

TWO MORE POINTS FOR TOWN

EIGHT GAINED NOW OUT OF LAST 12

Right-Wing Partnership Still Poses A Problem

By Chiltern

Almost unnoticed unless one has consulted the records constantly, the Town have picked up eight points from the last 12 and have met with defeat only once in the last six matches.

Unfortunately, that failure was at home and cost them a measure of support, but the fact remains that the recent run, without being absolutely convincing, has served to alleviate what anxiety there was about the League position.

Without being completely impressive, the Town opened their way winning account by overcoming the moderate Notts County side, who, while they did not strike me as being as poor as the City, are very much in the doldrums.

They did have a large measure of fighting spirit, though, and this might have been sufficient of the day to give the Town something to fight and to make for themselves scoring chances which they had to accept.

Some Problems To Be Ironed Out

ANY way win must be rated as a good performance, and while the Town were very much in the position of an odds-on favourite whose defeat would have caused a surprise, the fact that they justified their supporters' hopes must earn them a measure of praise.

To those Luton fans who made the journey, their display could not have been wholly satisfying, and it is true that certain problems remain to be ironed out, and these, as has been the case all through the piece, mainly concern the attack.

Ten Different Right-Wing Partnerships

A LOOK through the records gives a clear indication of where the main trouble has been this season, for there have been ten different right-wing partnerships in the 14 League matches played so far.

Some of the changes have been caused by injury, but the majority have been brought about in an attempt to find a completely successful one.

What of the latest to be tried between two comparatively inexperienced players in Bennett and Scott?

As I saw it, the hoped-for result was not achieved, mainly through lack of experience.

Bennett Had Little Chance To Use Speed

PERHAPS it was unfortunate for Bennett that his debut should be made against a defence noted for the slavish way in which the full-backs lie close up to the wingers and play absolutely square.

Result was that Bennett found Deans never far away from him and without an adequate service from his partner, had little chance to use his biggest asset—his speed. In other circumstances, and with better support, he might have shone more brightly than he did.

No one can fail to admire the whole-heartedness of Scott who keeps going all the time, but is apt to forget the necessity of positional play in doing so.

Should Have Played More To Pye

HE did not bring his wing partner into the same often enough and he is not so deadly at close quarters as Turner, who will be fit by the week-end and will obviously have to come into consideration again.

Now that the heavier grounds are here, Scott's immediate future may lie on the extreme wing.

The forward line as a whole had some patchy periods and did not exploit to the full the gaps left by the County defence.

Had they played more to Pye, there might have been a different story, for the centre-forward was

always dangerous in possession despite the close marking of Leuty.

More Like The Pye Of Last Season

IN the last half an hour when the Town really got on top after gaining the lead, Pye looked more like the dangerous leader of last season and that is the best news that came out of this match.

Cummins was always in the thick of things, and was quite the most constructive inside-forward on view.

Yet, he is still not timing his passes correctly and had he parted with the ball sooner on some occasions, this County defence most uncertain under pressure would not have held out so long.

Mitchell The Best Marksman

LIKE Bennett, Mitchell found that the opposing full-back was never far away from him, but he "lost" Southwell quite often and was the most dangerous marksman the Town possessed.

His goal after half an hour was a well-taken affair when he drifted into the middle to head a centre by Bennett firmly well out of the reach of Bradley.

In the second half, only a tremendous save by Bradley prevented him from adding a second and he is certainly there or thereabouts when the scoring chances crop up.

Position Was Not Looking Bright

MITCHELL'S goal equalised the one Leverton had scored from Johnston's pass five minutes earlier and remedied a position that was beginning to look none too happy for the Town.

Indeed, had Johnston managed to reach a cross from the right that needed only a touch, and he was only inches away from it, the Town would have been two down and in somewhat dire straits.

The equaliser was one of the game's turning points, just as what proved to be the winner was another.

Watkins's Move Led To The Winner

THIS was an unexpected affair in that it followed immediately on a spell of desperate County pressure that threatened to restore their lead.

A brilliant piece of work by Watkins led up to it and the quick thinking of Cummins did the rest.

