

TOWN GO ON A SCORING SPREE

THEIR BIGGEST FOR NEARLY 19 YEARS

Leaders' Defence Blasted By Brilliant Forwards

By Chiltern

Not for nearly 19 years have the Town been in such a goal-scoring spree as they had against the League leaders, Sunderland, and one has to go back to January 2, 1937, during their promotion season when they beat Cardiff City 8-1 at Kenilworth-road to find the equal of their goal output on Saturday.

To describe the match as sensational is something of an understatement, and all the superlatives in the vocabulary are scarcely equal to describe the champagne quality of the Town's play which made the famous Sunderland side look like selling platters by comparison.

Stunned though they were by the turn of events, Sunderland officials were generous in their praise of the Town's football and some of their Directors, Sydney Jones, who is also a member of the F.A. Council went into their dressing room at the end to congratulate the players.

When Wolves' were whipped a night previous, we thought we had seen most of what the game had to offer, but that match which caused so much discussion was rather pales against the ground of this rip-roaring affair.

Ten goals were scored between the 31st and 88th minutes, and it might well have been others if the Town, for the Sunderland defence, harassed and worried by the speed and precision of the Town forwards, looked as wide as a barn door.

Turner's Penalty Began It All

IT, before this scoring riot began with a perfectly taken penalty by Turner after Fraser had made a rugby style tackle on Cullen, no one could have envisaged such happenings.

In fact there had not been a goal in it. The Town seemed to have the edge because they were rather more direct, but Sunderland had been playing some attractive football, though some of it looked rather lethargic against the Town's quicker-moving tactics.

It seemed that Turner's goal had restored the confidence of the forwards after their failure at Villa Park, and it set the stage for one of the most hectic scoring matches we have seen in years.

In the last 10 minutes before the interval the ball was slammed into a bewildered Fraser on three occasions.

Three More Goals In Quick Time

NOT normally regarded as a marksman of the hard-driving type, Cullen produced a shot from 25 yards that beat the groping Fraser, who had beaten from the moment the winger's foot, and six seconds later Adam came racing at top speed to crash into the goal from a low pass from Turner.

Then, the thrills did not stop, for, with a minute remaining, Morton showed that it does pay to hesitate in front of a goal when he is around, and he was in between two defenders to head off a dramatic quarter-hour that had Sunderland looking and scarcely knowing what to expect next.

So wonder the Town players were given a great ovation as they left the field at half-time.

Mistakes Proved To Be Expensive

FOUR goals against the leaders! That certainly was something, but few supporters were confident enough to feel that the Town could double the score in the second half, but that is what they did.

Sunderland's defence was much at sixes and sevens and they continued to make mistakes which proved to be most expensive.

Daniel's attempted back pass to Fraser was intercepted by Morton, who walked the ball into the net and then the centre-half who had a nightmare sort of

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 8
Morton (3), Turner (2), Cullen (2), Adam

SUNDERLAND 2
Purdon (2)

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Aherne; Pemberton, Owen, Shanks; Cullen, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Adam.

SUNDERLAND: Fraser; Hedley, McDonald; Anderson, Daniel, Aitken; Bingham, Fleming, Purdon, Chisholm, Shackleton.

Referee: H. Webb, Leeds.
Attendance: 25,785.

match, handled a corner by Adam and Turner scored from the penalty spot.

On this occasion, he had to have two bites at it for although he scored with his first attempt, Cummins had infringed and the referee ordered the kick to be retaken.

Turner Changed Direction

AS Fraser had touched the first shot and was obviously expecting the ball to go to his right again, Turner calmly drove it to the left of the goalkeeper.

It was after this that Sunderland gained their first success when Purdon left Baynham helpless from a pass by Chisholm, but this did not help them much because Cullen restored the six goals margin with a shot from an angle that went in off the underside of the bar.

Then Morton came along with a great goal, after holding off a challenge by Daniel for the best part of 40 yards, and the curtain fell on the scoring when Purdon was left with an easy chance by Chisholm with only two minutes remaining.

So, ended a match that will live

long in Luton football history and one which has made the Town the most talked about team in the country.

