

TOWN RUN RIOT AGAINST SUNDERLAND

BIG DIVIDENDS FROM OPEN, DIRECT FOOTBALL

Hat-Trick-And One Over -By In-Form Turner

By Chiltern
Luton Town - - 7 Sunderland - - 1

THIS sad occasion, with obviously the thoughts of the players on that terrible tragedy at Munich, was marked at Kenilworth-road this afternoon by a ceremony before the kick-off of the Town's match with Sunderland.

Both teams, track-suited, came out to stand opposite each other in front of the main stand, accompanied by their directors and managers, Mr. A. D. McMullen, the Bedfordshire F.A. Secretary and a member of the F.A. Council, and the referee and linesmen.

Bareheaded, the crowd observed a two-minutes' silence in memory of the victims of the disaster and in sympathy with the bereaved. Afterwards, the Luton Band played "Abide with me."

It was a most impressive and moving few minutes.

Both teams wore black arm-bands and the Club flag flew at half-mast.

More than one player was visibly moved by the whole affair.

Yesterday's snow had disappeared and the pitch was just about a sea of mud, though it could have been a lot worse had not the surface water that stood on it this morning been dealt with.

MORTON OUT

The Town welcomed back Brown and Pearce, but were without Bob Morton because of tendon trouble, and this meant a continuance in the team of Pacey, who was at left-half last Saturday.

Sunderland, after their draw at Newcastle last Saturday, rather surprisingly made a change which

Town Visit Reading In Floodlit Cup

FOR the third consecutive time, the Town have been drawn away in the Southern Floodlit Cup and, in the semi-final, they are called upon to visit Reading, who beat West Ham in a replay in the last round.

When the Town won this Cup last season, it was by beating Reading in the final at Elm Park.

In the other semi-final, Watford will be at home to Portsmouth.

Semi-finals and final are to be played by April 19.

meant the omission of English international Colin Grainger, and the introduction of local Harry Godbold.

After looking threatening, the weather cleared up by kick-off time.

The Town were set to defend the Oak-road end.

They were first dangerous, and Brown was just beaten to a bouncing ball by Fraser, who then cut out a cross by McLeod.

Too much elaboration in mid-field spoilt another promising Town movement, and when Sunderland made ground, Hawkes, taking no risk, tapped the ball into touch with Bingham lying too close for safety.

BIT OF LUCK

A pass from Adam, intercepted by Elliott, brought the first threat to the Town goal, and the Town were probably a bit fortunate in that Pacey fell in the direct line

FILL IN YOUR PONTOON SCORES

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Accrington	2	2	0	...	Clyde	0	2	5	Leicester	0	2
Airdrie	3	2	3	...	Clichstr	1	2	3	Leyton O	1	1
Albion	1	2	3	...	Coventry	2	2	0	Lincoln	1	2
Aldershot	0	2	2	...	Cdnbth	8	2	1	Liverpool	0	3
Alloa	2	2	0	...	Crewe	1	2	1	Luton	3	2
Arbroath	4	2	2	...	Crystal P	2	1	3	Man C.	1	2
Arsenal	1	2	4	...	Drigtn	0	3	2	Man U.	7	2
Aston V.	0	2	1	...	Derby	1	2	0	Mansf.	3	0
Ayr	0	2	1	...	Dncster	0	2	2	Mdlbro	2	1
Barnsley	1	2	1	...	Dumbtn	3	2	0	Millwall	0	1
Barrow	1	2	4	...	Dundee	2	2	2	Mntrese	1	2
Berwick	0	2	1	...	Dndee U	6	2	2	Morton	2	2
Birmingham	2	2	0	...	East F.	0	2	1	Mthwll	2	2
Blackburn	2	2	3	...	East Stlg	2	2	3	Nwcastle	1	1
Blackpool	3	2	1	...	Exeter	1	2	0	Nwport	2	2
Bolton	2	2	0	...	Falkirk	3	2	2	Nthptn	2	1
Burnley	1	0	2	...	Forfar	3	2	2	Nwrich	1	1
Burnth	1	2	1	...	Fulham	0	1	2	Notts C.	0	1
Bradford	2	2	1	...	Gresbd	4	2	2	Ntm F.	1	2
Bradford C	2	2	1	...	Ghgm	0	2	1	Oldham	3	2
Brechin	4	2	1	...	Grimsby	3	2	0	Partick	3	2
Brentford	0	2	2	...	Hallifax	2	2	4	Plymouth	1	2
Brighton	2	2	0	...	Hmltn	2	2	0	Ptmth	2	1
Bristol C	2	2	1	...	Htpleis	2	2	2	Port V.	2	3
Bristol R	0	2	3	...	Hearts	3	7	2	Preston	3	2
Bury	4	2	2	...	Hibernn	3	2	2	Qn's Pk	2	1
Cardiff	1	4	1	...	Hdlsfld	3	2	1	Q.P.R.	3	0
Carlisle	0	2	2	...	Hull	2	2	2	Qn of S.	2	2
Celtic	1	2	4	...	Ipwich	1	0	1	Rangers	4	2
Charlton	2	1	3	...	Kilmnk	1	2	2	Reading	5	3
Chelsea	2	3	1	...					Rochdale	1	2
Chester	0	3	4	...							



due to the conditions, by Dunne, and it was an amazing miss.

