

BRILLIANT VICTORY OVER ROTHERHAM

Triumph For Intelligent Football And Teamwork

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[By Chiltern]

In his talk before the Cup-tie at Rotherham this afternoon, the Town manager, Dally Duncan, emphasised to his players that what he wanted was victory at the first attempt.

"We must attack from the start and go all out to make certain early on," he said.

Just how well the Town carried out his instructions is contained in the bare score, which adequately describes just what a brilliant victory the Town gained.

The Rotherham hopes were just about blasted by a sensational spell of seven minutes in the first half, during which the Town scored three times—all brilliantly worked efforts.

Of all the great displays the Town forwards have given this season, I doubt whether we have seen anything, with the possible exception of the home game with Blackburn, to equal the football they played in the first half.

They made the Rotherham defence look like learners at times, and it was all achieved by making the ball do the work and intelligent taking up of the open spaces.

Once they gained the mid-field grip Rotherham never saw the way they went before the interval, and they were fortunate to be no more than three down at that stage.

The second half brought a rather different story, with Rotherham, perhaps, benefiting from an interval pep-talk, really rolling up their sleeves and showing all the dash in the world and throwing the Town back on to the defensive.

With the defence more occupied than it had been previously, the forwards saw less of the ball, but Rotherham had not the skill to break down their rugged defence.

True, they gained a goal that encouraged them to hope for better things, but for all their dash and determination they never reached a position from which they could threaten the Town's lead.

Whenever the Town forwards did get away they displayed the same immaculate football as they had shown earlier, and Gordon Turner made this game a personal triumph by completing a hat-trick with two more goals in the last quarter of an hour.

So, the Town are in the last 16, and it will take a very good team to oust them on this form. Everyone played his part in what was a triumph for teamwork and intelligent football.

Cullen had his best game since he came into the side and formed a great wing with Cummins. But the rest of the line was equally capable, with Morton taking the weight, Turner the spearhead, and Davies also doing well.

Estimated attendance: 22,000.