

TOWN ARE MUCH AT HOME AWAY

THIRD CONSECUTIVE WIN BY A FOUR-GOALS MARGIN

Brilliant Forwards Had Rotherham Bewildered

By Chiltern

To describe the Town's recent feats away from home as "astonishing" is probably an under-statement, for they have won each of their last three games on opponents' grounds by a margin of four goals, and in each they have played some devastating football. On the last 25 minutes of the first half at Rotherham on Saturday, Sid Owen, the Town captain, said afterwards: "I have never seen better football than we played during the period," and so smoothly did the whole team work that quite literally they could have beaten any side in the country during that period of rich sparkle.

It was when this Cup-tie was won and lost, with the Rotherham defence completely bewildered by the crisp, deadly accurate passing of the Town, whose streamlined work was as good as any Continental team could have produced.

So thoroughly were Rotherham outplayed before the interval that their arrears might conceivably have been heavier, for their defence had several slices of luck both before the Town scored and afterwards.

Before the match planning was on the basis of finding a weakness in the home defence by the down-the-middle route, and it was here that Rotherham proved most vulnerable for, hard as they tried they could not close up all the gaps that appeared.

Goal A Product Of Cool Thinking

EACH of the Town's three first-half goals was a brilliant work of cultured football that ended with firm shots that left Quairney completely helpless.

It all began in the 26th minute, when Morton swept the ball out to Cullen, who was left with the duty of a first-time shot or of passing Selkirk before making his own shot.

Showing cool thinking, he chose the more difficult course, but one which left him with a greater margin of accuracy, and, after a few moments, he drove the ball with meticulous care low into the corner of the net for a goal as he has scored in

Two Specialists In Cup-Tie Goals

CUMMINS is becoming something of a specialist in scoring vital goals, and Cummins, more as a provider of goals rather than a marksman, has a reputation in this direction.

He obtained both the goals by the Town against Rotherham last season, and was the first of scorers against Rotherham in this direction.

He came along with another goal minutes after Cullen had broken the gate to victory. He caught the home defence with a through pass, half-half, and Cummins, up at speed, cracked the ball over the roof of the net at a pace.

Most Toyed With The Opposition

ROTHERHAM were beginning to look stunned and no longer for there was no let-up in Town pressure, with pass after pass reaching its target and two or three forwards in

ROTHAM UNITED 1
Guest
LUTON TOWN 5
Cullen, Cummins, Turner (3)
ROTHAM UNITED.
—Quairney; Selkirk, Johnson; Marshall, Noble, Williams; Grainger, Henderson, Burke, Guest, Reeson.
LUTON TOWN. — Baynam; Dunne, Aherne; Pemberton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Cullen.
Referee: E. T. Jennings. Stourbridge. Attendance: 21,231.

because of the soundness of the Town defence and, gradually, the forwards began to regain their first-half form.

An opportunistic effort by Turner after 74 minutes just about ruined what slight hope Rotherham held, and with two minutes left he completed a "hat-trick" on this ground, 14 miles from his birth-place, after Quairney had saved a fine drive by Morton.

Football Ability Won The Day

THERE could be plenty of admiration for the fight Rotherham put up in the second half when they were facing a near-hopeless situation, and if enthusiasm could have saved the day, then they would have done so.

However, they had not the forward skill of the Town, nor the defensive soundness, and the margin in the end did not flatter the winners, even allowing for the amount of play Rotherham had in the second half.

As had been planned, football ability and a policy of all-out attack won the day for the Town, though no-one expected such a

trick of the season—goals which make him the leading scorer in the country.

Not only was he prominent for his marksmanship, but he did some great work in midfield, and a much-improved Davies completed a fast-moving line that struck terror into the hearts of the home defence when they were in full cry, which was good and often.

Fine Support Came From Wing-Halves

WITHOUT adequate support, no forward line could function in this manner, so full marks to both Pemberton and Shanks for the way in which they backed up the attack and supplied them with material.

Neither spared himself in the tackle and there were a remarkable number of occasions when Pemberton was able to make an interception, a sign of a good positional player.