Watkins let loose a terrific drive that Bradley saved but could not hold and Cummins raced up to head the ball over the line and finish up in the back of the net with it.

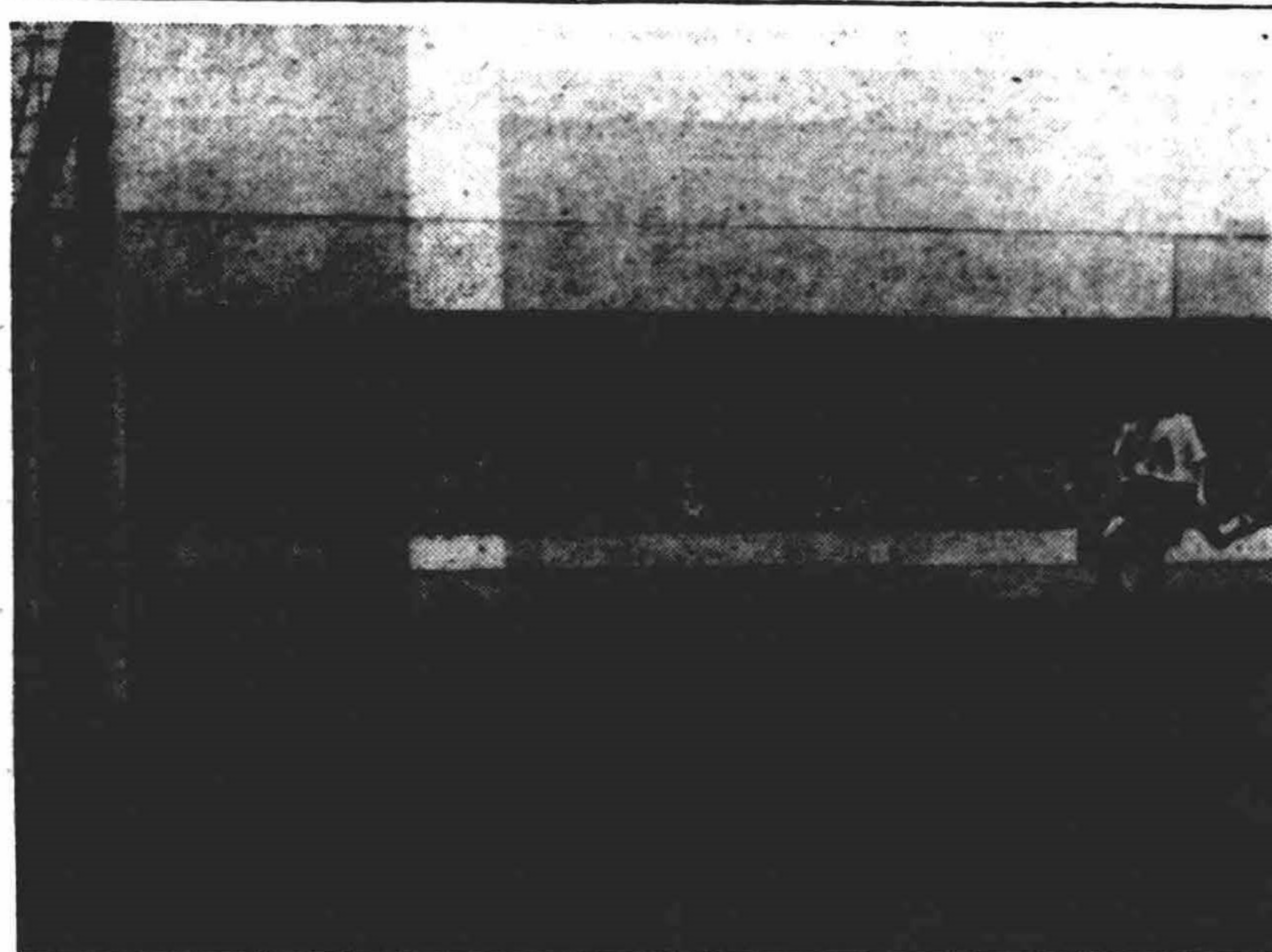
After this, the Town played their best football of the match, moved more confidently and there was little real threat of the County regaining equality.

