

"BORROWED" A HUNGARIAN MOVE

TOWN'S NEW TACTICS WORRIED DONCASTER

Eight Away Points Won Out Of The Last Ten

By Chiltern

Playing on opponents' grounds does not seem to worry the Town these days, for their last five visits have yielded them eight points and they surmounted what may have been as tough an away hurdle as they will be called upon to face by gaining their most emphatic win so far.

Few teams will win at Doncaster." That was the reaction of the Town players after this hard-fought match which they won so deservedly, partly by the use of successful tactics and good football, and partly because they did what the Rovers did not, and took their chances.

The tactical part was the subject of much before-the-match discussion and revolved mainly on the need for giving Pye room in which to work and in getting him away from the shadowing of Paterson.

Town officials had very much in the forefront of their minds the great game the Rovers' centre-half played against them on their previous visit, and their trip to last Wednesday's Wembley international yielded quick, and perhaps unlooked for, dividends.

So impressed were they by the danger posed by the Hungarians' centre-forward policy of lying deep, that the idea was borrowed from them.

Pye Gave Himself Room To Work

DECISION was that Pye should take a leaf out of his book and lie a good deal further back than he normally does.

Result was that Paterson was often marking nobody and seemed "foxed" by the unexpected move which would have carried him all over the field had he attempted to follow Pye.

What Pye did, in fact, was to take over the schemer role usually adopted by an inside-forward, and though there were times when he went back to the more orthodox position, he succeeded in giving himself so much room in which to work that the line as a whole benefited hugely.

Move Upset The Doncaster Defence

BOTH in his work in the middle of the field and in his forays down the wing, Pye was a regular will o' the wisp, and to see him in this brilliant form must give a comforting feeling at

Kenilworth-road about the tough programme they face this month.

This move was the basis of the victory, since it upset the Doncaster defensive formation, which probably wore a more worried look than in any previous match this season.

In fact, it is safe to say that it is certain that they did so, because they conceded three goals, whereas in nine previous home games, only five had been scored against them.

Essentially A Team-Work Triumph

WHILE tactics formed the foundation of success, it could not have been achieved had not the rest of the team been in fine form, too, and this was essentially a triumph for teamwork with no discernible weak spot throughout the Town team.

Pye's craftsmanship was brilliant, but the other forwards shone, too, and the attack as a line was at its most impressive of the season.

Indeed, had Doncaster not managed to get in a quick blow after the Town had obtained their third goal they might well have been swept off their feet by this fast-moving line that showed more incisiveness and drive than has been the case previously.

Rovers Missed Two Easy Chances

IT was in the second half that they really came into their own. The first half had been a dour struggle, with the Town playing the more clever football, but Doncaster always dangerous with their speedy thrusts, and the result might have been altogether different had they been able to snap up a couple of fairly easy scoring chances.

First, Lawlor, then Harrison, pulled the ball wide of the post with only Streten to beat, and both probably wondered afterwards how on earth they had managed to miss the target.

Every match, though, is a tale of missed chances, and Doncaster paid the penalty eventually.

Hard Cut-And-Thrust First Half

HARD, cut and thrust, was the first-half story, with the Town not quite fulfilling all they promised when they reached close quarters, but making some good efforts, principally through Turner, who had a couple of shots well saved and a header that was deflected on to the bar by Hardwick.

At half-time a goalless draw was about right, with the reservation that the Rovers had had the easier scoring chances.

What put an entirely different complexion on things was the happening in the first minute of the second half for before the Rovers really knew that the game was on again, the ball was in the back of their net.

Mitchell The Irrepressible

IT was the irrepressible Mitchell who did the trick when he raced through with a beautiful pass from Pye, held off a strong challenge by Makepeace and drove the ball hard, well wide of Hardwick.

Then it was that the Town's attack really clicked with the precision of a well-oiled machine, and there was untold trouble for the Rovers' defence.

With 64 minutes gone, the Town had a slice of luck when Cummins worked his way along the goal-line and crossed an awkward ball that Graham seemed to try to turn for a corner.

To his dismay, the ball struck the inside of a post and rebounded into his own net.

Third Goal Was Grand Effort

NOW was the time to really press the advantage home, and, with another minute gone, a near-silent crowd watched Pye score a grand third goal for the Town.

The movement started from Dunne, and the ball was worked upfield to Turner, who pulled it back to Pye.

He controlled it, took careful aim and left Hardwick hopelessly placed with a perfect low drive.

Had Doncaster folded up under those blows, there would have been some excuse for them, but they showed their mettle and the hallmark of a good side by fighting back in most commendable style.

Weathered The Storm After Rovers' Goal

TWO minutes later they wiped out one of their arrears when Lawlor somehow got his head to a shot from Tindill that was going wide, and for some minutes after that the Town defence had its hands full.

Once they weathered that particular storm, everything was all right again, the attack began to function in its former smooth style, and the Town looked every bit as likely to add to their lead as Doncaster promised to further reduce their arrears.

Once it seemed that Mitchell had done so, but Hardwick somehow got a hand to the ball as it was passing him.

Promotion Hopes Are Nurtured Now

AT the Town end there were several exciting tussles, but the defence was in command of the situation and, in the end, Doncaster were well beaten and were ready to acknowledge the fact.

This was a match worthy of such a vital occasion, with the Town playing so well against strong opposition that promotion hopes must now be nurtured at Kenilworth-road.

Pye's influence has already been discussed and all the forwards come in for unstinted praise. Davies gave another wholly effective display, showing speed and dash and always using the ball accurately.

Some of his passes down the wing for Turner or Pye to run on to were models of accuracy.

