

POOR TOWN FOLDED UP

SHEFFIELD W. 3

Quixall (pen.), Froggatt,
Ellis.

LUTON TOWN 0

Award of a penalty seven minutes after half-time, which they hotly disputed, seemed to take all the fight out of the Town at Hillsborough on Saturday.

Kelly and Ellis went up for a high ball just inside the penalty area when there was no particular danger and the next thing we knew the referee was pointing to the penalty spot.

Nothing that I saw merited such a harsh decision, but there had been a couple of occasions in the first half when I thought Kelly lucky to escape having fouls against him.

QUIXALL scored easily from the spot and that was the end so far as the Town were concerned.

Previously, showing form far below that which they had produced the previous day, they had struggled through with a blank sheet, thanks in the main to the brilliance of Baynham who saved them time and again when a goal looked imminent.

LINK WAS MISSING

With Morton missing and Pearce well below his best, there was never a sure link between defence and attack, and it was seldom that they looked likely to score.

Little of a constructive nature came from Smith, and Kelly was uncertain throughout against the dash of Ellis and gave a display well below standard.

Captain for the day, Jones, of the defence, was nearest to his best, but McNally was doing well enough until Wednesday suddenly began to bring Broadbent into the game consistently.

It was from Broadbent's low centre that FROGGATT increased the lead after 63 minutes, and Broadbent also had a hand in the four-man movement that left ELLIS with a scoring chance 11 minutes from the end.

But for Baynham's stout work and some shooting that was wild, the Town would have been on the receiving end of a real thrashing, and they simply were not in

the game during the last half an hour.

Much switching around by the forwards, with Cullen having spells in the middle, failed to bring any improvement, and, at times, it was difficult to see just what the Town's forward formation was.

The inside-forward trio was most disappointing, with Turner scarcely ever looking likely to add to his tally, and Brown and Davies both had a thin time, too.

Cullen's chasing about and general liveliness qualified him for what was not on this occasion a valuable title of the most dangerous forward, but Adam had a bright spell early on, and with more support could have really worried Staniforth.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: Pllu; Staniforth, Curtis; Mc-Ancarney, McEvoy, O'Donnell; Wilkinson, Quixall, Ellis, Froggatt, Broadbent.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; McNally, Jones; Smith (R), Kelly, Pearce; Cullen, Turner, Davies, Brown, Adam.

Referee: R G Warnke, Coventry. Attendance: 22,497.