

LUCK NOT WITH TOWN

BOLTON WANDERERS 2

Lofthouse (2)

LUTON TOWN 2

Turner (2)

Two decisions by the referee which went against the Town probably deprived them of the opportunity of beginning the holiday with a victory.

First controversial issue came 12 minutes after the interval when Lofthouse crashed into Baynham as the goalkeeper went up to collect a free kick from Hennin.

Down went Baynham, who lost his grasp of the ball as he fell, and LOFTHOUSE tapped it through. Town appeals for a foul went unheeded, and that lucky goal put Bolton ahead for the first time.

At that stage it looked as if the Town's bright start had been

in vain, especially as lock was very much against them when Hopkinson just kept out a drive from Davies at the second attempt, and then when appeals for a goal by Turner were turned down after consultation with a linesman.

WHAT DID IT HIT?

Turner raced through the middle, shot on the run and seemed to have scored. From somewhere, and Bolton's manager, Bill Ridding, thought it was from the roof of the net, the ball came back into play and was scrambled away for a corner.

Then, just when the sands were running out, TURNER secured his second goal of the match with an immaculately-placed free kick from two yards outside the penalty area.

With Jones and Kelly providing diversions, Turner carefully lobbed the ball wide of the



GORDON TURNER

scorer of the Town's three holiday goals

defensive wall and it beat Hopkinson at the angle of the woodwork.

Earlier, after 18 minutes, TURNER had rounded off a fine move by Adam and Pearce with a firm drive.

LOFTHOUSE scrambled the ball through for an equaliser nine minutes later when he was fortunate to have a second chance after both he and Kelly had missed the ball in the first instance.

FORWARDS BETTER

From the Town, there was a considerable improvement on recent displays, with the forwards combining much more effectively and Turner deserving at least a hat-trick for his shooting.

Had Brown been a little steadier in this respect, he would have been among the goals, too, and there was liveliness from both Cullen and Adam and, even if it did not produce much, some hard work from Davies.

What Bolton fans were describing as the most polished full-back display they had seen this season came from Jones who, with Baynham, was the Town's outstanding defender.

Best of the half-back line was Pearce because Morton, at times, was much astray with his distribution and Kelly, though achieving a fair amount of success, never dominating in the middle.

Most of the Bolton danger came from Holden, who kept McNally at full stretch, and from the probing of Lofthouse, who was always dangerous, especially with his head.

BOLTON WANDERERS: Hopkinson; Hartle, Banks; Hennin, Edwards, Bell; Birch, Stevens, Lofthouse, Parry, Holden.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; McNally, Jones; Morton, Kelly, Pearce; Cullen, Turner, Davies, Brown, Adam.

Referee: F. L. Overton, Derby.
Attendance: 18,666.