

Made Good Use Of The Open Spaces

WITH no one attempting to hold the ball a second longer than was necessary, Swansea's defenders found it difficult to catch any Luton player in possession.

There was intelligent use of the open spaces by the players not in possession of the ball and, once the Town gained the lead, everything went smoothly for them.

first goal, obtained by Stobbart after 15 minutes was made by a shrewd pass from Taylor and Stobbart's shot from an angle deceived King and defeated Beech's efforts to kick away off the goal-line.

Havenga Was On The Spot To Score

THIS early advantage was sealed three minutes later when Havenga was right on the spot to meet a rebound after Turner had shot, and he put the ball into the net from close in.

To complete a heetic spell, with eight minutes still remaining until half-time. Stobbart scored the best goal of the afternoon.

He ran on to the ball after Watkins had pushed it through finely and left King helplessly placed with a fast low drive into the corner of the net.

Might Easily Have Been Further Ahead

QUITE feasibly, the Town's advantage could have been even greater than 3-0 at halftime, for they were always dangerous, whereas Swansea had been sluggish in attack and, in the main, had fallen easy victims to the sound Town defence. Of course, it was only to be

expected that there would be an all-out blitz from the home side after the interval and, from the first minute of the second half there was a good indication of what the Town could expect,

Important thing at that stage, of course, was to prevent Swansca getting an early goal which might easily have set them alight.

Swansea Threw In Everything

THE erowd-roared on their team and, for quite a quarter of an hour the Town defence must have thought that everything in Swansea was being thrown at them.

But they stood up to the battering in magnificent style, helped out occasionally by a stroke of luck, as when O'Driscoll cracked the ball against the angle of the woodwork.

Claims for a goal were disallowed by a referee who was very much on the job and who handled this match extremely

Having survived that awkward first period without disaster, the Town began to show the merit of their attack again, though it was mostly in breaksaway which still could and should have brought them two more goals.

Streten Was In Top-Class Form

FURTHER hot spells of Swansca pressure followed during which Streten produced another display which bore the hall-mark of the first-class goalkeeper.

More than once he amazed this Welsh crowd by his agile saves and one he made in the closing minutes was being described afterwards as one of the best ever seen on the ground.

Generously, the Welsh crowd gave Streten a big ovation at the best forward goes to Stobbart who end and there were congratula- led the line finely and not only tions for him, too, from young kept the attack moving, but was King, the Swansea goalkeeper, who is said to be destined for Welsh International honours.

Owen Broke Up Attack After Attack

SOME of the applause, too, was directed at Owen for a magnificent fighting display in the second-

With Swansea rarcty altering their factics of trying to batter a way down the middle, Owen had a terribly busy time after the interval, but he broke up attack after attack in most determined style.

Turnbull was the most persistent made very little impression on successive home defeat.

Owen. Town's defence who put up an of Peter Stone, an amateur centreheroic display in the second-half half from Worcester City.

when the ball was running Swansea's way.

Allchurch Blotted Out By Bob Morton

MAN who was put down as being the main danger to the Town, Allchurch, had a most unproductive afternoon, due to the close marking of Morton, who had a great game and who is playing most consistently.

Best tribute that can be paid to Morton was that Allchurch was rarely seen and this had the effect of taking much of the method out of the home front line.

Watkins, too, kept a close watch on Scrine and was very strong in the tackle.

The Town defence had gone 12 matches without keeping a clean sheet and they did so on Saturday by their splendid covering.

Promising Start By Gordon Turner

BOTH Cooke and Aherne clamped down on the home wingers which meant that there was not a lot of danger from them and both full-backs were adept at covering up.

Each cleared off the goal-line and each was cool, resourceful and strong under pressure.

There was plenty of cohesion and understanding among the forwards in the first-half and Turner made a bright debut during this period. He is direct, does not hesitate

to have a crack at goal and he used the ball to good advantage.

