

TURNER WAS ONLY ONE WITH PUNCH

It was the same old story at Newcastle so far as Luton's football was concerned — attractive approach work but no punch in front of goal. There was one exception, Gordon Turner, who earned unanimous praise for his two well-taken goals. Newcastle fared little better at the hands of the critics, few of whom thought this game was up to Division I standards.

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"In the end Luton emerged with an earned, but fortunate, point . . . a wonder goal by Gordon Turner 12 minutes from time earned Luton's point."—"The People."

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"As a spectacle the display from both sides left a good deal to be desired. Luton, the superior combined force, and obviously better equipped with talent than Newcastle, could have won had they not fussed in attack."—"Sunday Times."

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"Luton can thank inside-right Gordon Turner. Both his goals were really great efforts."—"News of the World."

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"Luton were a baffling side. Their approach work looked good, but when it came to shooting, apart from Gordon Turner, who got two goals, they were worse than Newcastle."—"Sunday Express."

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"Man of the match was Gordon Turner. Newcastle's goal was never safe when he was around."—"Sunday Pictorial."

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" . . . Luton had little more than a one-man forward line. But what a man! Inside-right Gordon Turner scored both Luton's hit-back goals and was deprived of a hat-trick only because he was an inch or two offside."—"Sunday Dispatch."

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"Luton looked a good football side . . . but who, at times, looked overwhelmed with theory. Luton's insistence on short passing, until one wondered if the issue of progress had been forgotten, put into their play features skilful, unusual and rather negative."—"Newcastle Sunday Sun."

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"On the whole a disappointing match with . . . little in the way of thrills or football one expects in First Division affairs."—"Newcastle Evening Chronicle."

TURNER WAS TOWN'S POINT RESCUER

Clever Football, But More Punch Is Needed

By Chiltern

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AT times, St. James's Park, Newcastle, has been a disastrous ground for the Town and their last three visits before that of Saturday had ended in quite severe reverses for them.

However, they would have been unfortunate had they come away without a point on this occasion, for, although much of their work was misapplied, they were a better footballing side than Newcastle and had they had another forward with punch in addition to Turner, they could have finished on the winning side.

As it was, for their partial success they were indebted to the opportunism of TURNER, who, with only 12 minutes left, scored one of the best goals of his career when he pivoted and crashed the ball past a surprised Simpson.

That was the second equaliser the Town had gained—proof of their fighting spirit—and they fought like tigers in the closing stages to hold on to their point, and even Turner was often found among the half-backs.

Even so, Hannah is still probably wondering how he failed to accept a gilt-edged chance of giving Newcastle a last-minute victory when a bad back pass by Cummins left him with only Baynham to beat, but he pulled the ball wide.

HANNAH it was who put Newcastle ahead after 18 minutes when he drove a through pass by Eastham into the roof of the net, and Newcastle retained their narrow lead until a minute from half-time, when TURNER, who had nearly beaten Simpson just before, toe-ended the ball through with Newcastle's defence hesitating.

NEWCASTLE HANDICAPPED

Handicap which Newcastle had to face was that Keery pulled a thigh muscle and spent the whole of the second half at outside-right, with White dropping back to right-half.

White did better in his new position than on the wing, where he had been blanketed out of the game by Jones.

A rare mistake by Baynham, who went up to an in-swinging corner by Eastham and failed to collect the ball, led to Newcastle regaining the lead after 66 minutes.

There was a scramble in front of goal, during which Dunne, in his attempt to clear, turned the ball against the bar and MILBURN, from a yard or so out, tapped it through.

Always the Town looked the more capable, better-balanced side until it came to the vital matter of producing finish, which came only from Turner.

Much of their midfield football was highly decorative, but much of it came to nothing, too, because either attacks took too long in which to develop, or the ball was kept too close.

There was, too, a tendency to be caught offside, and Turner had a goal disallowed for this reason two minutes after the start which must have been a close thing.

Cummins did not strike his best form, and with Adam again looking impressive in approach, but failing in his finishing, the left wing was ineffective despite its weavings in midfield.

Latest occupant of the centre-forward position, Pearce, was not a success because he failed to bring directness, and a quarter of an hour from the end he switched with Davies, who was the forward who was next in line to Turner.

But Turner was out on his own, not only for his opportunism, but for the quality of his midfield play, too, and Newcastle had no forward as dangerous as he.

In the past Milburn has been a thorn in the Town's side, but he was completely held by Owen on this occasion and the centre-half was the dominant member of the Town defence.

From Morton and Groves he received a reasonable measure of support, though the latter did not use the ball as well as he can, and Dunne and Jones were capable at full-back, with the latter's cool competence making him look the more impressive.

For the second goal, Baynham readily took the blame, but he earns praise, too, for several very good saves.

NEWCASTLE UNITED : Simpson; Keith, Batty; Keery, Stokoe, Crowe; White, Eastham, Milburn, Hannah, Mitchell.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Jones; Morton, Owen, Groves; Davies, Turner, Pearce, Cummins, Adam.

Referee: T. H. Cooper, Bolton. Attendance: 36,930.