Defence Was Far Too Square

THIS performance was a pointer to what might have been at Villa Park had things gone right and it was a real tonic to see the way in which the Town snapped up even half-chances.

Part of the secret was that they were faster than the erstwhile leaders whose square-looking defence was wide open to the through-pass which the Town exploited regularly.

Perhaps Sunderland were a little over concerned with laying an offside trap, but their full-backs were very square and there was not a lot of cover for Daniel who had more than he could cope with in trying to hold Morton, a task that proved to be well beyond him.

Morton Scores His First "Hat-Trick"

THERE is no doubt that Morton has made all the difference in the world to the attack, and his strength is enabling him to take a lot of the weight off the others.

It seems almost unbelievable that after only three matches as leader this season, he should be seriously spoken about as England's leader, but that is the case, and it is a high tribute to a great club-man.

Morton's "hat trick" was his first in League football, and also the first secured by a Town player this season, and his determination and speed made him a constant source of anxiety to the visitors' defence that looked a poor lot on this showing.

However, they were probably unlucky to catch the Town in this sort of irresistible form in which they could beat anybody.

A Perfectly Knit Combination

AFTER the summary way in which they have disposed of Wolves and Sunderland, it would be most interesting to see how the Town would fare against Moscow Dynamo, and many more displays of this calibre would cause some of the talk about the quality of English football to die away.

One of the big mistakes Sunderland made was that they were too often waiting for the ball, whereas the Town constantly went in to meet it, chased everything and were a perfectly knit combination moving as a complete unit.

"Play good football, but play it more quickly," were the pre-match instructions from Manager Daily Duncan, and the ball was switched about a lot too quickly for the Sunderland defence whose half-backs were over-run, and who did not receive much help from their inside-forwards.

A Good Response From Cullen

APART from the menace of Morton they had to cope with the probing of Turner, whose two goals from the penalty spot brought his tally for the season to 11.

One of the features of Turner's play was the accuracy with which he made the through pass on the inside of the full-back for Cullen to run on to, and Cullen responded with one of his best games, and he scored twice in a League match for the first time in his career.

Balancing the line neatly was

the left-wing pairing of Cummins and Adam, with the former again pushing through delightful passes, creating shrewd openings and out-shining both Fleming and Chisholm.

Adam reached something like his best form and the whole line was a punchy, hard-hitting affair that played some brilliant attacking football.

Grip Taken By The Wing Halves

ABLE backing came from Pemberton and Shanks, who early in the game showed that the reputations of the Sunderland inside-men were not going to worry them, and both took a grip and kept it.

Both, too, provided a fine service for the forwards and, between the two departments,

League Call For Comment

Behind the appeal by the Town to supporters not to encourage youngsters to go within the boundary railings and to the youngsters to stay put is a letter which the club received from the Secretary of the Football League on Saturday.

This stated: "On the occasion of your match with Wolves, it has been reported to us that you permitted boys to sit around the playing pitch inside the boundary railings."

"I am not familiar with the lay-out of your ground, but it seems obvious that this practice could lead to accidents if the boys are too close to the touchlines. I shall be glad to have your comment on this report."

Earlier, the Secretary of Wolves had been on the phone to the Town Secretary, notifying them that they would be receiving a letter from the League, but stating that the report was not directed against Luton, in particular, but against clubs in general.

On Saturday, the Town had extra stewards and police around the ground and Secretary Phil Coley said afterwards, "The club thanks everybody for responding to the broadcast appeal, otherwise we could have been placed in an awkward position."

there was complete understanding.

With little material, and with Owen to contend with, Purdon, the one Sunderland forward to show real life, had a thin time, despite the two goals he obtained, and Owen was very much his master.

The strength and soundness down the middle provided by Morton, Owen and Baynham, is a great asset to the Town, and the brilliant goalkeeping of Baynham is giving the whole defence confidence.

Baynham's Save Was A Turning Point

IN this match, there was no doubt of his England rating, and it was a great full-length save by him from Shackleton early on that prevented Sunderland from gaining the lead, and was probably one of the turning points in this amazing game.

