

Early Blows By Forwards

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Desperate Coventry put up a tremendous fight at Kenilworth-road on Monday and, despite the advantage of gaining a two goals lead within the first quarter of an hour, it required another gallant exhibition by the Town defence to hold on to both points.

It was a struggle typical of those usually produced by the meetings of these old rivals, and Coventry's anxiety about their League position was written all over their play.

They kept on fighting until the end and had the Town defence been less sound, they might have picked up an invaluable point.

A picture goal by Moore in the eleventh minute, before which Coventry had been slightly more dangerous, rocked the City badly.

A grand movement led up to

the success and the final pass was made by Turner to be snapped up by MOORE, who drove the ball low past Taylor from an angled position.

SEXTON'S FIRST GOAL

Four minutes later, SEXTON opened his League scoring account with a neatly taken goal from a pass by Morton after Shanks had made a quick throw in.

During this stage, Coventry's defence was wide open and there were nearly other successes, particularly when Moore blazed in from a free kick and Taylor had to get down to the ball in double quick time.

However, Coventry, fast-moving and robust in their methods, kept fighting for the goal that would put them back in the game, but it did not come until 10 minutes after the interval.

Then JAMIESON got his head to an accurate centre by Lockhart and beat Streten from point-blank range.

After that Coventry took control for a time and the Town goal had one or two narrow escapes, especially when Brown went on from an obvious off-side position, and after Streten had half-saved his shot, Aherne punted the ball over the bar.

PENALTY ESCAPE

A couple of great saves by Streten also defeated Coventry's efforts, and there looked to be a very solid basis for their claims for a penalty kick when Owen pulled down Brown from behind.

Fortunately for the Town the referee thought otherwise, and at the end the Town were attacking strongly again.

They deserved their win because they were more constructive than Coventry and made better use of the ball.

There was much hustle and bustle about the Coventry play and though their forwards were often dangerous individually, they did not function smoothly as a line.

In the first half, the Town front line played some grand football that had the City defence in serious trouble and Moore was again the leading light in attack. Sexton did well, too, and formed a successful wing partnership with Mitchell.

Shanks was a hard worker, but Turner never really settled down and often seemed out of touch.

The forwards as a whole fell away in the second half when the defence had their most trying time. They stuck to their task grimly with Owen keeping a close watch on Brown and Dunne and Aherne cutting out the wingers with distinct success.

Morton and Watkins were again strong and resourceful and Streten gave another polished exhibition which included several spectacular clearances.

LUTON TOWN : Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Shanks, Turner, Moore, Sexton, Mitchell.

COVENTRY CITY : Taylor; McDonnell, Mason (R); Dorman, Kirk, Cook; Warner, Jamieson, Brown, Lowrie, Lockhart.

Referee: W. Ling, Cambridge.
Attendance: 15,216.