

ONE GOAL— TWO POINTS

LUTON TOWN 1

Turner.

BOLTON WANDERERS 0

A goal by Turner in time added to the first half for injury stoppages gave the Town their first win since March 20, when they overcame Portsmouth by a similarly slender margin.

Only 13,374 spectators, the third lowest attendance of the season, saw a match that produced good football only in spasms, and there was never a great deal in it.

In the main, defences were on top, with the Town's looking a much tighter formation than it did on Saturday, chiefly because there was a distinct improvement in the half-back line.

Part of this was due to the return of Morton, whose strength is always missed, but there was the added factor that Kelly, after something of a shaky start, did a workmanlike sort of job against Lofthouse.

Then there was Pearce, continually in the game with that long, raking stride of his, with the result that the Bolton inside-forwards did not receive a great deal of scope.

Nor were the Town forwards allowed a great deal of room in which to manoeuvre, but even so, several reasonable scoring chances cropped up, but none was taken advantage of until TURNER came along with his third goal of the week-end.

INTO THE NET'S ROOF

This came just as the referee was looking at his watch to signal the interval, and followed a tussle between Gregory and Edwards.

With Turner on the premises, the ball broke loose, and the inside-right beat Hopkinson with a shot that rose into the roof of the net.

Gregory had a goal disallowed, missed two good chances, and Bolton's best efforts came from Lofthouse, who, apart from hitting a post, twice failed from good positions.

At the start of the second half Bolton fought back and Holden had a fine opportunity of equalising after Baynham had made a brilliant save from him, but he was not quick enough and Kelly stepped in to clear.

Both Holden and Turner had goals disallowed for off-side and, despite the narrowness of their lead, the Town never really looked like losing a point.

While Turner had much of a goal-hungry look again and Adam always seemed likely to worry the Bolton defence, this was not really a smooth-moving attack.

SWITCH DID NOT COME OFF

The latest idea of a forward switch—leaving out Cullen and moving Davies to the right wing in order to bring in Gregory was not a success. Neither accomplished much, but there were glimpses from Brown of something like the form of which we know he is capable.

Most of these came late in the match when he distributed some very good passes, but not much was seen of him as a marksman.

These welcome points were really won by the defence, with Baynham again making two or three saves that were in the top class, and Jones, perhaps the Town's most consistent player this week-end, having another good match.

McNally, too, was not so bothered by Holden as he was at Bolton and the defence deserved to keep a clean sheet.

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

BOLTON WANDERERS: Hopkinson; Ball, Banks; Stanley, Edwards, Bell; Birch, Stevens, Lofthouse, Webster, Holden.

Referee: F L Overton, Derby.