

WIN WAS THE ONLY CONSOLATION

A LIFELESS DISPLAY AT KENILWORTH RD.

Town Likely To Give New Wing Another Chance

By Chiltern

STRANGE that within the space of a few days, football at Kenilworth-road could reach the heights as it did against the Turkish tourists and then plumb the depths as was the case in the Town's meeting with Hull City on Saturday.

So dull and lethargic was the play that one found difficulty in believing that much-needed points were at stake for both teams, and that the Town gained them in the end was the one consolation their supporters could take from this lifeless exhibition.

For them, they owed a great deal to the opportunistic powers of Turner and to a simple goal by Watkins with a shot that Forgan would have saved nine times out of ten with the greatest ease in the world.

It has been proved in the past that the Town are more apt to reach their best form against the better class teams in the Second Division and that they are apt to sink to the level of the more lowly placed teams when they meet them.

That could have been the case in this match, for Hull, though they were more lively in attack than the Town in the first half, will have to improve considerably if they are to keep away from the relegation zone.

No Sign Of Real Smoothness Yet

WHAT we have been looking for is some sign that smoothness in attack has been achieved and there was little to give evidence of that in this match.

Yet, in including more forceful players on the right wing, I think the manager is on the right lines and the likelihood is that Moore and Turner will be given a chance to settle down as partners.

One thing about Moore is that he gets the ball across and both goals obtained by Turner came directly from his passes.

Turner's Shooting Is A Great Asset

WHEN Turner is on the mark, he is an asset to any forward line, purely from the point of view of his shooting power and he certainly supplied one of the deficiencies that has been lacking in recent weeks.

With Cummins in the other inside forward position, the Town can afford to have Turner as a sort of second centre forward and

the line will function with greater success when Pye strikes something more reminiscent of his last season's form.

He could not get going at all and was again bothered by the offside trap that Hull often set.

Offside Trap Is Easy Enough To Defeat

WHILE, this type of game is irritating to spectators, I still cannot understand why it should be greeted by the slow handclap which would have been better reserved for the poverty-stricken nature of the football served up.

The offside trap is easy enough to defeat as I well remember the Town showing on one occasion against Notts County, but they seem to be unable to fathom it now.

When the first goal came as a direct result of a long, cross-field pass by Mitchell to Moore, the way to harass this Hull defence was pointed clearly to the Town, but they failed to profit by that experience.

Need Was For More Open Play

INSTEAD, they persisted far too long in short passes in which even the wing halves joined.

There was a crying need to open out the play and, had they done so, the Town would have had a more convincing victory.

In fact, that could have come their way had they accepted a greater percentage of the scoring chances proffered and, Turner apart, the finishing was not of the best.

Only when Pye went out to the left wing did he look anything like the dangerous player he was last season, and he is not holding the line together in the clever fashion that he can.



Gordon Turner, who scored two of Luton's three goals on Saturday, heads goalwards during a Town raid. R2548

May Have Same Team To-night

NOT until this morning will the Town manager decide on his team to meet Watford in a floodlit match at Vicarage-road this evening (kick-off 7.30).

There is some doubt about Turner, but if he is passed fit, the likelihood is that the Town will field an unchanged team.

Len Goulden, Watford's manager, has asked if Luton have any objection to substitutes being used in the second half to give some of his young players a chance and the Town have agreed though, whether they will follow suit, has not been decided yet.

Cummins Tried To Use The Ball

OF the Town forwards, Cummins was the most skilful and did much of the scheming, but he was inclined to make things difficult for himself by trying to beat an opponent unnecessarily.

His passing was not always of the best either, but he was always trying to use the ball to advantage.

Early in the game Mitchell looked like being a match-winner all on his own, and it seemed that he had taken the measure of Frank Harrison, but the full-back's turn came after the interval when the same amount of support did not come Mitchell's way.

Hull Caused A Late Shock

IN a line in which a deal of understanding was not shown, Mitchell's switching with Pye was as dangerous as anything he tried, but in the end it was left to the sharpshooting Turner to make certain of the points.

When Hull obtained their only goal three minutes from time, many supporters wondered whether the Town's failure to cash in on their second-half superiority would recoil on them.

It was perhaps as well for them that Hull's forwards were so very weak in front of goal and that not one of the five seemed to pack a worthwhile shot.

Goal Acted As A Spur To The Town

EVEN when the goal came, it was from the foot of a half-back, Porteous, who sent the ball in off the inside of the post during a scramble following a corner.

That success had no galvanising effect on Hull, but it did seem to act as a spur to the Town, who went away, and Turner scored with a great shot into the top of the net.

A minute later he might have had another had the run of the ball been with him, for he sent it along the crossbar from where it struck the post and bounced to safety.

Usual Injury Was Collected

OF course, the Town collected their usual injury, this time to Turner, during the first half, when he received a nasty gash just above the ankle.

A blood vessel was broken, too, and he came back for the second half with the ankle tightly strapped.

Occasionally he had a spell on the wing, but he kept going and the trouble is not serious.

The most assured looking department of the Town team was full-back, where Dunne and Aherne formed a quite impressive partnership and cut down the danger that might have been posed by Ken Harrison and Fagan.