Undeterred by this escape, the Town came again and Groves, again proving his authority in the air, beat everybody in the Sunderland defence to meet a cross by McLeod and sent the ball inches the wrong side of the post.

The more open attacking play continued to come from the Town, and Groves, not helped by the slippery conditions, just failed to connect with a centre from the right.

TOWN THRUST

Baynham once had to dive at the feet of Bingham but by and large the Town were looking the more thrifty.

Elliott had a typical do-or-die effort first-time with his left foot from a free kick that came when Bingham was fouled by McLeod, and the ball flew well wide of the mark in the end.

There followed some quite strong pressure from Sunderland, during which Pearce came out briskly with the ball and Hawkes had to make a quick tackle on Bingham.

The ball stayed at the Town end until Dunne booted clear.



The Town's second goal came in the 28th minute through Brown, but the credit belonged almost wholly to Turner. Adding to the deluge, Brown scored Luton's seventh goal a minute from the end.

and Brown sent away in the end Groves' who eventually slipped the ball to Adam, whose low shot was picked up by Fraser.

Conditions were now becoming difficult, making control of the ball far from easy, as was shown when Turner failed to get hold of a skidding pass. Success would have left him with a clear run to goal.

Then Adam had a shot deflected from a corner from which Pacey pushed the ball through again and Groves nearly caused more trouble with his head.

Second goal to the Town came from BROWN in the 28th minute and the credit belonged almost wholly to Turner. He worked the ball cleverly from the left wing along the dead-line, beating Hedley in the process and then laying on a low pass bang in front of goal from which Brown had merely to place the ball wide of Fraser.

This he did with no waste of time at all, and the Town were two up.

Before play could start again, there was a stoppage while Elliott, who had followed Turner across the field, was attended to for injury, but he was soon all right again.

Still playing the more open,

How The Goals Came

GROVES for Luton after 9 minutes.

BROWN for Luton after 28 minutes.

TURNER for Luton after 47 minutes.

FOGARTY for Sunderland after 57 minutes.

TURNER for Luton after 65 minutes.

TURNER for Luton after 70 minutes.

TURNER for Luton after 86 minutes.

BROWN for Luton after 89 minutes.

direct type of football, the Town continued to look the more punchy outfit and again Groves, getting well up off the ground, just failed to turn a header to account.

A quick break by Bingham brought a free kick to Sunderland when Hawkes pulled him down from behind, and this caused some activity in front of the Town goal, ending when Turner collected the ball just outside the penalty area and slipped it back to Baynham.

When Sunderland came again, Baynham went down deliberately on one knee to make certain that a low shot by O'Neill played no tricks in the mud.

Back came the Town, and Hurley got away with a blatant case of obstruction on Brown, but there was poetic justice in that Fraser fumbled the ball, the Town got a corner, and from it Pearce hit a screaming shot that almost shaved the far post.

Then Fraser had to come out in a hurry to punch off the head of Brown a centre by McLeod, and there was no disputing the fact that the Town, more direct in their methods and using tactics more suitable for the conditions, were the better side.

Brown, who was worrying Hurley quite a lot, saw a shot ricochet off a defender and then a low cross smack McDonald on the shins.

At this stage the Town were looking quicker on the ball. Sunderland kept pegging away but were lacking thrust in front of goal and Baynham's only task for some time was to pull down a comparatively tame shot from Fогarty.

NEARLY ELUDED HIM

A minute later Turner, receiving from McLeod on the left flank, again outwitted Hedley and attempted to lay on a similar chance to the one he had provided for Brown earlier. This time the ball did not run to the centre-forward, Elliott intercepted, and even so his pass back to Fraser nearly eluded the goalkeeper.

Sunderland were kept in the game without really looking potential scorers, though Baynham had to throw himself at the feet of Fогarty in gallant style to prevent trouble.

With two minutes of the first half to go, Bingham got the ball into the Luton net, but the goal was disallowed for offside.

After this, there was quite heavy pressure on the Town goal, and Baynham went down to save from O'Neill. Half-time:

LUTON TOWN 2
SUNDERLAND 0

First away after the re-start, the Town came to an abrupt stop when McLeod was tackled, and then Baynham, in a sharp Sunderland break-away, again had to throw himself at the feet of O'Neill.