Neither of the home inside forwards had much scope as a result of the grip the wing-halves held for a long period, and the way down the middle was firmly blocked by Owen, who gave Burke an unhappy time.

Not more than a couple of half-chances came the way of this leader, who once played for the Town as an amateur.

Everybody Sought To Use The Ball

NOT only was Owen rugged in defence, but he found time to use the ball, too, and so did Dunne and Aherne.

In fact many movements, and at least two that brought goals, began right back from Baynam and were carried on by a full-back.

Apart from a short, streaky period at the start of the second half, Dunne came through most successfully and he used the ball much in the half-back manner and, with every player eager to be constructive, the Town's football had a most solid foundation.

CUMMINS IS OFF THE LIST

George Cummins, the Town's inside-left, who went on to the transfer list at his own request earlier this season, has now asked to be taken off it.

This happened on the journey back from Rotherham on Saturday night, when Cummins had a short interview with the Chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, and told him that he is now perfectly happy with the club and does not want to move.

Naturally enough, the Town are very happy about the decision, because Cummins is playing brilliantly and is an integral part of their attack.

on during the second half, but his fearless play and his brilliantly safe handling of the ball was a major factor for the Town during this period.

Goalkeeper's Injury Was No Alibi

AN injury to Finlayson, the Millwall goalkeeper, who was accidentally kicked in the face while saving from Pearce upset the London side when they met Luton Reserves at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

Although he was off the field for 25 minutes, during which time Luton scored twice, Finlayson's injury could not be offered as an alibi by Millwall, for Luton deserved their 5-0 victory. Peter MacEwan and Arthur Taylor shared the goals and MacEwan scored three for the second consecutive week.

It was he who opened the scoring a minute after Finlayson had been carried off the field and his place taken by Shepherd, the visitors' inside-right.

He was left with an easy chance after Pearce pulled the ball back

Telegraph Noon

TOWN TEAM SUPREMELY CONFIDENT

Manager Says "We Should Expect"

These were the headlines in the "Saturday Telegraph" Noon Edition of "Chiltern's" before-the-match summing up based on the feelings of the Town players about their task—fully justified by the result they achieved.

to gain a flying start to the second half which would have given them some hope of saving the match.

Although they resumed without Burke, who was having a stitch inserted in a gash above an eye, they threw everything in from the start.

Grainger, at centre-forward, was a considerable handout, and it was somewhat surprising when Burke came on after four minutes, that he shortly resumed the centre-forward position, with Grainger back on the wing.

Guest Raised Hopes, But Not For Long

BY sheer dash and enthusiasm, backed up by some strong play by Marshall and Williams, Rotherham kept the Town defending for a spell, yet they did not really look dangerous, and when ever the Town forwards were in possession they seemed far more likely to score.

When, with 27 minutes left, Guest reduced Rotherham's arrears, the situation was opened up considerably and could they have scored again there might have been an anxious period for the Town.

However, that did not happen

runaway win, least of all Rotherham, who are certainly not in the "mug" class, especially on their own sloping pitch.

A High Degree Of Team Spirit

AGAIN it was shown that team spirit has been developed to a very high degree, and in this respect a special word for Morton for the unselfish part he is playing at centre-forward.

He is not among the goals himself, but is content to help lay them on for others, and he had a hand in three of them in this match.

To a nicety, he is playing the role allotted to him, and he went through the greater part of the game under the handicap of the effects of a hard kick just above the hip-bone.

Over the week-end he has been having treatment for severe bruising, but this is not expected to keep him out against Stoke.

Town Have Injury And Illness Troubles

THIS success was not gained without cost, for apart from Morton, Baynam bruised his back in falling against a goalpost in the closing minutes, and has also been having treatment.

He will be fit by the week-end, and so will Cummins, who received a knock on the shin-bone.

That is not the end of the story, though, for Owen has felt signs of recurrence of the lumbago which laid him aside recently, and to cap it all, trainer Harry Wright was sent home to bed with an attack of flu yesterday. However, yesterday, Manager Daily Duncan was most hopeful that everything will turn out well by the week-end.

