

EARLY TARGET PASSED BY TOWN

REGARD EVERTON AS A HAPPY HUNTING GROUND

MacEwan's Goal Brought Them First Away Win

By Chiltern

WHEN they first saw the fixtures for the season there was a general feeling that six points from the first six matches—four of which were away—would be a notable performance by the Town, and one that would assure them of a measure of safety. That target they passed at Goodison Park on Saturday by registering their third consecutive victory which counted as their first away win in Division I, and it was the third time out of four that they have avoided defeat on this magnificent ground that must now go down among those regarded as happy hunting places for the Town.

AS a fair sample of First Division football, the match was not representative, but it did not deserve the knocks it received in some quarters, especially over the radio.

Certainly there was something missing, but equally certainly the Town were always seeking to be constructive and to play the type of football that looks attractive to the spectators. They tried to keep the ball on the ground, which is the first necessity of ordered football, and achieved far more success in doing so than Everton, whose style became more and more hazy as the game wore on.

Ballooning of the ball into the penalty area, where it was dealt with with unmistakable certainty, usually by either Baynham or Owen, was no sort of way to break down a defence that is earning the reputation of being as sound as any in the game.

Never Looked Like Losing

ONLY in the early stages did they look at all worried, and then it was mainly through the evasions and enthusiasm of the newest-comers to the Everton team—the Harrises.

Speed and dash was not allied to made-forward craft except in snatches, and, having driven off the early pressure, the Town never really looked like finishing on the losing end.

In direct contrast to Everton, the Town held the ball until they could see a way of using it with some degree of accuracy and to make progress with an ordered plan.

For though they did not click into smoothness in the first half, they were always thought behind it all and although Everton had a slight territorial advantage before the interval, Luton had been the team more eager to have a crack at goal.

Luton Went In To Meet The Ball

MUCH more troubled by direct shots than Baynham was O'Neill, who had several difficult tasks, especially from Cullen and Cummins.

Yet during this period the Town could not dominate the game in midfield as they have in some recent, but they started the second-half determined to find the cohesion and rhythm that had appeared only fitfully previously.

Going in to meet the ball, they often caught the Everton defenders flat-footed with Cummins finding a little more elbow-room than he had had previously, because of the close attentions of fellow countryman Farrell. It was most noticeable that Farrell followed Cummins about as if he were a long-lost brother.

George Cummins In Top Form

IF Cummins switched over to the right Farrell followed him, and as Everton did not always cover the gap left, this was one thing that the Town might have exploited more.

Despite the attention he received, Cummins still contrived to show the Everton officials that they made a mistake in allowing him to leave. He simply worked himself into the ground in an attempt to help beat his former colleagues and to celebrate the occasion of being captain for the day.

If he had crowned it with a goal even the disappointed and disgruntled Everton fans would have been pleased, and what a spectacular effort it would have been had his shot at the end of a brilliant run, in which he beat three opponents, been inches lower.

Another Goal By MacEwan

AS it was MacEwan was the scorer of the vital goal, thus getting his name into the list of scorers for the fourth time out of five.

It has been a fine start for the South African, who has carried on where he left off last season and has developed in the process. He found the dependable Jones a difficult opponent and did not receive many chances, but he was always probing away and made some neat passes.

The goal in the 63rd minute was made possible by the brilliance of Cullen, who lured Tansey into making a tackle, beat him completely, and then pulled the ball back low from near the deadline for MacEwan to apply the finishing touch.

Baynham Cut Out High Centres

USE of the low cross was always a danger to Everton, and it was a wonder that they did not take a leaf out of the Luton book and follow suit instead of continually making high centres that were meat and drink to Baynham, who has no peer in the country in dealing with this type of ball.

Football is a game of ups and downs, and Cullen has caused to know, and his prospects could scarcely have changed more radically in the last fortnight. Just before the season began he wanted to leave the club because his first-team claims had not been recognised. Now he has secured a place and made certain of keeping it by the form he showed in this game.

Three Star Display From Cullen

THIS was quite the best display he has given for the Town, and he combined clever footwork with zest and determination.

Always he was looking for the ball, even to the extent of going over to the left and seeking it. Often in the first half the outside-right position was vacant, but that was justified by the way in which Cullen made his presence felt in other places, and in any case the ball was much on the left wing.

With better service afterwards he was more orthodox, and he led Tansey a merry dance, for the left-back never knew exactly which way Cullen would go. Also he always tried to use the ball with the maximum of accuracy, and it was good to see a Luton winger in such form.

Deserved A 3-0 Winning Margin

TURNER seems to be in an uneasy, rather unhappy patch in which not a lot is going right for him. Only spasmodically did he come into the game, and he was off the mark with his shooting. Otherwise he would have had a couple of goals, and a 3-0 margin would not have over-rated the Town's superiority as they built it up in the second half.

