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EIGHT-GOAL BLAST ROCKS SUNDERLAND

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FOOTBALL is a curious game. Before they scored their first goal in the riot of scoring at Kenilworth-road this afternoon the Town had been playing for exactly two hours, counting last week's blank, without having had the ball in the net.

Yet in the next hour they scored eight times and it might very easily have been more.

It doesn't matter now who comes to Kenilworth-road for they will be assured of a warm reception no matter who they are.

Sunderland were humbled even more badly than were Wolves a fortnight ago by a Town combination that showed speed, cohesion and great punch in finishing.

Indeed, the Sunderland side, studded with eight Internationals, seldom looked the part of leaders and glaring weaknesses in their defence were fully exposed by the fast-moving Town forwards.

Sunderland, playing very square in defence, scarcely had a clue about what to do against the through pass. The Town soon discovered that and kept the ball moving forward and there was continual trouble for a defensive formation that was completely uncomfortable once the first goal had been conceded.

On this form, showing the determination and football ability they did this afternoon, the team will beat the best there is in the country and on paper at any rate before this match there was nothing better than Sunderland.

Foundation of the victory was laid by the way in which the defence tamed the free-scoring Sunderland attack and once that had happened the forwards came into their own.

In 13 minutes, at the end of the first half, they scored four times and in the end the ball seemed to be going into the Sunderland net with monotonous regularity.

Morton again showed that he is the man for the centre-forward position by continually harassing Daniel, and he registered a "hat-trick."

Cullen, not normally regarded as a marksman, scored twice, twice as many goals as he had obtained previously this season. The sure-footed Turner smacked home two penalty kicks and Adam obtained the other.

This is the highest number of goals the Town have scored for the best part of 20 years and at times there seemed to be a distinct possibility that there would be double figures to record.

It was a great and magnificent triumph against a team of this reputation and the triumph lay mainly in the finely co-ordinated team-work the Town showed.

They chased everything, showed great enthusiasm and, having learned a lesson from last Saturday, banged away at goal whenever the opportunity occurred.

This will go down in history as another memorable day for the Town fans, 25,785 of whom saw a match they will remember for years to come.

Not a great deal was seen of the famous Shackleton, with whom Dunne coped very well and celebrated his selection for Eire with a good display.

But in the defence as a whole there was not the slightest suggestion of a weak link, and the forwards, in rip-roaring form, showed what they could do when they really are spot-on in their finishing.