

HUDDERSFIELD HAD A "DOUBLE-DOUBLE"

Disappointing Town Yield Two Vital Home Points

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Not only did Huddersfield become the first team to complete a "double" over the Town this season, but they gained the extra distinction of being the first to prevent the Town from scoring in two League matches.

They should not have got away scot-free to that extent, for the Town had their scoring chances of which they failed to make the fullest use.

That injuries and illness deprived them of the services of such regulars as Baynham, Aherne and Mitchell was an unfortunate blow to the Town on the eve of a match in which they needed their full strength if ever they did.

Replacement of these players did not help the team to achieve cohesion and they never looked so well-balanced or so formidable a force as did Huddersfield, who were very strong in defence and showed more constructive ideas in attack.

Yet, throughout the match, the Town enjoyed a fair share of the play and actually had a good deal more than their share after the interval, though that could have been due to Huddersfield's decision to play safe and hold on to their two goals lead.

Once more, with virtually four points at stake, the first goal was an important item.

It could have fallen to the Town, for they had the odd chances early on and only a great leap by Wheeler prevented Pye giving them the lead a few minutes before the short spell that finally turned the match in Huddersfield's favour.

STRUCK QUICK BLOWS

Two goals in four minutes shook the Town to the core and GLAZZARD got the first with a fine first-time shot after Jones had been a fraction late in his interception which allowed Duthie to push the ball through.

Four minutes later, Glazzard and Owen went up for a high ball together and it flicked off a head to the unmarked SHINER, who ran on and toe-ended it past the advancing Streten.

That was the beginning and end of the scoring in an encounter that did not really produce the glitter that had been expected.

Spells of excitement came and passed, but the finishing of neither side reached a high standard and a couple of good chances passed the Town by after the interval.

Both fell to Moore. The first time Wheeler diverted his shot and when the second cropped up he headed the wrong side of the post with Wheeler out of position.

Pye worked out a couple of half-chances for himself and failed to apply the finish, and that was about the limit of the openings that came the Town's way, hard though they fought in the second half.

Once again, they earned credit for the way in which they refused to knuckle under against a substantial lead, but although they hit back, they had few original or even part-worn ideas about the best way in which to split the very strong Huddersfield defence.

FORWARDS WERE DISAPPOINTING

Long before the end, the writing was clearly on the wall and Huddersfield had no real difficulty

in maintaining their advantage. In fact with more steadiness in their shooting, they could have increased it in their dangerous breaksaway.

The forwards, as a line, were disappointing again, not only because they did not score but because they failed to achieve the quickness and smoothness in approach that has been a feature so many time this season.

Though he opened promisingly, Sexton could be accounted no more of a success than the recent occupants of the inside-left position and with Pemberton, lacking support and not looking happy on the wing, the left wing was out of joint for much of the time.

Moore did not achieve much either and that left Davies and Pye as the men from whom most could be expected. Davies made a very encouraging return to the team despite another painful knock on his ankle.

With someone to take more of the weight off him, Pye would have posed more problems for Huddersfield than he did, but his distribution was not so accurate as it has been.

Most consistent member of the defence was Watkins who played well throughout and was outstanding in the second half.

Morton did not touch his best form, except spasmodically, but Owen was strong and effective and Glazzard always found him difficult to pass.

The move to the left flank did not seem to cause Jones much concern, for he turned in his usual cool, polished game, but Dunne did not find things going well for him against Metcalfe and, after a bad start, never really looked comfortable.

Streten made a confident return to the team for his 200th League match and gave a most able exhibition.

LUTON TOWN. Streten; Dunne, Jones; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Davies, Moore, Pye, Sexton, Pemberton.

HUDDERSFIELD T. Wheeler; Staniforth, Kelly; McGarry, McEvoy, Quedsted; Duthie, Davie, Glazzard, Shiner, Metcalfe.

Referee.—W. Ratcliffe, Staffs.
Attendance.—25,831.