One problem that does remain, though I understand that the showing of Adam in the Reserves has eased the situation, is that of outside-left. From the way in which he is playing at the moment the introduction of Groves there can only be a short-term policy, for he scarcely looks likely to fill the bill, and it is a pity that such a talented and promising inside-forward should have to be used out of position.

Groves Was Not Completely Happy

GROVES is a trier and is doing his best, but he scarcely has the equipment for the extreme wing, and is not getting off the mark quickly enough. He was most dangerous when his footwork took him past Moore and he came along the dead-line with the ball.

While the line as a whole did not achieve complete cohesion on this occasion, the football was there, and the only real cloud on the horizon is that goals are not coming as freely as they might.

Advance opinion that the defence would prove itself completely adequate to the demands of the First Division has been justified, and again their covering was first-class.

Owen provided a solid foundation, linking up the remainder of the defence and always being on hand when danger cropped up in the penalty area.

Star Winger Was Shut Out Of Game

THE highly-promising - centre-forward, Harris, was something of a handful but the

FOR THE RECORDS
EVERTON
LUTON TOWN 1
(MacEwan)
EVERTON: O'Neill; Moore, Tansey; Farrell, Jones, Lello; Harris (B), Potts, Harris (J), Fielding, Eglington.
LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Cullen, Turner, MacEwan, Cummins, Groves.
Referee: F. L. Overton, Derby.
Attendance: 44,337.

experience of Owen was too much for him.

Much of the reason for Everton's somewhat aimless brand of football which induced the slow handclap—a practice that seems to be growing in popularity and is not a welcome sign—could be traced to Morton and Shanks. Their strong, forthright play and tenacious tackling meant that neither Potts nor Fielding could fulfil the roles for which they were cast. Attack after attack was broken up before they could develop into anything and the wing-halves had a firm grip in mid-field.

In the past, the tricky, speedy Eglington has been something of a trial to Dunne, but the right-back had obviously studied the problem beforehand and adapted his tactics accordingly. Result was that he had his best-ever game against his fellow international and to all intents and purposes shut him out of the game.

Win Was A Team Triumph

SO, what the Town feared most beforehand did not develop thanks to Dunne's soundness. From Brian Harris there was some early sparkle but gradually Aherne put the shackles on him and so closely was he covered that he created almost no danger in the second half.

Much applause came the way of Baynham for the completely confident way he dealt with high crosses and wherever he plays he is earning golden opinions which may soon gain him a measure of recognition in representative football.

But this triumph was not one of individuals but of balanced team work by a side that is showing tremendous spirit and is completely tenacious and single minded in its determination not to be beaten.

They Were Training Hard On Sunday

SOMETHING of that spirit was apparent during the weekend at Blackpool. Despite the hard game they had at Everton all the players were out training at the hotel grounds the following morning and they even had a short six-a-side match in preparation for last night's test at Burnley.

Fortunately, no injuries other than minor knocks were collected at Everton and manager Daily Duncan was not forced to send for reinforcements to his party of 12 players and the Town were unchanged last night. Blackpool offered to the Town the use of their ground for training but it was found that there were sufficient facilities at the hotel for their needs for so short a time.

Adam Shone For Reserves

THE Town Reserves hit winning form at last when they beat Ipswich Reserves at Kenilworth-road on Saturday. Easily the most satisfactory feature of their play was the form shown by Jimmy Adam, at outside-left. He played with all his old confidence and will soon be back in the first team if he maintains this form.

He was too fast and clever for the Ipswich defence, which he beat at will, and it was good to see the way in which he sent over a stream of accurate centres.

To crown a very good display it was he who scored Luton's first goal in the 14th minute.

Promise Of Tony Gregory

THIS put Luton on level terms again, for a few minutes earlier Ipswich outside right Macrow had scored a simple goal to give the visitors the lead. Luton improved in the second half and it was only a matter of time before they scored the winner.

As things turned out, the winning goal came late—only two minutes from the end when Tony Gregory, young centre-forward who was making his first home appearance with the Reserves, coolly rammed the ball past Mac-Millan.

While he was not outstanding, Gregory did enough to show that he is a footballer of infinite promise and, after Adam, he was the best forward. Streten was in

good form in goal and was Luton's brightest defender.

Glyn Owen's Happy Day

WHEN Luton Town C.C. played Oxford City on Saturday, Oxford batted first, found conditions very much to their liking, and made 214 for 5 before declaring. Their first wicket fell at 38, but then they followed a stand which added 79. Randall and Matthews each took two wickets, and Davison claimed one more victim. Luton made a better start than Oxford, and Winstanley and Kilby put on 40 before the former was bowled.