Streten Made The Most Of His Chance

BEHIND them, Streten came back to make the most of the somewhat limited opportunities that came his way, but everything he did was sound, and he cut out some dangerous crosses.

When he could not catch the ball in the air, he dealt with it by firm punching, and once again, he has staked a claim for retention in the team.

One member of the Hull attack who looked as if he might cause trouble was Gerrie, who bothered Morton more than a little and beat him on the ground quite a few times.

Morton Had Some Uncertain Patches

GERRIE'S shooting, however, was on a par with that of the rest of their front line and the centre-forward failed to make the best use of his opportunities.

Morton had some uncertain patches but, at other times, he came to the rescue with firm clearances.

When the time comes for Morton to go back to his own position of right-half, the forwards may begin to reap the benefit, for Shanks is not lending the amount of support they need and his tackling is not so deadly as it used to be.

Watering The Pitch Did Not Help

OBVIOUSLY, Watkins' goal on Wednesday encouraged him to further endeavours in this direction but he must have been as surprised as anybody when his comparatively harmless shot was misfired by Forgan.

It could have been that the ball "kicked" on the greasy turf which brings us to another point.

The watering of a football pitch in October is a most unusual necessity and that this was done for this match, was a genuine attempt to improve the conditions. Unfortunately, all the evidence presented pointed the other way.

Could Not Be Blamed For All The Mistakes

THE water had not soaked in far and gave a greasy, treacherous surface that did not

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 3
Turner (2), Watkins

HULL CITY 1
Porteous

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Shanks, Morton, Watkins; Moore, Turner, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell.

HULL CITY: Forgan; Harrison (F), Neal; Porteous, Berry, Jensen; Harrison (K), Murray, Gerrie, Tarrant, Fagan.

Referee: W. J. Gaiger, Manchester. Attendance: 14,754.

help this match to reach a/v sort of height.

Not that that could be put forward as a legitimate explanation for all the mistakes we saw. Watkins had another good game and was most resolute in defence.

Probably the best thing the Town can do is to forget all about this match, give the forwards a chance to settle down as a cohesive force and call off further experiments and changes in this department for a time.

Lucky Points For The Town "A"

AFTER their 1-0 win at Dartford the Town "A" came away feeling they had been a shade fortunate, but they did snap up, through Adam, one of the few scoring chances that came their way.

They were fortunate in the first half when the ball was kicked off the line on three separate occasions with Williams beaten, but the goalkeeper played extremely well.

Strength of the team, though, was in the middle line, where Bell had his best match so far and Archell and Henry were two strong wing-halves.

Adamson, playing for the first time for six weeks, gained confidence as he went along and really struck form in the last 20 minutes.

Chiltern's Forecasts

DIVISION I

Arsenal v Burnley
Aston Villa v Newcastle Utd.
Blackpool v Sheffield Wed.
Cardiff C. v Tottenham H.
Chelsea v Middlesbrough
Huddersfield T. v Liverpool
Manchester C. v Preston N.E.
Portsmouth v Charlton Ath.
Sheffield Utd. v West Brom
Sunderland v Bolton W.
Wolves v Manchester Utd.

DIVISION II

Blackburn R. v Fulham
Brentford v Leeds Utd.
Bristol R. v Birmingham C.
Bury v Leicester C.
Derby Co. v West Ham
Doncaster R. v Stoke C.
Everton v Swansea T.
Hull C. v Plymouth A.
Lincoln C. v Nottm Forest
Notts Co. v Luton T.
Oldham Ath. v Rotherham Utd.

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Bournemouth v Bristol C.
Brighton v Newport Co.
Coventry C. v Crystal Palace

Gillingham v Colchester Utd.
Ipswich T. v Aldershot
Leyton O. v Walsall
Millwall v Swindon T.
Northampton T. v Southampton
Reading v Shrewsbury T.
Southend Utd. v Exeter C.
Torquay Utd. v Q.P.R.
Watford v Norwich C.

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Barnsley v Carlisle Utd.
Bradford v Halifax T.
Chester v Bradford C.
Crewe Alex. v Chesterfield
Darlington v Accrington S.
Gateshead v Stockport Co.
Hartlepool Utd. v Grimsby T.
Port Vale v Tranmere R.
Scunthorpe Utd. v Wrexham
Southport v Barrow
Workington v Rochdale
York C. v Mansfield T.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "A"

Aberdeen v Airdrieonians
Clyde v St. Mirren
Falkirk v Hibernian
Hamilton v Stirling A.
Hearts v Dundee
Queen of South v Celtic
Raith R. v Partick Thistle
Rangers v East Fife

DIVISION "B"

Albion R. v Stenhousemuir
Alloa v Kilmarnock
Ayr Utd. v St. Johnstone
Dundee Utd. v Motherwell
Dunfermline v Arbroath
Forfar Ath. v Dumbarton
Morton v Third Lanark
Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME: Blackpool, Huddersfield, Wolves, Doncaster, Everton, Brighton, Coventry, Reading, Port Vale, Southport.

FOUR AWAY: West Brom, Leicester, Norwich, Bradford C.

THREE DRAWS: Cardiff v Tottenham; Hull v Plymouth;

Northampton v Southampton.

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NORWICH C. RES.

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