

SNAPPIER METHODS BROUGHT EASY WIN

Plucky Opponents Always Tried To Play Football

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LUTON TOWN 5, WORKINGTON 0

Just as easy as was expected was the Town's passage into the fourth round of the F.A. Cup, but Workington made a fight of it, especially in the first half an hour, and had they had the fortune to score an early goal, there would have been a much more severe test for the Town.

However, good football though Workington produced, they had not the finishing power to break down the Town defence, which was competent and confident and, probably, Workington made the mistake of trying to play too much football.

Much of their short, ground passing was good to see and was accurate, too but generally, they were inclined to carry it too far and lacked the finishing power that the Town showed in attack.

The game, as it was played, suited the Town whose football was always that bit snappier and they were never in trouble after they had scored twice between the 31st and 35th minutes.

Marksman in each case was CULLEN who first of all turned in a centre by Morton, and then bundled Newlands and ball over the line after the goalkeeper had grasped a corner kick by Davies.

That was the beginning of the end for Workington and, if they had any dreams about making a second-half comeback, they were well and truly dispersed when CUMMINS rounded off a passing movement by Turner and Morton with a shot that Newlands could not stop.

It was Workington's misfortune that the first goal against them came when Dailey was off the field for attention to a head injury, but they were back to full strength before the second reverse arrived.

DENIED A "HAT TRICK"

To Baynham, the Town owed a great deal that Workington did not get back into the game between the second and third goals, especially for one fine full length save from Dailey, but the visitors also seemed lucky that Cullen did not complete a first-half "hat trick" against them.

Certainly there seemed to be a large measure of doubt about the correctness of an offside decision that deprived him of this distinction.

What impressed spectators most of all was the way in which Workington persevered and continued their footballing tactics even when they were three goals down and a fourth goal by TURNER after an hour did not deter them either.

The inside-right closed in on a pass from Cummins from his favourite angle to leave Newlands helpless and he added a second eight minutes from the end after a fine individual run.

In this case he obtained the

ball from a quick throw-in by Davies, beat Aitken and drove the ball low into the far corner of the net from quite an acute angle.

Many would have liked to see Workington gain the consolation of a goal, but their finishing was never quite strong enough for this to happen and most of their efforts were from too long range to be really troublesome.

During the last half an hour one had the impression that the Town had much in reserve which they could call upon if it became necessary and they got the goals because they had more punch and because their forward work was more progressive and took a shorter time in which to develop.

Both inside men, in their varying ways, worried the Workington defence a great deal. Cummins was the schemer, always quick to snap up the loose ball and use it to the best advantage, and many Town raids began from him. It was good, too, to see him in the list of scorers for the second consecutive week.

TURNER THE SPEARHEAD TYPE

On the other hand, Turner was more of the spearhead inside-forward, ready to strike at the slightest opportunity, and again he showed what a good understanding he has reached with Morton.

Yet Morton did not show the form of which he is capable, having difficulty in passing Aitken, and his control of the ball was not all it might have been. He is, however, taking a great deal of the weight in the middle, which makes things easier for his colleagues.

Best spell for Cullen came in the first half when his wandering propensities must have caused the visiting defence to wonder where he would pop up next, but he rather fell away afterwards.

Conversely, Davies reached something like his best form after the interval after a somewhat undistinguished first half.

For all the constructive skill of the visiting forwards, the Town defence was seldom in serious trouble, due to their good covering and hard tackling.

Owen maintained a grip on Dailey, who could have been a danger had he been given the slightest glimmering of a chance and Pemberton, always on the lookout for an opportunity to start an attack, and the relentless Shanks, completed a fine middle line.

So with Dunne and Aherne at their best and Baynham giving his most impressive home display since his recall to the team, Workington's chances of scoring were strictly limited.

Baynham made several good saves but what was most noticeable was the confident, safe way in which he caught high crosses and corner kicks and there was never any fear of him being bundled into the net.

LUTON TOWN.—Baynham; Dunne Aherne; Pemberton, Owen Shanks; Davies, Turner, Morton Cummins, Cullen.

WORKINGTON.—Newlands; Fleming, Vitty; Stokoe, Aitken, Dunlop; Jones, Bertolini Dailey, Whittle, Cameron.

Referee.—L. N. Peake, Rotherham. Attendance.—18,833