

FORWARDS CLICKED INTO GEAR

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.

The 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 hectic 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 half-time, 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.

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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, too.

However, honour of being the best forward goes to Stobbart who led the line finely and not only kept the attack moving, but was direct 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 Tottenham Reserves who won 2-0. This was the Town's fourth successive home defeat.

One encouraging thing about the Town's display was the form of Peter Stone, an amateur centre-half from Worcester City.

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 (J), 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

Only one Luton team has been drawn at home in the third rounds of the Bedfordshire Junior 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. Hitchens.

Stanbridge and Tilsworth v Dunton B. Burch
Vauxhall Mtrs. v Kensworth E. Thurley.

INTERMEDIATE CUP

Dagnall Utd. v Stopsley S. A. Wright.
R.A.F. Henlow v R.A. Grange Camp. C. Eckstein

Biggleswade Tn. v Clapham Spts. D. Fletcher
Shillington Ath. v Laporte F. Bone.



Favourites To The Fore At Luton On Saturday

Favourites had a successful 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 each.

I. (410yds).—1 L.I.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 6.39.
Betting: 2-1 Mobley, 3-1 L.I.C., Cross Keys, 6-1 Dark Hazard, Eastern Silver, 8-1 Peg Top. Forecast: £11/19/6.

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.

III. (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 Leopoldina (6), 6 Wrentham (5). 3, 6, 1, 1, 2, 27.85. Off 7.41.
Betting: 4-5 RISING SUN, 4-1 Brazier, 5-1 Barclay, 6-1 Di's Boy, 7-1 Wrentham, 10-1 Leopoldina. Forecast: £1/15/6.

V. (675yds).—1 SALLY ANN (3), 2 Peppy (4), 3 Campers Boy (1), 4 Rosie's Boy (5), 5 Moody Girl (6), 6 Miner (2) reserve 8, 1, 1, 4, 41.82. Non-runner, White Lady (2). Off 8.02.
Betting: 7-4 SALLY ANN, 9-4 Moody Girl, 5-1 Peppy, Rosie'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. Forecast: £1/10/0.

VII. (470yds).—1 PETTY OFFICER (5), 2 Viola (2), 3 Hopless (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 Hopless, Cream Puff, 100-7 Double Six. Forecast: 15/0.

Chiltern's Forecasts

DIVISION I

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

DIVISION II

Birmingham C v Leicester C
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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Aldershot v Watford
Brighton v Millwall
Bristol C v Reading
Crystal Palace v Colchester Utd
Gillingham v Bournemouth
Ipswich 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 v Stockport C
Scunthorpe Utd v Hartlepool Utd
Southport v Darlington
Tranmere R v Oldham Ath

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION "A"

Airdrieonians v Third Lanark
Celtic v Motherwell
Dundee v Stirling A
East Fife v Hearts
Hibernian v Raith Rovers
Partick T v Rangers
Queen of South v Morton
St Mirren v Aberdeen

DIVISION "B"

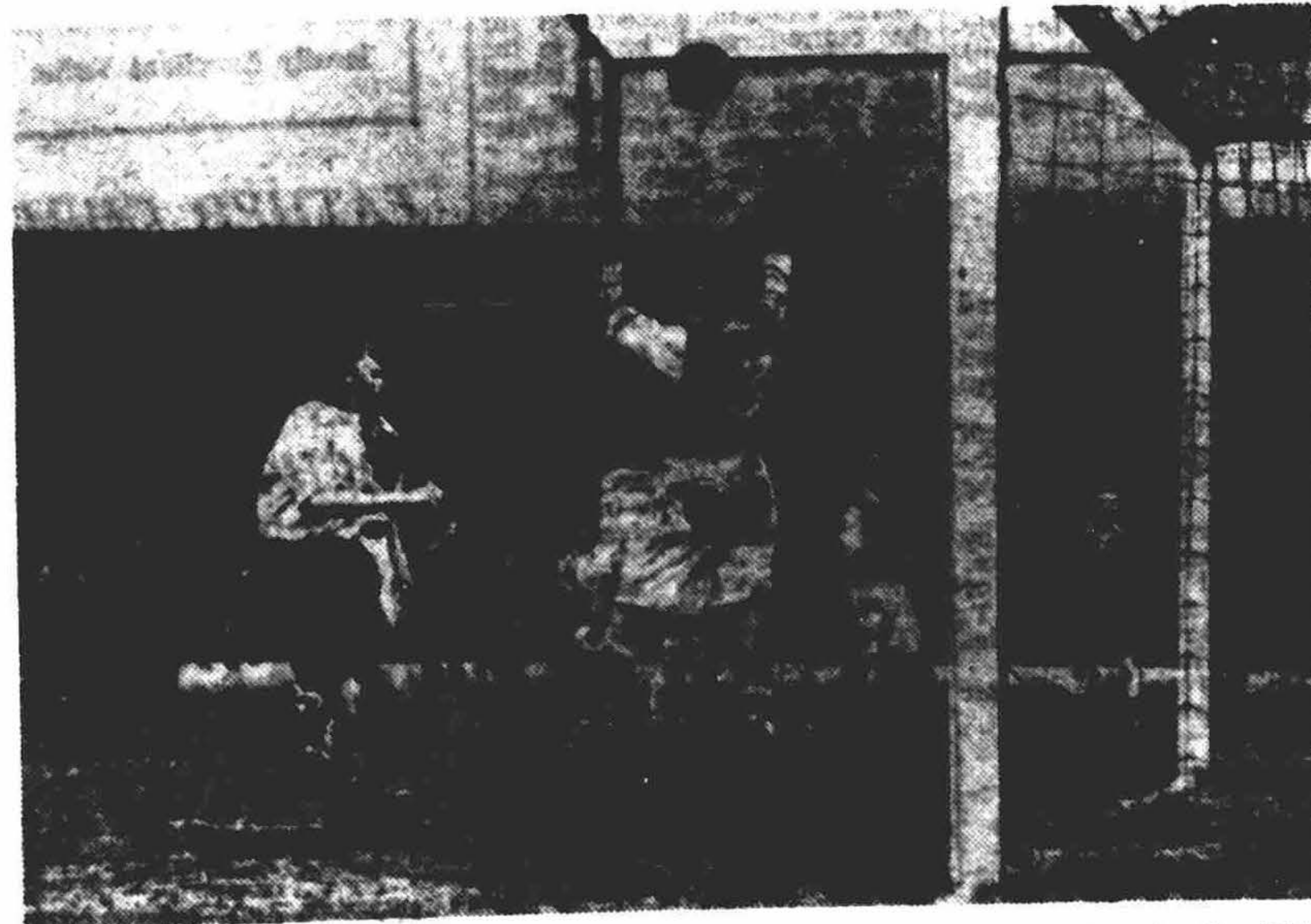
Alloa v Dundee Utd
Cowdenbeath v Arbroath
Falkirk v Dumbarton
Forfar Ath v Dunfermline
Hamilton v Ayr Utd
Kilmarnock v Clyde
Queen's Park v Albion R
St. Johnstone v. Stenhousemuir.

SELECTIONS

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

FOUR AWAY.—Preston, Sheffield Utd, Bristol R, Gateshead.

THREE DRAWS.—Fulham, Burnley, Rotherham v Brentford, Bristol C v Reading.



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 header.

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