Davies's Success At Outside-Right

NOT for years has the outside-right position been filled so adequately as by Davies at the moment and he again had real support from his partner, Turner, who always looked the most likely of the Town forwards to score in the first half.

Just now, things are not quite running his way in the finishing line, but they will, for he is taking up good scoring positions. Cummins worked like a trojan

FOR THE RECORDS

DONCASTER RVRS. .. 1
Lawlor.

LUTON TOWN 3
Mitchell, Graham (o.g.), Pye.

DONCASTER ROVERS.—Hardwick; Makepeace, Graham; Brown, Paterson, Teasdale; Tindill, Lawlor, Harrison, McMorran, Walker.

LUTON TOWN.—Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen Watkins; Davies, Turner, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell.

Referee.—R. J. Leafe, Nottingham. Attendance.—18,273

throughout the match, one minute being up threatening the Rovers, and the next, back to help the defence when assistance was needed.

Owen Outstanding In Defence

INTO the new attacking formation, of which, obviously, we shall see more, Cummins fitted in splendidly, and he did not make the mistake of holding on to the ball too long.

A lively, well-balanced attack was completed by Mitchell, who shook off the close attentions of the strong Makepeace often enough to make himself a real menace to the home defence.

With Owen an outstanding figure, never sparing himself in the tackle and subduing Harrison to a marked degree, the defence as a whole presented a watertight look.

Wing Halves Took A Firm Grip

FLANKING him were two tireless, hard-working wing halves in Morton and Watkins who, at times, completely dominated the middle of the field.

Neither had an easy task in subduing the Rovers' inside forwards and the more difficult fell to Morton in keeping tabs on the burly McMorran, who was always ready to make an individual dash for goal.

That Morton came through so well in view of the doubt about his fitness that lasted right up to a short time before the kick-off, is most creditable.

This Team Can Really "Go Places"

FROM Dunne there was the polished, unhurried display we have come to expect, with the result that the comparatively inexperienced Walker was seldom in the limelight, and Aherne made an excellent job of holding the speedy Tindill, from whom the Town expected the most threat to come.

This was Aherne back to his solid best and his most successful performance for some little time. Behind them all was Streten, cat-like in his anticipation, and the Town owed a great debt to him in the first half for the fearless way in which he snatched up through passes.

Afterwards they could thank him again for at least three superlative saves.

And the reaction at the end was that, given average luck, here is a Town team that can really "go places."

Biggest Crowd Saw

Reserves Draw

ABOUT 5,000 spectators—the biggest Combination gate of the season—saw the Town Reserves draw with Chelsea Reserves at Kenilworth-road.

With any luck at all they would have recorded another victory for they were undoubtedly the better side, but the ball just would not run for them, says "Phoenix."

In the first half nothing went right. With the game only a few minutes old Kelly and McJarrow received cut heads and were taken off the field for repairs.

Reduced to nine men, Luton were at a distinct disadvantage but, even so, they launched several sharp raids which worried the experienced Chelsea defence.

Late Equaliser From Moore

CHELSEA took the lead during this period through a scrambled goal from Lee, but as soon as the Luton wing-halves returned, they joined in the attack and McJarrow missed a good chance when he failed to connect with a centre from Downie.

Downie put over another accurate cross a moment later, though, and this time Scott was on the spot to force the ball over the line.

It was all Luton at the start of the second half and they did everything but score.

Against the run of the play, Charlton restored Chelsea's lead and, with time running out it looked as if the visitors would take two lucky points.

But Luton kept on plugging away and two minutes from the end good work by Taylor and Cullen gave Moore a chance.

Shooting first time, Moore sent the ball into the back of the net like a rocket, giving Thomson, a useful goalkeeper, no chance.

Chelsea Lucky To Gain A Point

THUS Luton salvaged a point but there could have been no legitimate complaints from Chelsea had they been sent home pointless.

Their defence, despite the inclusion of Sillett and Tickridge, had some very shaky moments while their forwards did not move as swiftly or as confidently as Luton's.

Joe Scott was a lively Luton leader and received adequate support from Moore and Downie.

The Town "A" were held to a draw, too, yet Bob Readhead, the third team "manager" says that against West Ham "A" they gave their best performance of the season.

Bennett Injured A Leg

THE game was fought out at a terrific pace with both sides fighting hard. West Ham were on top in the early stages and Gunnings gave them the lead.

Soon after the interval a badly-judged back pass from Dallas beat Williams to put the home side two up. Then came a grand Luton rally. Adam reduced their arrears and Allen converted a penalty to put them on terms.

Keeping up the pressure Luton took the lead for the first time through Bennett. Unfortunately Bennett fell heavily, injuring his leg a few minutes later and could take no further part in the game. West Ham's equaliser came from Leach.

Chiltern's Forecasts

DIVISION I

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

DIVISION II

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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

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

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Accrington S. v York-G.
Barrow v Barnsley

Bradford C. v Darlington
Carlisle Utd. v Scunthorpe Utd.
Chesterfield v Hartlepool Utd.
Grimsby T. v Southport
Hullfax T. v Workington
Mansfield T. v Bradford
Rochdale v Crewe Alex.
Stockport Co. v Chester
Tranmere R. v Gateshead
Wrexham v Port Vale

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION "A"

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

DIVISION "B"

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

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME: Burnley, Manchester Utd., Preston, West Brom, Leeds, Nottm Forest, Bristol C., Norwich, Grimsby, Stockport.
FOUR AWAY: Blackpool, Brighton, Northampton, Bradford.

THREE DRAWS: Bolton v Huddersfield; Birmingham v Everton; Colchester v Leyton.



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