

Town's Nine Points Out Of Last Ten At Home

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Had the Town struck the home form they showed in their last five matches at Kenilworth-road earlier in the season they would have made a determined challenge for promotion.

Out of the last ten points at stake at home they picked up nine and were most unlucky not to gain the other which was lost to Cardiff City, and that point made all the difference to the Welsh side in their successful First Division bid.

The double was completed over Barnsley on Saturday without a great deal of trouble and the forwards, in a lively first half display, caused the Barnsley defence continual anxiety.

A spate of goals came in the first half with the scoring beginning in the fifth minute when **STOBART** succeeded, to be followed by a quick equaliser from **McMORRAN**.

Two goals in three minutes from **MITCHELL** and **McJARROW** put the Town well on top until **LUMLEY** brought renewed hope to Barnsley by replying after half an hour.

A 3-2 lead at half-time did not represent the measure of the Town's superiority, but this was remedied to some extent early in the second half when **McJARROW** increased the lead.

After that, play deteriorated considerably. The first half thrills and excitement of the free-scoring, disappeared and no one could have been really sorry when the final whistle sounded for the end of yet another season.

Rain, which made the going very greasy after the interval, did not help the players to maintain the previous high standard, and, with the game apparently won by **McJarrow's** second goal, much of the interest went out of it.

McJARROW'S OPPORTUNISM

McJarrow again showed his powers of opportunism, and **Stobart** did well in what might

well be his "farewell appearance" at Luton.

There was an encouraging showing from **Cullen**, who has snapped up his first team chance avidly, and **Mitchell** was dangerous, too.

So was **Moore** when he moved out to the wings and took **McNeil** with him, but his shooting was off the mark and **McNeil** often beat him for possession when he tried the more orthodox type of centre-forward game.

The defence came through adequately enough, with **Owen** and **Morton** most prominent, **Jones** and **Cooke** formed a useful full-back partnership, and **Watkins** fell away after a good first half.

For **Streten** there was not a great deal of work, but it looked as if he was late in going down when Barnsley's second goal came.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Jones, Cooke; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Cullen, Stobart, Moore, **McJarrow**, Mitchell.

BARNSELEY: Hough; Jackson, Hudson; Normanton, **McNeil**, Baxter; Kaye, Lumley, **McMorran**, Wood, Smylie.

Referee: J. Houston, St. Anne's-on-Sea.

Attendance: 8,788.