

# TURNER WAS TOWN'S POINT RESCUER

## Clever Football, But More Punch Is Needed

By Chiltern

NEWCASTLE UNITED 2, LUTON TOWN 2

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.

## AMATEURS SHOOK TOWN

### Won After An Amazing Rally

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN 2,

BRITISH OLYMPIC XI 3

In a rousing finish at Kenilworth-road on Monday evening, the British football hopes for the Olympic Games, aided by some dilatory play by the Town defence, scored three times in the last 16 minutes to win a match on which the Town had always appeared to hold a grip.

When, after a goalless first half in which the Town had been much superior, GREGORY scored twice between the 55th and 60th minutes, the Town looked set for a comfortable victory.

For the first, Gregory had an easy task after Davies had returned into the goalmouth a centre by Legate and it was from a corner by the young outside-left that he brilliantly headed the second.

Instead of resigning themselves to inevitable defeat, the amateurs fought back in the most impressive style and Lewis, Bromilow and Coates all went near before LAYBOURNE renewed their hopes 16 minutes from the end.

Then he fastened on to a cross by Lewis after Jones had failed to clear an awkward high ball.

With five minutes left, Dunne and Owen indulged in unnecessary short passing which ended with Dunne pushing the ball into the middle and the quick LAYBOURNE racing on to it and cracking it past Baynham.

### COMPLETED RECOVERY

Then, to complete a memorable spell for the Corinthian-Casual, LAYBOURNE collected a pass from Twissell and beat Baynham with a raking drive to complete a sensational recovery two minutes from the end.

This was a match which the Town should have won hands down, for in the first 25 minutes they played their best football for some weeks.

Taking a lesson from what happened at Newcastle, they varied their tactics, using the long pass more frequently and it was a matter of wonderment that the amateurs' defence managed to hold out during this period.

For long periods they were at action stations and Farrer kicked off the goal-line from Groves with Pinner beaten.

However, the final thrust was not there, though the way in which the ball shot off the greasy surface did not help accuracy in finishing.

### SHOULD HAVE BEEN

### WELL PLACED

When he was there, just before 2 p.m. yesterday week, he played his first game of darts. He said he enjoyed that, too, although he lost. Liberate was passing through Barton on his way to perform at Leicester. He apparently saw the "Coach and Horses" as he passed in his limousine, and developed a sudden yearning to go inside. "He was a very nice fellow to talk to," Mrs. Bone assured me. "He was very immaculate—in a dark grey suit with black markings on it, and a dark shirt with no tie." "He had a lovely watch, and his ring was in the shape of a grand piano." "To perpetuate the memory of his visit for all time. Liberate