Kilby went on to make 48, and Colling hit 55 not out, but they were the only Luton batsmen to show true form, and the Town had lost seven wickets for 143 when the end came.

Vauxhall Motors had an easy win over Henlow. Batting first, the Motors made 181 for eight and then dismissed Henlow for 111. Glyn Owen had another fine day. He scored 40 of the Vauxhall runs, and then dismissed six Henlow batsmen for 45 runs.

Town Beat Motors On Sunday

ON Sunday there was another "derby" match between the Town Sunday XI and Vauxhall Motors Sunday XI—and the Town came out on top. Young Peter Kippax again opened the Luton innings with Frank Winstanley, and this pair put on 53. Brazier, Oliver and Payne all hit the ball hard, and Luton were able to declare at 178 for six.

If Luton made a good start, Vauxhall's beginning was disastrous. Their first three wickets fell without a run on the board, and they never recovered from this crippling blow. Their tenth wicket fell at 105—73 runs behind Luton's total.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

DIVISION I
Aston Villa v Blackpool
Burnley v Birmingham City
Charlton Ath. v Everton
Luton T. v Newcastle Utd.
Manchester C. v Cardiff C.
Preston N.E. v Bolton W.
Preston N.E. v West Brom A.
Sheffield U. v Manchester U.
Sunderland v Chelsea
Tottenham H. v Arsenal
Wolves v Huddersfield

DIVISION II
Bristol R. v Nottm Forest
Bury v Middlesbrough
Doncaster v Sheffield Wed.
Fulham v Bristol City
Leeds U. v West Ham
Leicester C. v Barnsley
Liverpool v Lincoln C.
Notts C. v Port Vale
Plymouth A. v Blackburn R.
Stoke C. v Hull C.
Swansea T. v Rotherham

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
Aldershot v Southampton
Bournemouth v Reading
Colchester Utd. v Brentford
Crystal Palace v Brighton
Exeter C. v Southend Utd.
Gillingham v Millwall
Leyton Orient v Coventry C.
Newport C. v Torquay Utd.
Northampton T. v Shrewsbury
Norwich C. v Watford
Q.P.R. v Ipswich T.
Swindon T. v Walsall

DIVISION III (NORTH)
Accrington S. v Barrow
Bradford C. v Derby C.
Chesterfield v Rochdale
Darlington v Chester
Gateshead v Carlisle Utd.
Halifax T. v Crewe Alex.
Mansfield T. v Stockport C.
Oldham Ath. v Workington
Scunthorpe Utd. v York C.
Southport v Grimsby T.
Tranmere R. v Bradford
Wrexham v Hartlepool Utd.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "A"
Aberdeen v Hibernian

CRICKET IN BRIEF

OXFORD CITY 214 for 5 dec (J. Carter 60, I. McDonald not out 46; D. Randall 2 for 26, T. Matthews 2 for 63). LUTON TOWN 143 for 7 (C. V. A. Colling not out 55, M. L. Kilby 48; B. Winstanley 3 for 30).

LUTON TOWN SUNDAY XI 178 for 6 dec. (J. A. R. Oliver not out 56; R. Lloyd 3 for 42) VAUXHALL SUNDAY XI 105 (W. Weston 28; I. Davison 5 for 15).

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C. TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY)

Football Combination
LUTON RESERVES
versus
CARDIFF RESERVES

Kick-off 6 p.m.

Admission: Centre Stand 2/-; Enclosure and Wing Stand 1/-; Boys 1/-; Bobbly Stand 1/3; Boys 10d.; Terraces 1/-, Boys 9d.

Greyhound Racing

FAVOURITES WON SIX OF THE EIGHT RACES

Favourites won six of the eight races at Luton Stadium on Saturday. Punters who "follow hunches" and back outsiders were right out of luck for the two exceptions to the "outsiders' rule." Twilight and Crimson, won at 5-2 and 9-4 respectively.

I. (410 yds).—1. TWILIGHT (4); 2. Good Health (5); 3. Senator (2); 4. Rumous (1); 5. Dark Jane (3); 6. Stardust. 8. 2. 8. 3. 1. 24.62. Non-runner Lynne (4). Off 6.43.

Betting: 5-4 Senator, 5-2 TWILIGHT; 4-1 Stardust; 9-2 Rumous; 8-1 Good Health, Dark Jane.

Forecast £5 10s. 3d.

II. (470 yds).—1. MITZI (4); 2. Sooty (3); 3. Mary Ann (6); 4. Absolute (1); 5. River Bank (2); 6. Sunny Sue (5). 1. neck, head, 2. 8. 28.08. Off 7.03

Betting: 5-4 MITZI; 5-2 Mary Ann; 7-2 River Bank; 8-1 Sooty. Absolute; 10-1 Sunny Sue. Forecast £2 1s. 6d.

