

WAS THIS THE START OF ANOTHER GOOD TOWN RUN?

TURNER'S SHOOTING STOLE THE SHOW

Half-backs Shut Out The Forest Forwards

BY CHILTERN

DID we see the start of the Town's way back to another consistent run at Kenilworth-road on Saturday? Could be, because their comfortable victory over Nottingham Forest should serve to enable them to regain their confidence.

Yet, it was not a display that could be completely free from criticism because the team can move more smoothly than this, but the measure of their success is that they made Forest look what their performances this season have proved them not to be — a very moderate side.

MAYBE, the Town relished considerably the fact that for once in a way they gained an early lead after having had to put up with the mortal blows of being behind in the opening minutes in the last two matches.

A goal such as that which Turner snatched in the seventh minute was just what the doctor ordered in this case and it enabled the team to settle down to play an improved brand of football.

Once again, it was Turner who stole the show by his match-winning abilities and he registered his second hat-trick of the season in brilliant style.

Second Goal Was Shier Artistry

HIS first goal was a real piece of opportunism because, after Pearce had helped forward a centre by Adam, Turner simply stepped in to crash it past Thomson.

For sheer artistry his second success after exactly half an hour was the best one of the three, because he was facing his own goal when Adam crossed the ball from a short corner by Brown. Turner pivoted around and banged the ball in with his left foot.

After that the Town's lead was never in danger and they were placed in a commanding position 12 minutes after the interval.

Leading Scorers Were Completely Held

AGAIN it was Turner from close range, blasting a low centre from Adam into the net without warning even a split second.

Chief reason for Forest's inability to look dangerous was that their leading scorers, Barrett and Wilson, were put out of the game by the grip Morton and Owen gained on them.

To complete an unfortunate picture for them, the inexperience of young Quigley showed only too clearly against Pearce and the Town half-back

line was in control for most of the game.

Indeed, Barrett was scarcely a danger man and Morton was able to command the situation and aid the attack with splendid support. Wilson found Owen far too much of a stumbling block.

Gray Wandered And Scored

HAD there been more material, wingers Gray and Imlach might have caused a deal of trouble, and with little of the ball coming his way, Gray began to wander looking for it, and it was

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this move that brought Forest their only goal after 64 minutes.

Following a down-the-middle pass from Burditt, he nipped in front of Jones and lobbed the ball over the head of Baynam as he advanced in an effort to smother it.

That success did not have the settling effect on the Forest that might have been expected and, with the Town refusing to let it upset them, the pattern of the game continued to be the same.

Better Covering By The Defence

ONE encouraging feature was that the defence showed every sign that it has recovered its old confidence and immaculate covering, with dire results for the Forest forwards.

There was the exception that Jones was inclined to give Gray too much room and the winger got the ball across without being tackled on a larger percentage of occasions than he was strictly entitled.

There were times when Jones looked dilatory in his approach, but against that, there was the

For The Records

LUTON TOWN 3
Turner (3)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST .. 1
Gray
LUTON TOWN: Baynam; Dunne, Jones; Morton, Owen, Pearce; Adam, Turner, Brown, Cummings, McLeod.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Thomson; Ware, Thomas; Morley, McKinlay, Burditt; Gray, Quigley, Wilson, Barrett, Imlach.
Referee: D. H. Howell, Birmingham. Attendance: 18,364.

accurate way in which he tried to use the ball and his coolness under pressure.

Not Wholly To The Benefit Of Team

FROM Dunne, there was a continuance of the improvement he showed at Tottenham, and little hesitation on his part about getting into the tackle.

Few of the Forest forwards caused Baynam to have a severe test and his most serious tests were provided by Burditt, a left-half with a liking for coming through.

That, in the circumstances, was not wholly to the benefit of his team, because he gave Turner a lot of room, which the inside-right exploited happily.

Burditt's counterpart, Pearce, also had the same ideas but, in his case, he could afford this luxury because Quigley was scarcely in it.