Naturally, he lacks a bit of experience, but he showed considerable promise of filling the gap left by the transfer of Davie.

New Left Wing Linked Up Very Well

HAVENGA did his full share on his return to the team and again emphasised his opportunism by scoring a goal There were times when he crept

inside a little too often, but he always needed watching and put up a satisfactory showing. Switching of Taylor to inside-

left proved to be a success, for Mitchell linked up well with his new partner and the left-wing was a lively partnership. In fact, had Mitchell been in

his normal deadly shooting form, their work would have been even more productive.

Good To See Stobbart Among The Goals

NORMALLY, Mitchell would have snapped up two or three scoring chances which came his way but, for some reason, he was off the mark with his shooting.

His general play was good and Taylor, although affected by a couple of knocks was conspicuous,

However, honour of being the diract and successful in his finishing.

It is good to see Stobbart among the goals and, if he can keep on putting the ball into the back of the net, the Town can look forward to a successful run.

The forwards did not see a lot of the ball after the interval, but they all fought for it and there was plenty of fighting spirit in this Town team.

New Centre-Half Was Impressive

THE Reserves came up against a difficult proposition in Totterham Reserves who won 2-0. of the home forwards, but he This was the Town's fourth One encouraging thing about

There was no weak spot in the the Town's display was the form



After being two goals down to Leicester Boys at Kenilworth-road on Saturday in the Divisional final of the English Schools Shield competition. Luton Boys staged a grand recovery and · won convincingly by 5-3. Here is Gregory running home the third goal with a sizzling

FOR THE RECORDS

SWANSEA TOWN 0 LUTON TOWN 3 Stobbart (2), Havenga.

SWANSEA TOWN .-King; Keane, Beech; Lucas, Weston, Williams; O'Driscoll, Scrine, Turnbull, Allchurch, Bellis.

LUTON TOWN.—Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Havenga. Turner, Stobbart, Taylor (1), Mitchell.

Referee.-A. W. Smith. Aldershot, Attendance. 14,500

Stone, who works in Oxford has signed amateur forms from the Town, and his solid defence made him as successful a player as the Town had

Leslie Hall was moved up to lead the forwards, but did not have much scope

Schoolboys Through To Last 32

CONGRATULATIONS to Luton Schoolboys on reaching the last 32 in the English Schools Shield This in itself is a great honour and Luton now go in to the "hat" for the competition proper.

Their success was by way of being revenge for a previous dismissal by Leicester, who looked to be on the way towards repeating that feat when they took a two goals lead.

In a brilliant recovery, though, Luton went to 4-2 before Leicester scored again and, in the end, were winners by 5-3. Gregory (3), Pacey and Southam were Luton's goalscorers.

Local Teams To Play Away

drawn at home in the third rounds of the Bedfordshife Junior | Dundee v Stirling A and Intermediate Cups, to be played on January 5 and January 12 respectively.

BEDS JUNIOR CUP

Woburn Ath. v Bells Park M. V. de Nevers. Mogerhanger Utd. v Potton Utd. S. Hitchins. Stanbridge Tilsworth and B. Burch Dunton Vauxhall Mtrs. v Kensworth E. Thurley.

INTERMEDIATE CUP

Dagnall Utd. v Stopsley S. A. Wright.

R.A.F. Henlow v R.A. Grange C. Eckstein Camp Biggleswade Tn. v Clapham Spts. D. Fletcher

Shillington Ath. v Laporte

Chiltern's Forecasts

GEAR

DIVISION I

Arsenal v Wolves Blackpool v Hudderslield Bolton W v Stoke C Charlton Ath v Portsmouth Derby C v Aston Villa Fulham v Burnley Liverpool v Chelsea Manchester C v Sunderland Middlesbrough v Preston N.E. Newcastle Utd v Manchester Utd

Blackburn R v West Ham Cardiff C v Nottm Forest Hull C v Sheffield Utd Leeds Utd v Doncaster R Luton T v Bury Notts County v Swansea T Q.P.R. v Coventry C Rotherham Utd v Brentford Sheffield Wed v Everton

