

TURNER HAT-TRICK— AND TOWN PROGRESS

By Chiltern

THE changes which the Town made for their Southern Floodlit Cup match with Chelsea at Kenilworth-road last night had the effect of producing a much more positive display than we have seen recently and resulted in them qualifying for the second round.

Not, though, without something of a struggle, for Chelsea were hard, robust fighters who contrived to have much of the game especially in the second half.

It was in the opening period that we saw the Town at their best with a fit and bang-in-form Cummins, the most encouraging feature from their point of view on his return.

He was outstanding then and his return should bring about a considerable improvement.

Not so much was seen of the Town forwards after the interval but even so they might have had more goals and the same applied to Chelsea who were unlucky on several occasions.

Not all the Town alterations were a complete success but Jones was cool and competent and Morton's recall to right-half brought a tightening up in defence.

Attendance was 6,861.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Jones; Morton, Owen, Groves; Cullen, Turner, Pearce, Cummins, Gregory.

CHELSEA: Robertson; McFarlane, Livingstone; Armstrong, Dicks, Casey; Baker, McNichol, Stubbs, Brabrook, Block.

Referee, A. Bond, of London.

In an exciting start both teams scored in the first seven minutes. STUBBS headed Chelsea into the lead after four minutes and CUMMINS, with a most delicately placed lob, put the Town on terms three minutes later.

Gradually the Town gained the upper hand with Cummins always prominent and TURNER gave them the lead after 21 minutes. A defensive mix-up, caused firstly when Dicks erred and then when Gregory challenged Robertson, left Turner with a chance which he took with a very well placed shot.

Play on the greasy surface was fast and keenly contested and with 38 minutes gone McFarlane brought down Cummins heavily inside the penalty area and TURNER maintained his 100 per cent record from the spot, to make it 3-1. Half-time:

LUTON 3

CHELSEA 1

Although early play in the second half favoured the Town main pressure afterwards came from Chelsea, and Baynham saved at full length from Stubbs.

Then came an unusual incident when Brabrook, taking advantage of a mistake by Morton appeared to have scored for the ball was inside the net.

HOLE IN THE NET

The referee awarded a goal but changed his decision to a goal-kick when Baynham drew his attention to a gap in the net through which the ball had obviously entered.

For a time Chelsea were the more dangerous and Stubbs shot across the face of the goal.

Turner shot wide of the far post and Robertson made a great save from Pearce.

HAT-TRICK TURNER

After 82 minutes TURNER settled the issue by completing his hat-trick in the coolest possible manner after Morton had put him through.

With five minutes left, OWEN deflected a cross by Stubbs into his own net. Just before the end Block struck the bar. Result.

LUTON 4

CHELSEA 2