Beforehand, there was much speculation about how well the Town could cope with the Shackleton problem, but they need not have worried.

True, football's most discussed player showed signs of his genius, but was seldom a real threat, and Dunne gets a special mark for the way in which he dealt with what could have been a real menace to the Town's chances.

So does Aherne for the way in which he dealt with Ireland's outside-right, Bingham.

Hard and accurate in the tackle, Aherne saw to it that the winger had little rope, and his display underlined the fact that the Eire selectors may have made a bad mistake in passing him over for their match with Spain.

Always Rise To The Big Occasion

DISCUSSING the result afterwards, the Town manager said, "We always have risen to the big occasion, especially in Cup-ties, in past seasons, and the bigger the name of the opposition, the better our boys like it."

"There is no secret about our success. The players are very fit, there is a happy atmosphere in the dressing room, and we are playing constructive football more quickly than most of the other teams."

"Taken by and large, we are finding First Division football better suited to our style of play than that of the Second Division."

IRELAND MAY YIELD TO THE TOWN

Defence Is Suspect
TOWN COULD BE
GOAL-STUDD

PROPHETIC! The headlines in the Noon Edition of the "Saturday Telegraph" in which Chiltern discussed the Town's prospects against Sunderland.

Reserves Had A Fright At The End

PLAYING some grand football, but not really making the most of their chances, the Reserves atoned for some previous failures by returning with both points from Millwall, though it was touch and go at the end.

By half-time, when Gregory, MacEwan and Davies had put the Town three up, it looked easy for them, but Millwall hit back to 3-2 at which point Groves replied for the Town, but Millwall got a third four minutes from time and Thompson headed off the goal-line in the last minute.

However, the Town were well worth their victory after a strong all-round display in which the forwards, ably led by MacEwan, always threatened the Millwall defence.

"A" Team End Their Depressing Run

A "HAT-TRICK" by Barry Hawkes enabled the Town "A" to end their run of seven consecutive defeats by winning 4-1 at Brighton and thoroughly deserved to do so.

Pounder, an amateur outsider from the Sheffield area, obtained the other goal and he shows a great deal of promise.

Unexpectedly, the Town found themselves facing the former Luton centre-forward, Bernard Moore, who is in a bad patch, but he had little support.

Saturday was quite a day for the Town because all their five teams won by an aggregate of 32-8.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

DIVISION I

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

DIVISION II

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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Bournemouth v Aldershot
Brentford v Torquay U
Colchester U v Brighton
Coventry C v Walsall
Exeter C v Shrewsbury T
Gillingham v Nottamington T
Leyton O v Southampton
Millwall v Q.P.R.
Norwich C v Crystal Palace
Reading v Swindon T
Southend U v Ipswich T
Watford v Newport Co

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Accrington S v Derby Co
Barrow v Crewe Alex
Bradford v Wrexham
Cardiff U v Stockport Co
Chester v Hartlepool U
Chesterfield v Bradford C
Darlington v York C
Gateshead v Workington
Grimsby T v Mansfield T
Rochdale v Halifax T
Southport v Oldham Ath
Tranmere R v Scunthorpe U

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION "A"

Airdrieonians v Celtic
Clyde v Kilmarnock
Dundee v East Fife
Dunfermline v Hearts
Falkirk v St Mirren
Greenock v Partick T
Queen of South v Stirling A
Raith R v Aberdeen
Rangers v Motherwell

DIVISION "B"

Allen v Montrose
Arbroath v Albion R
Ayr U v East Stirling
Berwick R v Queen's Park
Brechin C v Shennousemuir
Dumfries v Morton
Hamilton v Forfar Ath
Stranraer v Dundee U
Third Lanark v Cowdenbath

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME. — Chelsea, Wolves, Blackburn, Sheffield W, Stoke, Coventry, Leyton Orient, Norwich, Carlisle, Grimsby

FOUR AWAY. — West Brom, Bristol C, Northampton, York.

THREE DAYS. — Blackpool v Manchester U, Hull v Rotherham, Southend v Ipswich.

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