Southampton v Barnsley

West Brom v Tottenham H

Birmingham C v Leicester C

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DIVISION III (SOUTH) Aldershot v Watford Brighton v Millwall Briston C v Reading Crystal Palace v Colchester Utd Gillingham v Bournemouth Inswich T v Newport C Leyton O v Norwich C Port Vale v Northampton T Shrewsbury T v Bristol R Swindon T v Exeter C Torquay Utd v Southend Utd Walsall v Plymouth A

DIVISION III (NORTH) Accrington S v Carlisle Utd Bradford v Grimsby T Chester v York C Chesterfield v Wrexham Crewe Alex v Gateshead Halifax T v Barrow Lincoln C v Bradford C Mansfield T v Workington Rochdale w Stockport C Scuntherpe Utd v Hartlepools Utd Southport v Darlington Tranmere R v Oldham Ath

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "A" Only one Luton team has been Airdrieonians v Third Lanark

Cettie v Motherwell East Fife v Hearts Hibernian v Raith Rovers Partick T v Rangers Oueen of South v Morton St Mirren v Aberdeen DIVISION "B"

Alloa v Dundee Utd Cowdenbeath v Arbroath Falkirk v Dumbarton Forfar Ath v Dunfermline Hamilton v Ayr Utd Kilmarnock v Clyde Queen's Park v Albion R St. Johnstone v. Stenhousemuir

SELECTIONS TEN HOME -Bolton, Derby Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield Wed Brighton, Swindon, Chesterfield Lincoln, Mansfield.

FOUR AWAY.—Preston, Shef field Utd. Bristol R. Gateshead. THREE DRAWS.—Fulham

Burnley, Rotherham v Brentford F. Bone. Bristol C v Reading.

Favourites To The Fore At Luton On Saturday

Favourites had a succensful time at Luton Stadium on Saturday night, when they won five of the eight races. Trap 2 drew a blank and numbers 3, 4 and 6 started two winners

I, (410yds).-1 L.J.C. (6), 2 Cross Keys (3), 3 Mobley (5), 4 Eastern Silver (4), 5 Dark Hazard (2), 6 Peg Top (1). Hd. 5. 8. 2. 2. 25.59. Off Betting: 2-1 Moblev, 3-1 L.J.C.,

Cross Keys, 6-1 Dark Hazard, Eastern Silver, 8-1 Peg Top. Forecast: £1/19/6. II. (470yds) -1 BALLY LOW (6). 2 Gem Cutters (5), 3 Chummy's Lass (2), 4 Max Future (4), 5 Just Fancy (3), 6 Pat's Dislike (1), 5, 2, 3, 4, dist. 28.76. Off 7.01.

Betting: 6-4 BALLY LOW, 3-1 Gem Cutters, 7-2 Max Future, 4-1 Just Fancy. 100-8 Pat's Dislike. Chummy's Lass. Forecast: 11/6. HT. (410yds) .-- 1 TONY (3) reserve.

2 Tracker (1) 3 Red Letter (2), 4 Our John (4), 5 Gail's Pet (5), 6 Hillside (6). 5. 2. 2 2. F. 24.93. Non-runner. Golden Times (3). Off 7.20, Betting: 2-1 TONY, Tracker, 4-1

Our John, 7-1 Red Letter, 8-1 Hillside, 10-1 Gail's Pet. Forecast: 12/0. IV. (470yds).-1 RISING SUN (4). 2 Di's Boy (2), 3 Barclay (3), 4 Brazier

(1). 5 Leopolitina (6). 6 Wrentham (5). 3. 6. 1. 1. 2. 27.85. Off 7.41. Betting: 4-5 RISING SUN. Brazier, 5-1 Barclay, 6-1 Di's Bow, 7-1 Wrensham, 10-1 Leopolitina. Fore:ast: £1/15/6. V. (675yds). -1 SALLY ANN (3), 2

