OWN'S BEST DISPLAY SO FAR

ORWARDS FOUND NEW POWER

ound Defence Held Up The County's Attack

By Chiltern

ng their best display of the season, the Town gave the Notts County defence yet another harassing afternoon and the chief satisfaction to be drawn from the match was the manner in which scoring opportunities were snapped up.

s sort of marksmanship can be maintained then the Town should be able to look forward to a more successful period than the one through which they have just passed, but, at the same time, it must be borne in mind that many more solid defences than that of the County will be encountered.

from the start of the the main problem facing has been to find an inside blend together and to the scoring openings.

he evidence on Saturday, n have gone a fair way achieving this end with ation they had on view in ch

ner one priority was to ce someone, apart from th the ability to hold the d to do some scheming, as a happy thought to Watkins for this role.

tkins Made His Presence Felt

UGH his stay in the d line lasted rather less our, he certainly made ce felt by his accuracy he ball and his studied

did not spend the ch there was due to s to be the inevitable the Town are concerned n.

as the ever-recurring in- which this time struck Not seriously, happily, left-back suffered from blurring of his vision dizziness, which came ng a heading duel

herne Switched To Outside-Left

he had to switch to side-left, there were some looks among the fans, al- t that time, the Town ding by 3—1.

t-back went utility man who now has only two or ore positions to fill and rightly boast of having played in every position in the team.

The withdrawal of Watkins from the attack was the obvious move and of course, caused him no concern.

Main thing was that the enforced changes did not affect the soundness of the Town defence which was way ahead of that of the County right through the piece.

County Vulnerable Down The Middle

WHEREAS the County, because their full-backs played too square and their wing-halves failed to get a grip, were vulnerable down the middle of the field, few gaps appeared in the Town's defensive structure.

Another thing that got the County into trouble was their liking for trying offside tactics, which played a big part in their 6—0 downfall last season.

Once again, they looked as if they expected offside decisions when the first two goals came and, particularly, when Mitchell opened the scoring after seven minutes, they paid the penalty of not playing to the whistle.

Effective Display By Moore

ONCE Leuty was beaten, the path to goal was opened up for the covering was poor

Apart from Watkins who did the spade-work for two of the goals, there was a hard-fighting, hard-working, effective contribution from Moore at inside-right

If Moore can reproduce this form consistently, doing the fetching and carrying and being in position, too, to get the goals, then he, too, can be an invaluable asset in this other position that has been a source of worry this season

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 5
Mitchell, Pye (2), Moore (2).

NOTTS COUNTY 1
Johnston.

LUTON TOWN.—Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Moore, Pye, Watkins, Mitchell.

NOTTS COUNTY.—Bradley; Deans, Wade; Adamson, Leuty, Johnston; McPherson, Jackson, McCormack, Wylie, Crookes.

Referee.—S. Vickery, Bristol. Attendance — 13,557.

County Did Not Find Defensive Gaps

THE bright opening brought by Mitchell's goal, his first of the season, was consolidated when Pye took full advantage of a delightful piece of work by Watkins to put on a second after 28 minutes.

Notts had quite a lot of the first-half play, but they looked much better in midfield than they did when they reached reasonably close quarters.

Here, they failed signally to pull the Town defence out of position and their raids were broken up regularly.

Not until a minute from half-time did they manage to reduce their arrears and then left-half Johnston, well used to scoring goals from the outside-left position, did the trick during a goal-mouth scramble.

Moore's Goal Came At The Right Time

THAT goal put the County back in the game of which they were fast losing any grip, and Moore's first goal six minutes after the interval was a timely arrival from the Town point of view since it restored their inital advantage.

Again Watkins provided the pass and Moore went on to beat Bradley in the coolest possible fashion.

It was at this point that the trainer was called to Aherne and that the re-arrangement of the team was made.

Shortly after this Notts made their big effort in the shape of an all-out attack which brought great shots from McPherson and Crookes.

Brilliant Saves By Streten

ON each occasion, Streten made a brilliant save and there was another shortly afterwards from Crookes.

Heavy pressure for five minutes or so was staved off by staunch defensive work and then the Town struck again

With 16 minutes left, a smart passing movement between Pye and Moore left the latter in another good shooting position and he made no mistake about banging the ball into the back of the net.

That success removed what slight danger there had been to the handicapped Town and the nap hand was completed four minutes from time with a spectacular goal.

Pye's First Brace For The Town

THIS time it was Pye who got the ball through to achieve his first double for the Town and the ball flashed into the top of the net as his head connected with a fierce drive from Davies.

Almost immediately afterwards there came visions of the Town repeating their half-dozen goals of the previous season when Pye laid on a chance for Moore who had to act quickly and the ball went just the wrong side of the post.

So ended a Luton triumph that should give the team and the forwards in particular, plenty of confidence with which to face future battles.

Danger Came Down The Middle

APART from the resource and dash of Moore, and the skill of Watkins, another factor was the cleverness of Pye, who despite the close attentions of Leuty which made him a well-watched man, contrived to keep very much in the limelight.

If the improved support he received in this match continues, then Pye will get the goals.

With so many sorties being made down the middle, the wingers did not come quite so much into the picture.

Mitchell had to have quite a spell at inside left, but before that he worried Deans a lot.