Turner Was The Only Marksman

INDEED, there might have been a goal or two from Pearce when he displayed this adventurous spirit, but he did not show much sense of direction in his shooting.

In looking back on the display of the Town forwards, it must be noted that Turner was the only one to worry unduly Thomson, except that Adam once lobbed the ball on to the inside of the woodwork.

Certainly while chances are being made for Turner and he is accepting them in this fashion, that there is not much shooting power from the remainder of the line is not of much moment.

Leadership Is A Problem Still

HOWEVER, we have seen in the past what happens when Turner happens to be shut in and the openings are not being made for him.

To Manager Daily Duncan.

Town's Floodlit Cup-tie Tonight

Although Manager Daily Duncan would not commit himself yesterday and is not announcing the team until this morning, it seems reasonable to assume that an unchanged side will visit Brentford tonight in the second round of the Southern Floodlit Cup. No injuries of any consequence were collected against Nottingham Forest.

Brentford, too, are not choosing their team until today, but they will probably be without their inside-left, Towers, scorer of 11 goals this season. He was injured at Southampton on Saturday.

Their team then was: Cokobread, Cootie, Horpe, Bristow, Dargie, Peplow, Parsons, Rainford, Francis, Towers, Newcombe.

Last season, when the Town played at Griffin Park in this competition they won by 4-0, but Brentford are having a good season and are among the challengers for promotion.

