

PRAISE WAS TOWN'S ONLY REWARD

SNAP IN FINISHING WAS MISSING

Quick-Fire Scoring Spell Brought Drastic Change

By Chiltern

While the words of United manager, Matt Busby, "You are the best team we have met this season and you never gave up playing football even when you were in arrears," were a matter of encouragement to Dally Duncan, they could not wipe out his disappointment at the result. There is no doubt that the Town have shown that their football is more than equal to First Division standard, but the trouble at the moment is that the goals are just not coming.

That only one goal, and that from the penalty spot, has been obtained in the last three matches is a matter that must be giving food for thought at Kenilworth-road.

There was some excuse at Old Trafford because Turner, regarded as the most dangerous opportunist in the side, was a spectator on the trainers' bench because of a foot injury, and I think that had he received the same chances as did Groves, the Town would not have come away pointless.

They should not have done so anyway, for they were a better all-round side than the United who had the pull in only one direction—they were able to make use of their snap opportunities.

Turner Likely To Be Fit This Week

TURNER was most disappointed at having to break his run of 20 consecutive League appearances, but the manager said yesterday that he should be fit for the visit of Blackpool on Saturday.

Without him, too much reliance has to be placed on MacEwan as the provider of goals and his finishing was not of the best, though he was unlucky that he did not either score himself or make an opening for someone else immediately before the United equalised.

He beat Jones in a tussle for the ball, but got badly angled in doing so and his attempt to turn it in sent the ball across the face of the goal with no Town forward near enough to accept a gilt-edged chance.

Another Goal Was Badly Needed

COULD the Town have added to the lead they took in the 18th minute when Cummins took a penalty with coolness and precision, they would probably have been comfortable winners.

The penalty came when Goodwin raced across to intercept Adam and tripped him headlong. There was never the slightest doubt about what the referee would do and not a single protest from the United players.

Despite much inter-changing of positions by the home forwards and their attempts to make ground by speed of movement, the Town defence was seldom in

any difficulty before the interval and the one clear-cut chance that cropped up went to Taylor who spooned the ball over from only a few yards out.

Drastic Change Was Unexpected

AT half-time, the Town players had every right to be pleased with themselves, for they had deserved their slender lead, and had played better football than the sluggish United combination. In the opening minutes of the second half, they proceeded to emphasise their superiority in a manner that suggested that they would increase their lead.

So much was the game running their way that no one was prepared for the drastic change that occurred with the United scoring three times in 13 minutes.

It was utility forward, Webster, who started it by racing down the middle on to a pass and defeated the challenge of Stretton who came out, and looked as if he might have beaten Webster to the ball.

Two Quick Goals A Knock-Out Blow

EVEN in the face of this setback, it was the Town who were the smoother moving side until the knock-out blow came with two goals in two minutes.

Not until afterwards could it be definitely confirmed that Taylor was the scorer of the first and it looked at first as if the credit might go to Webster.

What happened was that Dunne hesitated about trying to cut off a high centre from Berry, obviously in the belief that he would not be able to reach it.

Pegg secured possession, rounded the full-back and brought the ball along the deadline before pulling it back to Webster.

He shot as he was challenged. Owen's foot took some of the pace off the ball, but Taylor was there to walk it over the line.

A Brave Effort At Recovery

TWO minutes later, the United were completely cock-a-hoop

FOR THE RECORDS

MANCHESTER UTD. .. 3
Taylor (2), Webster

LUTON TOWN 1
Cummins (pen.)

MANCHESTER UTD.:
Wood; Foulkes, Bent;
Whitefoot, Jones, Goodwin;
Berry, Blanchflower, Taylor,
Webster, Pegg.

LUTON TOWN: Stretton;
Dunne, Aherne; Morton,
Owen, Shanks; Cullen,
Groves, MacEwan, Cummins,
Adam.

Attendance: 34,409.

Referee: W. Hesilton,
West Hartlepool.

when they scored again when Taylor's head connected with a corner by Berry at which Stretton threw himself, but could not reach.

Staggered as they were at the turn of events, the Town made a brave effort at recovery, and with better luck, or better finishing, whichever way you look at it, might have obtained the goal that would have put them right back into the game with a chance of saving it.

Jones just managed to keep out a header by MacEwan, Adam, running in to a centre by Cullen, missed the ball completely, and there were raking drives from both Morton and Shanks that were only inches too high.

Snap In Finishing Was Missing

THERE were times in the second half when the United defence wore a very worried look under pressure and the way down the middle was opened up quite often.

What was missing, though, was that final snap in the penalty area that Turner might have provided, and Groves shot tamely on two occasions when well placed.

From Groves this was a disappointing display, for although he showed skill in manipulation of the ball, he mostly took too long to use it and was not quick enough in his movements.

After being much in the grip of Jones in the first half, MacEwan changed his tactics with success afterwards, by moving about more, with the result that his dash made him quite a source of anxiety to the United, but he just could not supply the finish.

Cummins Enhanced His Cap Claims

FORM of Cummins was good enough to virtually assure him of a place in Eire's team against Jugo-Slavia in Dublin a fortnight to-morrow and he was the most cultured inside forward on view.

Although he had a rather quiet period in the second half, his use of the ball was accurate and I liked the way in which he employed the low, long pass to the opposite wing.