Defences Faced A Tricky Task

DAVIES had rather a mixed sort of game in which he had some good spells and he worked hard, never hesitating to go back to fight for the ball

The rain before the match which left the turf greasy meant that the ball shot off it at quite bewildering speed, loaded the dice in favour of the forwards, though, of course against this there was the tendency for the ball to over-run them

However, the defences faced quite a tricky job in view of the uncertainty of the footholds and that the Town limited the County's scoring to one goal was a most commendable feat.

Selectors Are To Watch Dunne

OUTSTANDING in this department were Dunne and Morton who were so successful that they put the County's left wing completely out of joint.

Dunne has settled down finely perhaps because he now knows that he has a regular place in the side, and his recent form has been such that the Eire selectors are to watch him in the near future

In this match, he blotted Crookes subject of enquiries from First Division clubs, right out of the game

Morton, too, was strong and assured, seldom beaten in the tackle and distributing the ball to good advantage.

The Town's latest signing, Willie Dallas, 21-years-old six-feet tall centre-half from Caledonian Amateurs, Glasgow. Sought by other League clubs, Dallas accepted the Town's terms as a full-time professional and will start training at Kenilworth-road on Thursday.

McCormack Received Few Chances

WHENEVER we see McCormack minds inevitably go back to that day at Barnsley when he tore the Town defence to pieces and scored five goals.

There was never any threat of him even nearly approaching this feat on Saturday because, in the first place, support for him was not forthcoming and, in the second, Owen kept a close watch on him and allowed him little room in which to work

Shanks was good at left-half and most capable when he switched to Aherne's place. Aherne was sometimes uncertain against McPherson who is very clever in possession of the ball, but little came of the outside-right's forays

Streten Showed Complete Confidence

NEARLY all the difficult employment that came the way of Streten was contained during a short period in the second half when he thrilled the crowd with some great saves

He has now regained complete confidence and he showed fine judgment and anticipation in leaving his goal

Altogether it was the most satisfactory afternoon's work of the season from the Town point of view and, with strength in defence and scoring power in attack, there is a happier look about the immediate future

Reserves Take Over The Leadership

AND here, let us give a full measure of applause for the Town Reserves who have played their first 10 matches without defeat and who took over the leadership of Divison II of the Football Combination by winning at Leicester.

The City previous holders of that proud position were beaten by 2—1 in a hard-fought match.

Out of a possible 20 points, the Town have taken 17 points, a remarkable performance in view of the number of changes that have had to be made almost weekly because of injuries.

Winner Came From McJarrow

THINGS looked none too promising from the Town point of view when Crawford gave Leicester the lead, but they enjoyed that advantage for only 12 minutes before Scott equalised

In a robust second half, McJarrow obtained the winner and against hard pressure by the City forwards in the closing stages, the defence held out finely

The half-backs were a strong line with Hall holding the promising young centre-forward, Littler, and the forwards, well led by McJarrow were quite dangerous, with Scott and Taylor making a successful wing partnership.

Team Choice Is Complicated

TO-MORROW, the Town Reserves are due at Brighton and, because of injuries and unavailability through Service duties or work, team selection has had to be delayed

Alan Thompson injured at Leicester, is unlikely to play and there is a doubt about Jones Ray Smith has recovered from a chill which means that Jim Pemberton will return to left-back.

In attack replacements must be found for Scott and Bennett. Bradley will return, but there is still a vacancy at inside-right.

Chiltern's Forecasts

INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Ireland v **England**

DIVISION I

Arsenal v Blackpool
Aston Villa v Bolton Wanderers
Burnley v Derby County
Charlton Ath v Chelsea
Liverpool v Newcastle U
Manchester City v Cardiff City
Middlesbrough v **West Bromwich**
Preston N.E. v Tottenham H
Stoke City v Sheffield Wednesday
Sunderland v **Portsmouth**
Wolves v Manchester U

DIVISION II

Barnsley v **Hull City**
Bury v **Birmingham City**
Doncaster Rovers v Brentford
Fulham v Lincoln City
Huddersfield v Nottingham Forest
Leicester City v Plymouth Argyle
Notts County v Leeds U
Sheffield U v Blackburn Rovers
Southampton v Luton T
Swansea T v **Everton**
West Ham v Rotherham U

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Aldershot v Walsall
Brighton v Reading
Bristol City v **Northampton T**
Colchester U v Gillingham
Coventry City v Bristol Rovers
Crystal Palace v Leyton Orient
Exeter City v Torquay U
Newport County v Ipswich T
Norwich City v Millwall
Q.P.R. v Southend U
Swindon T v Shrewsbury T
Watford v Bournemouth

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Barrow v Accrington Stanley
Bradford v Mansfield T
Carlisle U v Chester
Darlington v Bradford City
Gateshead v Stockport County
Grimsby T v Workington
Hartlepools U v Scunthorpe U
Oldham Ath v Rochdale
Southport v **Port Vale**
Tranmere Rovers v Crewe Alex
Wrexham v Halifax T
York City v Chesterfield

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

Hibernian v Dundee
Rangers v Kilmarnock

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "A"

Airdrieonians v Clyde
Celtic v Motherwell
East Fife v Hearts
St Mirren v Aberdeen
Third Lanark v Queen of South

DIVISION "B"

Arbroath v **Dunfermline**
Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park
Dumbarton v Forfar Ath
Hamilton v Ayr U
Stenhousemuir v Dundee U
Stirling Albion v Alloa
St Johnstone v **Morton**

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME.—Burnley, Charlton, Fulham, Huddersfield, Sheffield United, Newport, Norwich, Carlisle, Grimsby, Oldham

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