

MORTON PROVED AN ADMIRABLE PIVOT

Turner Breaks A Club Goal-Scoring Record

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[By Chiltern]

NECESSITY, they say, is the mother of invention; and, forced to experiment at centre-forward this afternoon, the Town hit the bull's-eye with John Groves.

This was a move that certainly did not meet with universal approval beforehand, but Groves came into this game for the first time ever in the middle against a most experienced centre-half in Ron Greenwood, and left the field with cheers ringing in his ears and a congratulatory pat from Harry Wright.

Not only did he hold the line together and distribute the ball most accurately, but he refused to allow himself to become in the least ruffled, and he scored one of the best goals we have seen on the ground this season.

In addition, he had another disallowed in circumstances which few could really understand.

At the same time as the worry about the centre-forward position was removed, Bob Morton, stepping in at centre-half after a long absence from the position, demonstrated once more quite clearly that he is the best deputy for Owen that the Town have.

His display, in which he firmly held Bedford Jezzard, that free-scoring centre-forward, and put him out of the game, was so effective that Jezzard rarely had a shot at goal.

This was not only a valuable victory, but a well deserved one against a Fulham team that were never really in the game with a winning chance.

Their attack was completely blotted out by the Town's sound defence, in which two hard-working wing halves in Pemberton and Shanks completed an impressive middle line; nor was there a consistent danger from the wingers.

Aherne had a complete grip on Barton, and Dunne came out well on top of his tussle with Mitten.

This was not a severe test for Baynham, because Fulham's shots were so few and far between, but in what he had to do he showed that last Saturday's happenings had not affected his confidence.

Two more goals by Turner bring his total for the season to 30, and so he breaks the Club record since they became Second Division members, which was jointly held by Billington and Jesse Pye.

There was a hard-working and fighting show from Cummins, and the forward-line as a whole showed a return to directness, though there could have been stronger finishing from the wingers, and Cullen tended to hold things up.

These two points make the Town's bid for promotion even stronger, and removed any doubt there might have been that they had suffered reaction following the Cup-tie defeat.

Attendance: 17,966.