

OFF TO A FINE START

LUTON TOWN 3
NOTTINGHAM FOREST ... 0

In clear-cut and convincing fashion the Town made a bright start to the season by disposing of the Forest in a lot easier fashion than most people expected.

On this showing, the Nottingham club have yet to find their best-balanced side, but the Town, showing changes in attack which, while not quite in the daring category, were mildly surprising, quickly shook down into a fast-moving, most promising formation.

Man behind the success of the attack was Pye, who was continually scheming and prompting, and the extent of the completeness of his come-back was shown in the salient fact that he had much to do with all three goals that the Town obtained.

Just how much his presence means to the rest of the line, and for that matter to the team as a whole, was clearly shown in this match, and it was a matter of keen regret that he was unable to appear in the match at Bury, for that meant an early upset of the pattern which had been devised.

With 13 minutes gone, PYE stuck out a foot to intercept a clearance kick by Gager, and the ball flew out of the reach of an unprepared Walker. A lucky goal, perhaps, but the movement that led up to it was worth a goal, and so were several others in the early stages.

SECOND GOAL NO SURPRISE

Gradually the Town became well on top, with the Forest rarely seen as a dangerous attacking formation, and it was not surprising when the lead was increased after 32 minutes by TURNER, who accepted a pass from Pye and, after first of all seeming to have lost his opportunity, pivoted and drove the ball home with his left foot.

Forest showed up to better advantage in the early stages after the interval, but they were rocked back on their heels again when, in the 59th minute, DAVIES put in a high cross that swung in to elude a desperate punch by Walker.

That was the limit of the scoring, but there could have been others and the majority of the crowd disagreed with a decision to disallow a well-taken goal by Groves, on the grounds of offside.

On the other hand, the Forest, making a late revival after some switching of their attack, might well have opened their account but for some brilliant saves by Streten, notably from Burkitt, Blackman and McLaren.

From the Town's young left-wing pair of Groves and Adam, there was real promise, for both showed ability in working the ball, and there was a sound partnership on the other side between Davies and Turner.

Judging by this display, there will be little complaint this season about the defence, which was as sound as ever.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner (G.), Pye, Groves, Adam.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Walker; Thomas, Hutchinson; Orr, Gager, Burkitt; Moore, Turner (K.), Blackman, Martin, McLaren.

Referee: A. W. Luty, Leeds.
Attendance: 19,832.