III. (410 yds).—1. MIDGET (1); 2. Bantam (3); 3. Churchill (6); 4. Blue Boy (5); 5. Swan Song (4); 6. Kerry Dancer (2). 1. 1. head, head, 2. 1. 24.76. Off 7.23.

Betting: 5-2 MIDGET; 3-1 Blue Boy; 7-2 Churchill; 5-1 Bantam, Swan Song; 8-1 Kerry Dancer. Forecast £3 6s.

IV. (410 yds).—1. PEARL DIVER (1); 2. Rodney (3); 3. Spot Cash (2); 4. Brian's Pal (5); 5. Little Robin (4); 6. Monitor (6). 8. 2. 1. 3. 1. 24.03. Off 7.44.

Betting: 2-1 PEARL DIVER, Rodney; 5-1 Spot Cash, Brian's Pal; 8-1 Little Robin, Monitor. Forecast 18s.

V. (470 yds).—1. THUNDER (2); 2. Madhat (5); 3. The Lodger (6); 4. Office Boy (4); 5. Roving Tiro (1); 6. Beverly

III. (410 yds).—1. CRIMSON (3); 2. Contract (4); 3. Lion's Head (6); 4. Aladdin (2); 5. Sweet Life (1); 6. Golden Dollar (5). 7. 6. 4. 2. 2. 24.04. Off 8.24.

Betting: 4-5 Contract; 9-4 CRIMSON; 7-1 Golden Dollar; 8-1 Aladdin; 10-1 Lion's Head, Sweet Life.

Forecast 16s. 9d.

VII. (470 yds).—1. BETTY D (6); 2. Sammy (4); 3. Tin Ribs (2); 4. Plasterer (1); 5. Billy Bean (5) reserve; 6. Hard Times (3). 2. 2. 1. 2. 3. 27.60. Non-runner Pelican (5). Off 8.44.

Betting: 9-4 BETTY D; 5-2 Tin Ribs; 4-1 Sammy; 10-8 Billy Bean; 5-1 Hard Times; 10-8 Plasterer. Forecast £1 12s.

VIII. (410 yds).—1. KEEP MOVING (2); 2. Storm (6); 3. Red Head (3); 4. Carnival (5); 5. Foxlaw (1); 6. Just Jake (4). 1. 2. 4. 2. 1. 24.26. Off 9.03.

Betting: 6-4 KEEP MOVING; 3-1 Storm, Red Head; 8-1 Foxlaw, Just Jake; 10-1 Carnival. Forecast 19s.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON TO-NIGHT
7.30 (410yds)—326 Black Lass; 65 Black Streak (July 9, to 5. 24.89); 563 Hay Time; 632 Lucky Jim; 4 Roy; 656 W.T.R. Reserve: 552 Good Health.

7.50 (470yds)—552 Beat Penny; 2 Brown Amber; 451 Crooner; 323 Gerald; 322 River Side; 441 Slipalong. Reserve: 631 Philip's Choice.

8.10 (410yds)—152 Betty; 5 Lazy T; 663 Railway; 3 Ray's Girl; 53 Shady Minn; 113 Silver Dollar. Reserve: 144 Princess.

8.30 (470yds)—315 Alice; 243 Fish and Chips; 122 Hymus; 61 Ida; 414 Jonathan; 622 Knocker.

8.50 (470yds)—1 Blue Skin; 221 Brake; 224 Eddie's Pride; 312 Gold Leaf; 361 Pilot; 513 Spacer.

9.10 (410yds)—341 Arm in Arm; 541 Boston Brownie; 112 Brickhill Lad; 513 Harry; 224 Jeff; 662 Parties-Vous. Reserve: 123 Hypoc.

9.30 (470yds)—451 Cheeky Mogo; 3 Cold Boy; 1 Gillian 422 Manor Park; 142 Sammy; 431 Tony's Pet. Reserve: 1 Sabrin.

9.50 (410yds)—461 Little Freddie; 26 Pukka Gen; 4 Rambler; 466 Run Son; 16 Silent Night (Sep 1, to 4. 24.59); 5 Summer Time (Aug 23, to 6. 24.77; Aug. 30, to 3. 24.67); Reserve: 3 Dale (Aug. 18, to 6. 24.95); Sept 1, to 2. 24.86).

SELECTIONS
7.30—Black Lass (Rowy, Hay Time).
7.50—Slipalong (Gerald, Crooner).
8.10—Silver Dollar (Ray's Girl, Betty).
8.30—Ida (nap) (Alice, Jonathan).
8.50—Spacer (Pilot, Brake).
9.10—Arm in Arm (Brickhill Lad, Harry).
9.30—Gillian (Tony's Pet, Cheeky Mogo).
9.50—Pukka Gen (Little Freddie, Rambler).

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