

Early Town Scoring Laid The Foundations Of Victory

LUTON TOWN 3 SWANSEA 1

By Chiltern

THIS was pretty nearly last Saturday's match in reverse, with the Town scoring in the early minutes of each half to lay the foundations of a much-needed victory.

What did not work in reverse for the Town was the continuing injury bogy which caught up with them again shortly before half-time, when Shanks was injured in falling heavily.

Afterwards he played on at outside-left with a pronounced limp, but he was a very lively "passenger" who received frequent applause for his pluck in the second half.

The Town began on the right foot by opening the score after two minutes, which marked the first goal for the club by PYE.

He nodded the ball into the net after Cullen had beaten Beech (G.) and made a perfect centre.

For much of the first half things ran the Town's way and they had chances to increase their lead.

Groves made some good saves but there was not a lot of inside-forward support for Pye who led the line cleverly.

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Only two minutes had ticked away after the interval when a move by Dunne and Cullen made an opening for TURNER who took advantage of a mistake by Beech (G.) and scored from an acute angle with a shot that went in off the post.

There was a time when things began to go badly for the Town, during the latter part of the

second half, with Swansea throwing in everything in an attempt to stage a rally.

They were unlucky when Thomas hit a post, and from this let-off Luton broke away.

With the Swansea defence appealing for offside, TURNER went on with a clear field to score a third goal after 78 minutes.

Even then Swansea were not finished, and two minutes later BEECH (C.) replied for them.

INJURY HANDICAP

Probably because the handicap of having Shanks injured began to take its toll, Swansea were more dangerous in the closing stages than at any other time.

Except for this period the defence was seldom in trouble, and the debutant Baynham gained nothing but praise for a completely confident display.

Attendance 13,218.

Teams:

LUTON TOWN.—Baynham; Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Cullen, Turner, Pye, Shanks, Davies.

SWANSEA.—Groves; Keane, Beech (G); Lucas, Kiley, Thomas; Griffiths, Medwin, Turnbull, Allchurch, Beech (C).

Referee: S. M. Rogers, of Shrewsbury.