

THIS WIN WAS THE BEST OF THE SEASON

Luton Town - - 7 Sunderland - - 1

IN future, I should think Sunderland will require danger money to come to Luton, at least so far as the defence is concerned.

In consecutive seasons they have conceded eight, six and seven goals on this ground, and their chief scourge has been Gordon Turner.

In the second half today he scored four goals, to equal exactly his feat against the same opposition last season, and in the three matches he has scored 10 against them.

These goals bring his total for the season to 26.

Great though his opportunism was, the star forward that this game produced was Allan Brown. Surely on this form the Scottish selectors cannot ignore his claims. Not only did he help himself to a couple of goals, but laid on others, and was constantly taking expensive capture Charlie Hurley away from the middle and creating gaps in a very rickety Sunderland defence.

The writing was on the wall in the first half if the Town forwards could really punch home the advantage they had gained.

So it proved, though there was a slightly hesitant passage at the start of the second half when Sunderland pulled back to 3—1 and Fogarty and O'Neill were making something of a nuisance of themselves.

That particular period was got over, and then the Town proceeded to really hammer home their attacks.

It was a brilliant forward display, in which all shared, with Groves very prominent, particularly with his head work in the first half, and Adam laying on quite a lot of openings after the interval.

There was much more strength in the Town middle line than there was in that of Sunderland, with Pacey, detailed in more or less a defensive role, playing finely.

There was no weakness at half-back, despite the somewhat unorthodox tactics tried by Sunderland, with Revie attempting his old deep-lying plan.

In the main, the Town defence coped comfortably with Sunderland's attacks, which lacked punch, and though Sunderland played neat football in midfield, they carried little threat in front of goal.

It was a great win for the Town, easily their best this season, and once again they gave the lie to what has now become myth that they cannot operate in the mud.

If ever a pitch was a mud-heap this was, and the Town simply skated through it.

Attendance: 15,922.