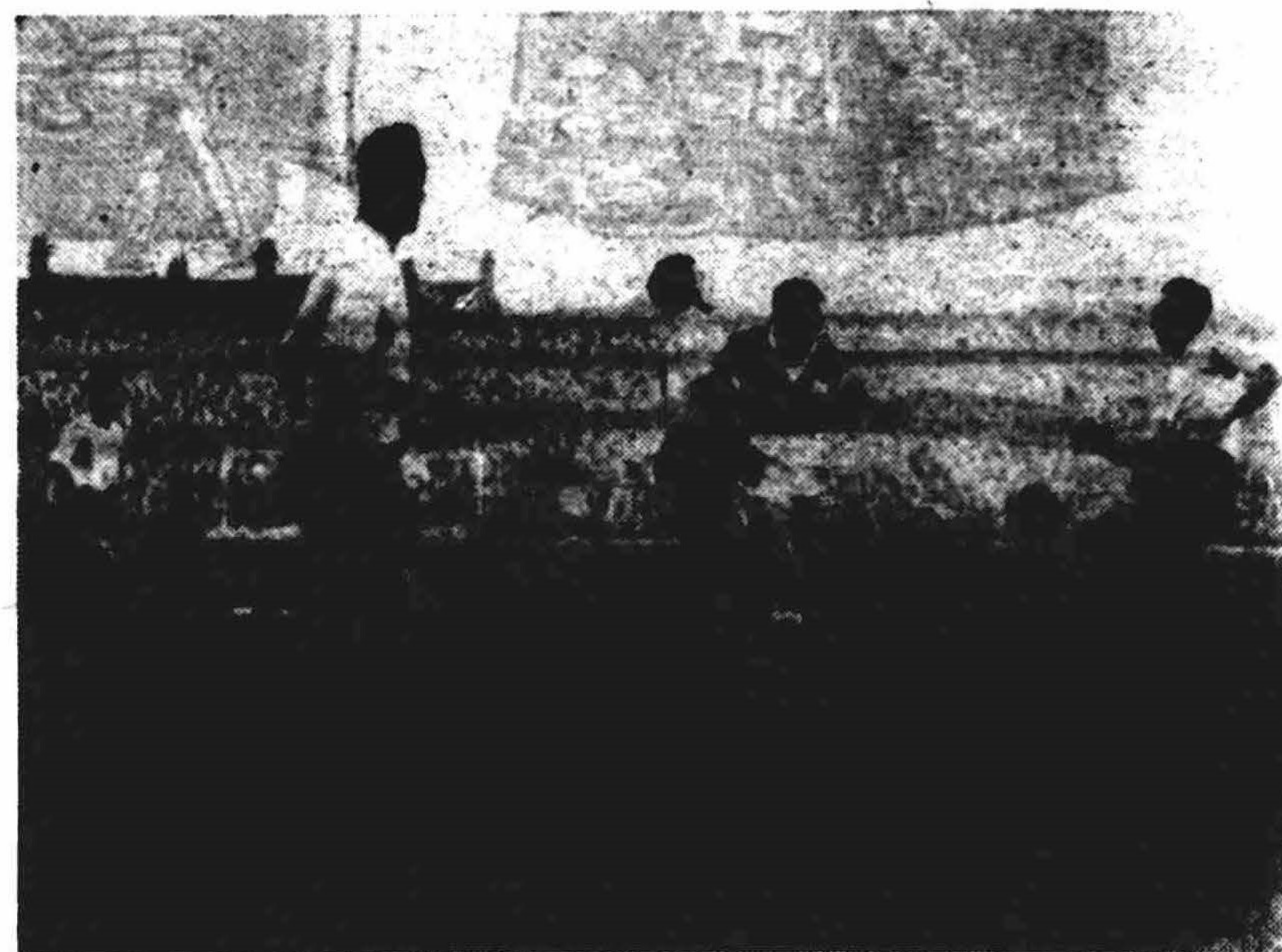
Long Pass Could Be Used More

IN that sense, he is a success, especially when the game goes as this one does, but there does need to be more shooting from the middle.

This could well come again from the present set-up when the ball is pushed through more readily.

Cummings showed a decided improvement in this match without really opening up play as much as he might.

The long pass was not used often enough, but he was responsible for some neat constructive work in midfield.



Sid Owen clears as Jimmy Barrett tries to wriggle through the Town's match on Saturday, which Luton won 3-1. (R1780R)

A lot of the ball came the way of Adam, who had the beating of Thomas, time and again.

Adam Spoilt Some Of His Good Work

ALL three goals came from his centres, a fact that represents a marked improvement in the Town's wing play, and had he shown consistent accuracy in his finishing, more goals would have come from Turner or Brown.

Unfortunately, he wasted some good work by poor finishing but, even so, he did much that was valuable, including coming back to fight for the ball and tackling Imlach.

Certainly, he was more successful than was McLeod who, after a few minutes of sparkle at the start, faded out, partly through lack of support.

McLeod Caught In Two Minds

IT was not until the latter part of the second half that he really came into the game again and then he might have had a couple of goals on his own account had his shooting been better.

At the moment, McLeod seems to be caught in two minds when it comes to finishing his dangerous-looking runs, and he is inclined to do the same thing too often.

However, taking the display as a whole, it was a marked improvement and the team will do even better when the passing becomes quicker and more accurate than it was at times in this match.

Hard Bournemouth Beat Reserves

AFTER playing five away matches without defeat, the Town Reserves slumped to lowly Bournemouth whom they found to be a powerful side who cut out the frills and pinned their faith in fast, direct tactics.

Hard tackling by the defence put the Town forwards out of their stride and only Groves was up to standard.

There was a deal of heavy work for the defence, in which Pacey was outstanding and Ahern and Kelly were steady under pressure.

Bournemouth took the lead through Norris after seven minutes and the Town kept it that way until 10 minutes from the end and then Brown and Gibbs scored.

Amateur Cup Success For Vauxhall

TEN years ago, Vauxhall Motors made local history by reaching the second round of the F.A. Amateur Cup, and a long

and successful run in this competition came to an end when they were beaten 2-1 by Ilford.

This season they are having another extremely successful run, and on Saturday, by beating Ware 5-3, they qualified to meet Hounslow in the first round proper next month.

At Ware, Vauxhall had been held to a draw, and the teams were on terms after 90 minutes when they met in the replay at Park-street.

Showed Best Form In Extra Time

FORTUNATELY, Vauxhall struck their best form in extra time and scored twice in the first two minutes. Before that they had not been at their best.

Their defence, hampered seriously by strong sun in the first-half, was well below peak form and gave a disjointed sort of display.