Peppy (4), 3 Campers Boy (1). Rosie's Boy (5), 5 Moody Girl (6), 6 reserve 326 The Bride. Miner (2) reserve 8, 1, 1, 1, 4, 41,82, Non-runner, White Lady (2). Off 8.02. Betting: 7-4 SALLY ANN. 9-4 Moody Girl. 5-1 Penny. Rosic's Boy 8-1 Campers Boy, Miner, Forecast £1/1/6. VI. (410yds) -1 FANCY PANTS

(4). 2 Flying Officer (1) 3 Tosh (5), 4 Much Melody (6), 5 Waverley (2). 6 Hovis (3). 5, 3, 1, 2, 3, 24.68. Off 8.22. Betting: 5-4 Waverley 6-4 FANCY PANTS, 5-1 Much Melody, 6-1 Flying Officer, 100-8 Tosh, 25-1 Hovis. Fore-

cast: £1/10.0. VII. (470yds).-1 PETTY OFFICER (5) 2 Viola (2), 3 Hopeless (1), 4 Danny (3), 5 Cream Puff (4), 6 Double Six (6). 10 3, 1, 1, 2, 28.64, Off 8.43. Betting: Evens PETTY OFFICER.

3-1 Danny 4-1 Viola, 6-1 Hopuless,

C cam Paff, 100-7 Double Six. Fore-

cast: 15.0.

VIII. (410yds). -1 PIP (1). 2 Tol Gay (2), 3 Charmonte (6), 4 Neapolita (5), 5 WE Four (4) Blue Dawn (3 Sht hd, hd, 3, 8, 1. 25 34. Off 9.0 Betting: 7-4 Tohy Gav. 9-4 Cha monte, 5-1. PIP. We Four. 10-1 Ne politan, Blue Dawn. Forecast: £2/9/

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR TO-MORROW

7.10 (410yds).—4 Boy Blond, 44 Captain Cutlet, 454 House Warme 545 Kitchen Boy, 264 Royal Blue, 6 Skip It, reserve 336 Paint Box. 7.48 (470yds). - 6 Brindle Lake, 6 Gratis, 163 Light Ale. 323 Molly, 3 Swordfish, 343 The Pheasant, reser 421 Minstrel. 8.06 (410yds).—332 Bonny Boy, 1

Brown Amber. 6 Puma (April 19, 3. 24.61; Nov. 21. tp 1, 24.97), & Red Ted, 4 Rockafel'a, 156 Yo Choice, reserve 431 Half-Pint. 8 24 (410yds).-135 Bill Badger, 2 Brand: Snap. 466 Chief Officer. De mend (Nov. 15. tn 4. 24.79; Nov. 2 tp. 4, 24.76) 524 Giadiator, 111 Wall; Pup. reserve 421 Ginger. 8.42 (470yds). -- 213 All White. Maries 112 Violet, 223 Zilla

Fiery Future. 33 Fixed Odds, 3 9.00 (410yds) - 321 Bright Ey-Ebony (Aug. 16, tp 4, 24 00; Dec. tp 5, 24 55). Gay Rebel (Nov. 29,

6 24.22: Dec. 5 tp 1, 24.32), 1 Lu gate, 433 Our Rodeo, 4 Susan's Bo 9.18 (470vds) - 333 Ardonnats, 1 Castle Rock 164 Happy Boy, 3 Lizard, 331 No Bid 534 Rob-Ri reserve 164 Determination

9 to (410yds) - 661 Air Lift, 5 Arm-In-Arm. 21 Lazy Blackic. 2 Lone Eagle, 442 No Joke 6 Sprin reserve 126 Half-Way.

SELECTIONS

7.30 Boy Bond (Kitchen Boy, Ro Biue)

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9 18 Lorard (Cartle Rock, Ardone

9.36 -Spring (An Lift, Arm-In-A)