

CHANCES WERE MISSED

Cost The Town A Vital Point

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Loss of this valuable point in the hectic race for promotion could be laid fairly and squarely at the door of the town's inability to make the most of their scoring chances, which is now becoming a familiar story. Useful side though Rotherham were, and hard though their defence fought, the Town could have had this match won before half-time had they shown accuracy at close quarters.

Chief culprits early on were Moore and TURNER, but it was the latter who gave them a deserved lead after 16 minutes, and, for nearly half an hour the Town played some delightful, often brilliant, football in approach which should have enabled them to build up a substantial lead.

A rally near half-time by Rotherham of whose forwards not a great deal had been seen previously put them on level terms when Grainger squared the ball and BURKE, hurling himself at the ball, headed through after 39 minutes.

Long periods spent by the Town during the second half in hammering away at the visiting goal failed to enable them to regain their advantage, though they were unlucky when a shot by Cummins rebounded from the bar and another by Turner missed by inches.

They had everything except the ability to get the ball into the back of the net.

Despite the fact that Jones aggravated a knee injury just before half-time and was below his usual standard, the defence was strong and had a grip on a Rotherham attack that has a reputation for being free scoring.

With Owen coming out on top of his tussle with Burke and Morton and Watkins in dominating and forceful mood, Rotherham's raids were mostly limited to breakaway — dangerous enough when they were under way because the visiting forwards looked rather more eager to shoot than did those of the Town.

Much of the danger that was expected from Grainger did not accrue because of the close watch Aherne kept on him and Streten was again in peak form.

Best of the forwards was the eager, clever Cummins, who was unlucky not to be the match-winner and although Moore and Turner fitted in during the approach work, their finishing let them down and Noble had mastered the former long before the end.

Davies was the more successful winger, having a particularly good first half, but Mitchell is having an indifferent sort of patch just now.

LUTON TOWN. — Streten; Jones, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Davies, Turner, Moore, Cummins, Mitchell.

ROTHERHAM U.—Quairney; Selkirk, Johnson; Marshall, Noble, Williams (D.); Grainger, Henderson, Burke, Churms, Wilson.