Straight from the kick-off Ware went in front and although the Motors equalised the visitors led again when Cutlis made an elementary mistake and presented them with a "gift". Again Vauxhall equalised but after the interval Ware went in front for the third time.

On terms again, Vauxhall pressed but could not take the lead until extra-time. Vauxhall's scorers were Randall (2), Waller, Tomlinson and Graves. Chatt (2) and Isaac scored for Ware.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

DIVISION I

Birmingham C v Manchester U
Burnley v Arsenal
Chelsea v Leeds U
Manchester C v Everton
Newcastle U v Bolton Wanderers
Nottingham Forest v Sunderland
Portsmouth v Luton T
Preston N.E. v Wolves
Sheffield Wed v Aston Villa
Tottenham Hotspur v Leicester C
West Bromwich v Blackpool

DIVISION II

Bristol C v Fulham
Cardiff C v Barnsley
Charlton Ath v Ipswich T
Doncaster Rov v Notts County
Grimsby T v Derby County
Huddersfield T v Bristol Rov
Leyton Orient v Blackburn Rov
Liverpool v West Ham
Middlesbrough v Sheffield U
Rotherham U v Lincoln C

Plymouth Argyle v Dorchester T

Port Vale v Hull C
Reading v Wisbech T
Scunthorpe U v Bury
South Shields v York C
Stockport County v Hartlepool U
Torquay U v Southend U
Wigan Ath v Mansfield T
Yeovil T v Bath C

OTHER MATCHES

Brentford v Colchester U
Newport County v Wrexham
Walsall v Rochdale

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Aberdeen v Clyde
Coltville v Dundee
Falkirk v Kilmarnock
Glasgow v Third Lanark
Motherwell v Rangers
Partick Thistle v Queen of South
Queen's Park v Aldrichians
Raith Rovers v Hearts
St. Mirren v East Fife

DIVISION III

Aldershot v Coventry C
Carlisle U v Ayrton Stoney
Chester v Bradford C
Crystal Palace v Southampton
Dundee v Boston U
Durham C v Tranmere Rov
Hemel Hempstead v Queens Park Rov
Millwall v Gillingham
Northampton T v Bournemouth
Norwich C v Brighton
Oxford Ath v Watlington

SECOND ROUND
Aldershot v Coventry C
Carlisle U v Ayrton Stoney
Chester v Bradford C
Crystal Palace v Southampton
Dundee v Boston U
Durham C v Tranmere Rov
Hemel Hempstead v Queens Park Rov
Millwall v Gillingham
Northampton T v Bournemouth
Norwich C v Brighton
Oxford Ath v Watlington

THIRD ROUND
Aldershot v Coventry C
Carlisle U v Ayrton Stoney
Chester v Bradford C
Crystal Palace v Southampton
Dundee v Boston U
Durham C v Tranmere Rov
Hemel Hempstead v Queens Park Rov
Millwall v Gillingham
Northampton T v Bournemouth
Norwich C v Brighton
Oxford Ath v Watlington

FOURTH ROUND
Aldershot v Coventry C
Carlisle U v Ayrton Stoney
Chester v Bradford C
Crystal Palace v Southampton
Dundee v Boston U
Durham C v Tranmere Rov
Hemel Hempstead v Queens Park Rov
Millwall v Gillingham
Northampton T v Bournemouth
Norwich C v Brighton
Oxford Ath v Watlington

FIVETH ROUND
Aldershot v Coventry C
Carlisle U v Ayrton Stoney
Chester v Bradford C
Crystal Palace v Southampton
Dundee v Boston U
Durham C v Tranmere Rov
Hemel Hempstead v Queens Park Rov
Millwall v Gillingham
Northampton T v Bournemouth
Norwich C v Brighton
Oxford Ath v Watlington

SIXTH ROUND
Aldershot v Coventry C
Carlisle U v Ayrton Stoney
Chester v Bradford C
Crystal Palace v Southampton
Dundee v Boston U
Durham C v Tranmere Rov
Hemel Hempstead v Queens Park Rov
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