Owen Struck Form After Uncertain Start

FORAYS upfield of Watkins always produced dangerous situations and he is having a very consistent spell.

Probably, Owen needed this match to get back in the way of things after his lay-off and he was a bit uncertain and gave Johnston, who was apt to lie deep, too much room in the first half.

However, Owen struck his best form later, and effectively blocked



Centre-forward HM scores the first goal for Luton Schoolboys when they met St. Albans in the English Schools' Shield competition at Kenilworth-road on Saturday morning. Luton won 2-0.

FOR THE RECORDS

NOTTS COUNTY 1
Leverton.

LUTON TOWN 2
Mitchell, Cummins.

NOTTS COUNTY.—Bradley; Southwell, Deans; Allen, Leuty, Jarvis; Coole, Leverton, Johnston, Wyllie, Crofton.

LUTON TOWN.—Streten; Dunne, Ahern; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Bennett, Scott, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell.

Referee: J. W. Toplis, Grimsby. Attendance: 13,000.

up the middle during the second half.

Hopes that Morton would link up with the attack in his old style were not really justified, but the right half was suffering from a heavy cold, and was not quite at his best.

No Worry About The Middle Line

HOWEVER, the middle line is one department about which there is no worry, and the rest of the defence did its part well, though Ahern was beaten by Coole several times in the first half when the left-back failed to get in his tackle.

Afterwards, Ahern shut the winger out more ably, and his kicking was good throughout.

Dunne was most successful in keeping quiet Crookes, who found his own speed matched by that of the right-back, and little came from this quarter, thanks to Dunne's tenacity.

Streten Gave A Fine Display

QUITE a lot of credit for this victory goes to Streten, who, playing against the club with

whom he had war-time experience, gave a faultless exhibition.

Three or four times, he saved what seemed to be certain goals, and he was both daring and showed excellent anticipation.

On this form, Streten must keep his place, for this was a grand display.

For once in a way, there were no casualties to add to the list, and the win should serve to give the team added confidence.

Bright Beginning By Reserves

ENCOURAGING debut came the way of the Reserves in their first match in Division I of the Football Combination, for they accounted for Ipswich more easily than the 2-1 score would indicate.

They were on top for most of the game and the only time that the visitors looked really dangerous was for 10 minutes in the second half when they scored.

At that point, they were already two goals behind, both scored by Bernard Moore, who, with more steadiness, might have increased his bag of goals.

Woodwork Saved Ipswich Often

THERE was some bright play from the forwards as a whole, except that the finishing was not all that it might have been, though a certain amount of bad luck came their way.

Several times, the Ipswich woodwork was struck and they were fortunate to escape so lightly.

Downie, on his second appearance with the Reserves, showed signs of returning form and Adamson again revealed promise. Both wingers were lively, though Davies missed some chances.

As a whole, the defence, with Hall very strong, was more than adequate.

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

DIVISION II

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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Aldershot v. Bournemouth
Bristol C. v. Coventry C.
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Exeter C. v. Reading
Newport Co. v. Southend Utd.
Norwich C. v. Brighton
Q.P.R. v. Watford
Shrewsbury T. v. Leyton O.
Southampton v. Torquay Utd.
Swindon T. v. Ipswich T.
Walsall v. Millwall

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Barrow v. York C.
Bradford C. v. Southport

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Halifax T. v. Port Vale
Mansfield T. v. Scunthorpe Utd.
Rochdale v. Gateshead
Stockport Co. v. Hartlepool Utd.
Tranmere R. v. Crewe Alex.
Wrexham v. Workington

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Partick T. v. East Fife

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

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Celtic v. Hearts
Dundee v. Rangers
Hibernian v. Clyde
St. Mirren v. Falkirk
Stirling A. v. Raith R.

DIVISION "B"

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

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME. — Manchester Utd., Tottenham, West Brom, Leicester, Plymouth, Stoke, Crystal Palace, Southampton, Stockport, Wrexham.

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