Big Success Of The Left Wing Pair

EVERY player did a full share towards this resounding success and a deal of the damage was caused by the left-wing pair, for Cullen had his most successful game since he was converted into an outside-left and Cummins schemed skilfully and worked tremendously hard all through the piece.

Each of the forwards was immaculate in his use of the ball, and Turner achieved a personal triumph with his second "hat

A lot of threat was expected from Grainger, but this was cut down a lot because the Town managed to keep the ball away from him for long periods by the grip they gained on the middle of the field.

Aherne's Close Watch On Grainger

WHEN it did come his way, he was met with a determined Aherne, who marked him closely and successfully, with the result that the Town had much less trouble from this source than had been thought likely.

Once again Baynam showed what a first-class goalkeeper he is, and everything he did was stamped with supreme confidence.

Quite a lot of work came his way when the Rotherham heat was

for him and 15 minutes later he scored again with a fine, curling shot which left Shepherd helpless.

Two In A Minute From Taylor

FINLAYSON returned soon after Luton's second goal and Millwall improved but after the interval Luton gradually got right on top and MacEwan completed his hat-trick in the 50th minute with a shot that was helped into the net by Bowler, the Millwall centre-half. Then, to add to Millwall's discomfort Taylor scored twice in a minute.

His first goal was the result of a hard drive when he met a centre from the right and his second was with a rising shot that hit the cross-bar before bouncing down over the line.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

DIVISION I

Arsenal v Preston North End
 Blackpool v **Sunderland**
 Bolton Wanderers v Wolves
 Charlton Ath v Aston Villa
 Everton v Chelsea
 Huddersfield T v Manchester U
 Manchester City v Cardiff City
 Newcastle U v Leicester City
 Portsmouth v Tottenham Hotspur
 Sheffield Wednesday v **Sheffield U**
 West Bromwich v Burnley

DIVISION II

Birmingham City v Lincoln City
 Blackburn Roy v Bristol Roy
 Derby County v Port Vale
 Doncaster Roy v **Rotherham U**
 Fulham v Liverpool
 Ipswich T v Bury
 Middlesbrough v Hull City
 Nottingham Forest v Leeds U
 Stoke City v **Luton T**
 Swansea T v Notts County
 West Ham v Plymouth Argyle

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Bournemouth v Colchester U
 Bristol City v Coventry City
 Crystal Palace v Aldershot
 Newport County v Brighton
 Northampton T v Southend U
 Q.P.R. v Exeter City
 Reading v **Leyton Orient**
 Shrewsbury T v **Millwall**
 Swindon T v Gillingham
 Torquay U v Brentford
 Walsall v Southampton
 Watford v Norwich City

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Barrow v **Barnsley**
 Bradford v Hartlepool U
 Carlisle U v Chesterfield
 Chester v Darlington

Crewre Alexandra v **Accrington**
 Grimsby T v Gateshead
 Mansfield T v Wrexham
 Rochdale v Stockport County
 Southport v Bradford City
Tranmere Roy v Halifax T
 Workington v Scunthorpe U
 York City v Oldham Ath

**SCOTTISH CUP
FIFTH ROUND**

Airdrieonians v Forfar A H
 Alloa v Celtic
 Arbroath v St Johnstone
 Buckie T v **Inverness T**
 Clyde v Albion Roy
 Dunfermline v Partick Thistle
 East Fife v Kilmarnock
 Falkirk v Stenhousemuir
 Forres M v **Motherwell**
 Hamilton v **St Mirren**
 Hearts v Hibernian
 Inverness Cals v Ayr U
 Morton v Raith Roy
 Rangers v Dundee
 Stirling Albion v **Aberdeen**
 Third Lanark v Queen of South

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE
DIVISION "B"**

Brechin City v Dundee U

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME.—Charlton, Manchester City, Portsmouth, Birmingham, Fulham, West Ham, Bournemouth, Q.P.R., Mansfield, York.

FOUR AWAY.—Sunderland, Sheffield U, Leyton Orient, Barnsley.

THREE DRAWS.—Bolton v Wolves; Ipswich v Bury; Workington v Scunthorpe.

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