

TWO QUICK GOALS STAGGERED CITY

Inspired Spell Put Town On Top At Lincoln

By Chiltern

LINCOLN CITY 1 LUTON TOWN 2

After having played second fiddle to Lincoln for most of the first half at Sincil Bank on Saturday and being a little fortunate to be no more than one goal down at the interval, the Town staged a brilliant rally in the opening stages after the re-start.

In four minutes they scored twice to make certain of their seventh away win of the season, their fourth double and two points that keep them keenly interested in the promotion fight.

Half-time instructions to go all out for an early goal have seldom been obeyed more promptly for only a minute had gone when the Town attack, throwing off their sluggishness of the first half, suddenly sprang into life.

A quick-fire movement between Cullen and TURNER left the latter most acutely angled and it was a matter for some wonder just how he managed to force the ball past Jones (J.) into the far corner of the net.

Force it there he did, despite the efforts of Green to prevent it crossing the line and the stage was set for the Town revival.

That success came before Lincoln had settled down for the second half battle and before they really knew what was happening, they were in arrears.

This time, a movement that began in midfield led to a passing dual between Turner and Pye and it was PYE who finally stabbed it past Jones (J.) for a well-taken goal.

REAL TRANSFORMATION SCENE

That brought a real transformation scene, rocked Lincoln back on their heels and settled the Town into a far more confident combination.

For much of the second half, they played clever, constructive football in attack and might well have increased their lead.

Lincoln missed the boat in the first half when they had several reasonable scoring chances, but failed to profit by them. In fact, they had the chance of a flying start, for Birch missed with only Baynham to beat in the first minute of the game.

Fast and forceful, the City forwards, ably backed up by their wing halves gave the Town defence plenty to do before the interval, but their finishing did not match their approach work and it was not until they obtained a rather fortunate penalty kick that they were able to go ahead.

This was awarded when Pemberton put up his hands to protect his face as Munro prepared to centre the ball from a few yards away.

The ball struck his hands, went behind and the referee pointed to the penalty spot despite the protests of the Town players. WHITTLE made no mistake and Lincoln were a goal ahead after 30 minutes.

Much of the reason for the semi-eclipse of the Town in the first half lay in the fact that the forwards seldom achieved anything approaching unity and cohesion and seemed unable to adapt themselves to the lively conditions.

DIFFERENT STORY WHEN GOALS CAME

Attacks broke down before they were really under way and there were far too many instances when forwards were caught in possession.

Once the goals came, there was a different story altogether for, with Turner and McJarrow using the ball well, there was more support for Pye who threw off the yoke imposed on him by the strong Emery in the first half, and played a great part in welding the line together into an effective force. McJarrow had a most successful second half.

Mitchell, by changing his tactics, staying out on the wing and beating Green on the outside often threw the Lincoln de-

fence into confusion, while Cullen struck up a happy understanding with Turner on the other wing.

While it had one or two uncertain periods in the first half, mainly through not going in to meet the ball consistently, the defence as a whole was more than adequate.

Owen played a leading role in breaking up raids and did much to put out of commission Lincoln's two centre-forwards' plan. Hall saw to the other half of this scheme by holding Graver and Morton, apart from a tendency to be caught "in between" was most effective, too.

Once again, the full-back partnership of Jones and Pemberton worked extremely well, with coolness and constant effort to use the ball the keynote of their confident displays.

There was not the semblance of an error of judgment by Baynham who made certain of catching everything in the air and was supremely safe through the piece.

LINCOLN CITY.—Jones (J); Green, Graham; Dykes, Emery, Owen (R); Munro, Garvie, Graver, Birch, Whittle.

LUTON TOWN. — Baynham, Jones (L), Pemberton; Morton, Hall, Owen (S); Cullen, Turner, Pye, McJarrow, Mitchell.

Referee.—H. Webb, Leeds. Attendance.—15,458.