From Cullen, there was another hard-fighting successful display and he got the ball across consistently, though it is a pity that he is not speedier.

Adam has the speed and used it to make Foulkes look an ordinary player on occasion, but his finishing was not all it might have been. Yet, both wingers were always a potential danger.

Composed Until The Goal Rush Began

UNTIL they were hit by the goal rush, the Town defence had looked perfectly composed and had had little difficulty in holding the home forwards.

Some of the reason for the improvement they showed in the second half could be traced to the fact that Berry and Pegg found more scope and Dunne rather lost his grip on the latter during the second half, though he had been sound enough earlier.

The Eire selectors were more impressed with Aherne whose close marking and hard tackling cut down the danger from Berry before the interval and it was not until the outside-right began to wander that he became really effective.

Owen In Dominant Mood Again

NEVER quite sure who he was facing in the centre was Owen for, although Taylor was the official centre-forward, he was often in an inside position with either Blanchflower or Webster going down the middle.

None of them made much impression on Owen who was the complete master in the centre and it was not until he began to be drawn out of position in the interests of covering up, that United began to threaten by this route.

There was another 100 per cent show by Shanks, who was always coming in to meet the ball and made a number of interceptions as a result and Morton, after a first half when he was not quite at his best, was more like his old self afterwards and strove desperately to help the forwards get among the goals.

While Stretton could be faulted for one of the goals, he made



KEITH UNDERWOOD had eight stitches inserted near an eye.

really over-worked by this rather uneven forward line.

Press Tributes To Ron Baynham

ON his International debut in Copenhagen, Ron Baynham had quite a good Press and generally seems to have enhanced his chances of further honours.

Most glowing tribute I read was in the "News-Chronicle" which said, "Luton's Ron Baynham emerged from this match as



England's one new discovery. "If he does not replace Bert Williams against Wales, on October 22, Baynham, at least, cannot have much longer to wait before he is England's No. 1 goalkeeper."

Reserves Lost A Three Goals Lead

FOR the first 45 minutes of their match on Saturday Luton Reserves played clever, confident football and monopolised play to such an extent that Bournemouth Reserves scarcely got a look-in.

Luton made a fine start and Allen gave them the lead in the fifth minute and added another goal eleven minutes later.

So superior were Luton in this period that it came as no surprise when Gregory scored their third goal.

But what a difference after the interval! Then it was Bournemouth who looked the more aggressive and Luton's defence had to work hard.

Leslie Jones Back To His Best Form

THE visitors reduced their arrears in the 51st minute.

Arsenal Match

A Sell-Out

All wing stand tickets for the Town's home match with Arsenal a fortnight on Saturday have been sold, the club announced yesterday.

So heavy was the demand that as the combined result of Saturday's post and personal application after the Reserves' match, there were none for sale yesterday morning and there were many disappointed callers.

through Whiteside, and then, with two goals in as many minutes, got back on terms again. Scorers were Dougan and McManus.

Although it was disappointing to see Luton only share the points after such a bright first half display it was good to see Leslie Jones back to his best form.

Captain for the day, Jones tackled hard and used the ball to advantage. There was more "bite" about his play than has been the case in previous matches this season.

The defence as a whole played quite well and the young goalkeeper, Gibson, promoted from the Town's junior teams, was confident, although the way in which he threw the ball clear was not always wise.

At centre-forward Dallas obviously found the position strange after his long spell at centre-half and, while he never gave up trying, the experiment of playing him there could not be termed successful.

Underwood Needed Eight Stitches

A DEEP gash near the eye that necessitated eight stitches for Keith Underwood, reduced the Town "A" to ten men in the Metropolitan League Professional Cup-tie at Dunstable.

Even so they won through two goals by Arthur Flint and all Dunstable's efforts were thrown back by some stubborn defensive work and some fine goalkeeping by Keith Billington.

Underwood bent to head the ball and came in contact with an opponent's boot.

Another casualty, in the "B" team, was the South African amateur, Jack Steinhobel, who displaced a cartilage two minutes before the end of the match with Barton Rovers.

He received hospital treatment on Sunday and went there for another examination yesterday.

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INTERNATIONAL MATCH
Ireland v. Scotland

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

DIVISION II
Barnsley v. Lincoln C.
Bristol C. v. Liverpool
Bury v. Blackburn R.
Fulham v. Hull C.
Leeds Utd. v. Nottingham F.
Middlesbrough v. Leicester C.
Notts County v. Sheffield Wed.
Port Vale v. Stoke
Rotherham Utd. v. Bristol R.
Swansea T. v. Doncaster R.
West Ham v. Plymouth A.

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

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

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "A"
Aberdeen v. Queen of South
Clyde v. St. Mirren
Dunfermline v. Dundee
Falkirk v. East Fife
Hearts v. Celtic
Kilmarnock v. Partick T.
Motherwell v. Hibernian
Raith R. v. Stirling A.
Rangers v. Airdrieonians

DIVISION "B"
Ablion R. v. Ayre Utd.
Alloa v. Arbroath
Dundee Utd. v. Third Lanark
Forfar Ath. v. Stenhousemuir
Morton v. Hamilton
Queen's Park v. St. Johnstone

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