

CHARLTON RESULT IS ENCOURAGING

Fine Team Spirit Again Well In Evidence

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TO-NIGHT we have every reason to be satisfied with the Town's debut in the First Division.

They return with their first point in the top sphere, gained and earned after a closely fought struggle in most trying conditions at the Valley this afternoon.

To hold this experienced London side is a happy augury for the future, and the Town did enough to show this afternoon that they will not be out of place in the top company.

Chiefly, the comments being passed about them was that they always tried to play constructive football, and that their ideas were rather more varied than those of Charlton, who adhered rather slavishly to their attempt to find a way down the middle.

The fact that Leary hung back and that the inside forwards were used as the spearhead was dealt with ably by the Town, whose defence was strong and covered extremely well.

For two-thirds of the game they were under something of a handicap, because Ron Baynham received a head injury in saving an otherwise certain goal by Leary.

From then on it was obvious that his colleagues were worried about him, for it looked as if he had some concussion.

The result was that the ball was pushed back to him by his own defenders far less frequently than is the case usually, and they could not use this simple means of getting out of trouble when under pressure.

Baynham was a hero to continue at all, and the crowd showed their appreciation.

The Town's goals from Turner and MacEwan were both well-taken affairs, and they were the forwards who did most of the shooting.

However, the craftsman in the line was Cummins, who showed brilliant footwork and made many well-conceived moves.

It is difficult on one performance to assess the future of the Town in the First Division, and the forward line may settle down into a smooth blend.

This was not always the case this afternoon, and there must be more striking power on the extreme wings.

Taylor tried hard, but did not get a deal of change out of Campbell.

Aherne cut down the effectiveness of Hurst, but Dunne was a bit worried by Kiernan, and his kicking was rather below par at times.

All in all, this result will be a matter of real encouragement, and once again the team spirit that stood the Town in such good stead last season was well in evidence.

Official attendance : 28,800.