

TOWN RIPPED SUNDERLAND

BROWN AND TURNER LED THEM A DANCE

Vauxhall, In Last Eight, Had Shock For Bromley

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REMARKABLE is scarcely a strong enough word to describe the way in which the Town thrash Sunderland whenever they come to Kenilworth-road and the latest rout last Saturday, brought the number of goals Sunderland have conceded here in three matches to 21.

Long before the end their defence had been reduced to a complete shambles by a punchy, speedy, hard-hitting forward line in which Brown was the shining star and his brilliance should ensure his return to the Scottish team.

PROBING in all directions, Brown gave Hurley an awful chasing and his work might very well have produced more goals than it did.

Between them, Brown and Turner, with whom he has struck up such a great understanding, were altogether too much for a defence that was slow on the turn and very inclined to panic under heavy pressure.

For Turner, it was a great second half during which he scored four times in 39 minutes, to equal his feat against the same opposition in the corresponding match last season.

These goals boosted his total for the season to 26 and re-established him as the First Division's leading scorer.

Fogarty's Was The Miss Of The Match

ONLY twice did the Town's position seem to be in any sort of danger.

The first occasion came shortly after Groves had got up above everybody else to head a great goal in the ninth minute from McLeod's free-kick, when Fogarty made the miss of the match.

All he had to do to a low cross from Godbold was to give the ball the merest tap, with Baynham having been drawn out of position, but he miskicked completely.

If the ball had hit him it still might have gone in, but the Sunderland explanation afterwards was that he was unsighted, but, even so, it was an amazing escape for the Town.

Town Demolished The Sunderland Defence

FOR the most part, though, the Town defence was never in trouble, although there was a slightly streaky period early in the second half when Fogarty had partly atoned by scoring from a pass by Revie.

By then, though, Turner had made a goal for Brown (28 minutes) and accepted a pass

from Adam (47 minutes) to crack the ball through first time.

There were 57 minutes gone when Fogarty secured Sunderland's orphan point, but, after a period in which some danger seemed to threaten, the Town resumed their smooth stride and proceeded to demolish the opposing defence.

Forwards Impressive In The Mud

WITH 65 minutes gone, the scoring spree really began with Turner going full length to head through a cross from Brown, and five minutes later another centre from Brown was punched up into the air by Fraser, and Turner was on hand to head through and complete a hat-trick, his third of the season.

Four minutes from the end a mis-hit shot from Adam's pass gave Turner his fourth, and another opening by the outside-right enabled Brown to complete the scoring with a bare minute remaining.

It really was an impressive display from the Town forwards, who adapted their tactics to the very heavy conditions and ploughed through the mud relentlessly.

Could Not Stop Brown At All

THERE was never any stopping Brown, who was particularly dangerous when breaking through down either wing, and his speed and clever footwork were always too much for Sunderland's weak defence.

Turner, of course, was the master marksman, eagerly snapping up his scoring opportunities, but it was also good to see Brown getting a couple of goals, and never were they more deserved.

Groves is now fulfilling the rich promise he has shown for some time, but previously never seemed quite to reach, and his influence on the rest of the line is very

marked, particularly in the use he makes of the ball.

Welcome Boost For The Goal Average

IN the air, too, he is most authoritative, and his goal was a spectacular affair, which he nearly repeated on two other occasions during the first half, when he got a very large percentage of high balls.

Three goals came as a direct result of the work of Adam, who made better use of the ball than is sometimes the case so far as he is concerned, and McDonald never really had a firm grip on him.

McLeod did much that was useful, too, and, as always, he

Vauxhall Wanted This Pairing

"Just the draw we wanted. I think we have a very good chance of getting through to the semi-finals," said Vauxhall Motors F.C. Honorary Secretary, Ken Edge, on learning that Vauxhall had been drawn away to Ilford in the fourth round of the F.A. Amateur Cup on February 22.

Ilford, like Bromley, play in the Isthmian League, and their League record this season is far from inspiring. They are four places from bottom, with 13 points from 16 matches. However, they have a very good ground, and their third-round tie with Wycombe Wanderers on Saturday attracted a gate of 10,000.

They are roughly the same strength as Bromley, but earlier this season they beat them 4-2.

To reach the fourth round Ilford have disposed of Eastbourne (home) 2-1, Bungay (away) 4-0, and Wycombe Wanderers (home) 2-1.

Vauxhall are certainly out of luck so far as home draws are concerned. Since entering the competition proper they have been drawn away to Devizes, Bromley, and now Ilford. Their only home game was in the first round, when they entertained Hounslow.

They have an old score to wipe out, for in 1948 Ilford beat them 2-1 in the second round proper.

was a 100 per cent trier from start to finish.

This scoring spree gave the goal average a welcome boost, something that may be valuable to the Town when the final reckoning of who is to have talent money comes.

Sunderland Adhered Slavishly To A Plan

WHILE there was some quite attractive football from Sunderland in midfield, they were not very dangerous at close quarters and they adhered rather too slavishly to the one plan in which Revie figured prominently.

Lying deep, Revie tried to carve out openings for Fogarty and O'Neill, who played a sort of double-barrelled centre-forward game, but the Town

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 7
Groves, Brown (2),
Turner (4)
SUNDERLAND 1
Fogarty

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Hawkes; Pacey, Owen, Pearce; Adam, Turner, Brown, Groves, McLeod.

SUNDERLAND: Fraser; Hedley, McDonald; Anderson, Hurley, Elliott; Bingham, Fogarty, Revie, O'Neill, Godbold.

Referee: J S McLoughlin, Manchester. Attendance: 15,922.

defence comfortably put an end to that.

For this, considerable credit goes to Pacey, who had quite his best game in the first team, and followed faithfully his instructions to keep a close watch on O'Neill, who is something of an opportunist.

Pacey Shone As Morton's Deputy

VERY strong in the tackle, Pacey did so well that Morton was not missed and that is high praise indeed.

There were times in the second half when he tended to carry the ball too far forward, but this was a minor blemish on his splendid performance.

The way in which the match was played enabled Pearce to have much of an attacking role and, once or twice, I thought he rather overplayed his hand in this respect, possibly through being over-confident, but no trouble came from it and he was always prominent.

In the main, Pearce's job was to mark Revie, with Owen watching Fogarty, a job he did very effectively, and Sunderland's down-the-middle plan just did not work.

Have Gained 14 Points Out Of 18

GODBOLD received very little change from the hard-tackling Dunne, and what threat there was from the wings came mostly from Bingham, but there was not a lot of that because Hawkes played stoutly and was terrier-like in his tenacity.

For Baynham, this was an easy-enough match, but when he was called upon, his handling of the greasy ball was impeccable.

This was the Town's third consecutive League win and, since the team was re-cast early in December, 14 points have been gained out of a possible 18 and they have gained nine out of the last 10.

Young Reserves' Bright Form

WITH a team liberally sprinkled with youngsters who have been developed by the club, the Town Reserves did extremely well to force a 4-4 draw with Bristol Rovers at Eastville on Saturday.

One, John Walker, who is not yet 17, came in at the last moment at outside-left, and although his true position is wing-half, he put up a good show and scored two goals.

He was helped by the fact that Cummins was in his best form and made splendid use of the ball. Cummins opened the scoring