TWO QUICK GOALS

However, in the 47th minute the Town became three up with a typical goal by TURNER.

Brown swung the ball out to Adam, who made a low centre right into the penalty area, and Turner, well placed, ran on to it and smacked it first time well and truly into the corner of the net well out of Fraser's reach.

Sunderland were not done with, and after 51 minutes FOGARTY put them back into the game with some sort of a chance with a well-placed shot into the corner of the net from Revie's pass that left Baynham helplessly placed.

This was a bit of a danger period for the Town, and some hesitation between Dunne and Baynham looked a little bit ominous until Baynham took the ball by the horns and hurled himself at a bouncing ball that was going dangerously close to Fогarty.

After a short spell the Town struck again through Brown, down the left wing. He pulled the ball back to McLeod, whose shot went so wide, possibly off the outside of his boot, that it looked as if it must have been deflected by an opponent.

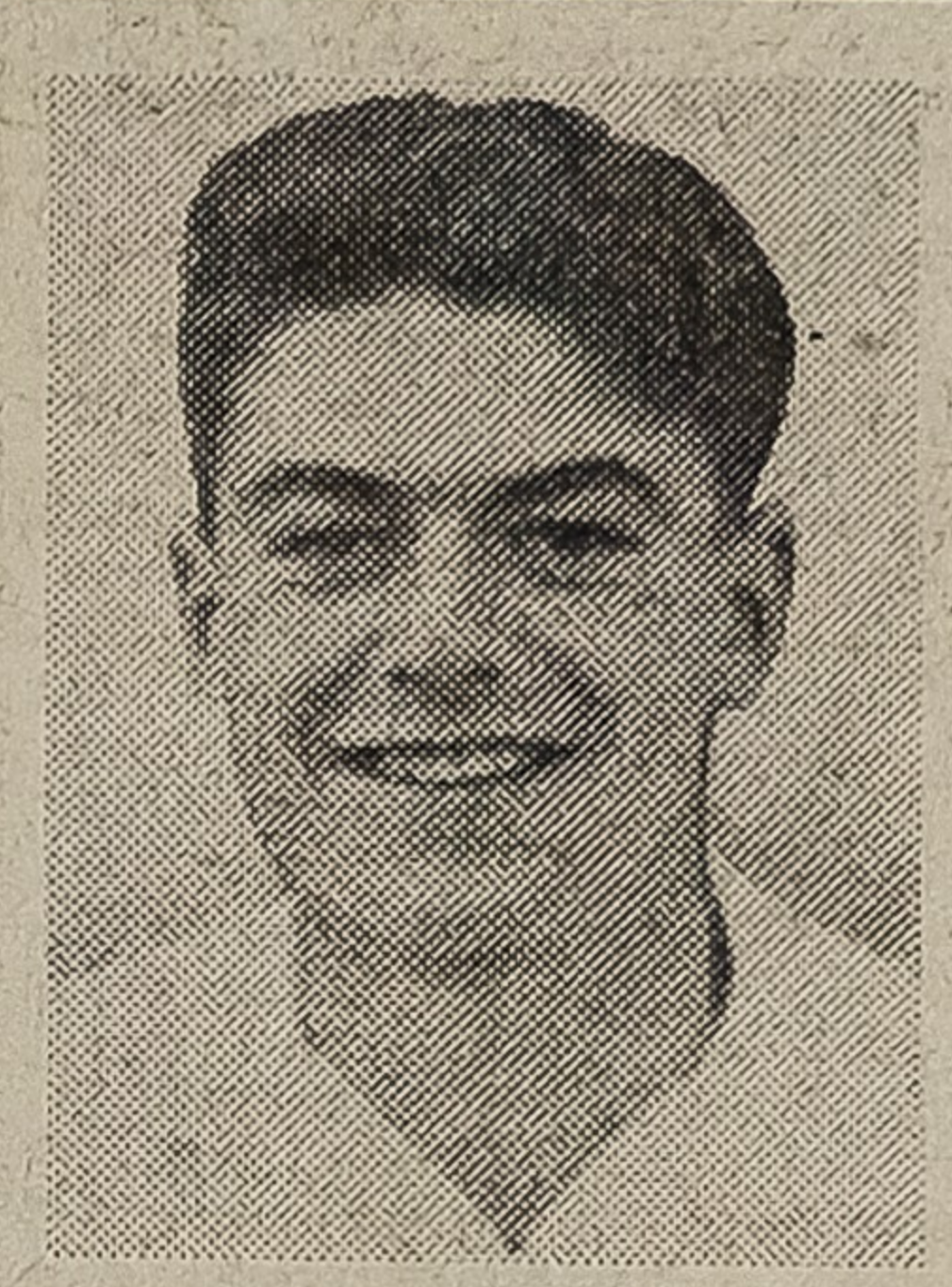
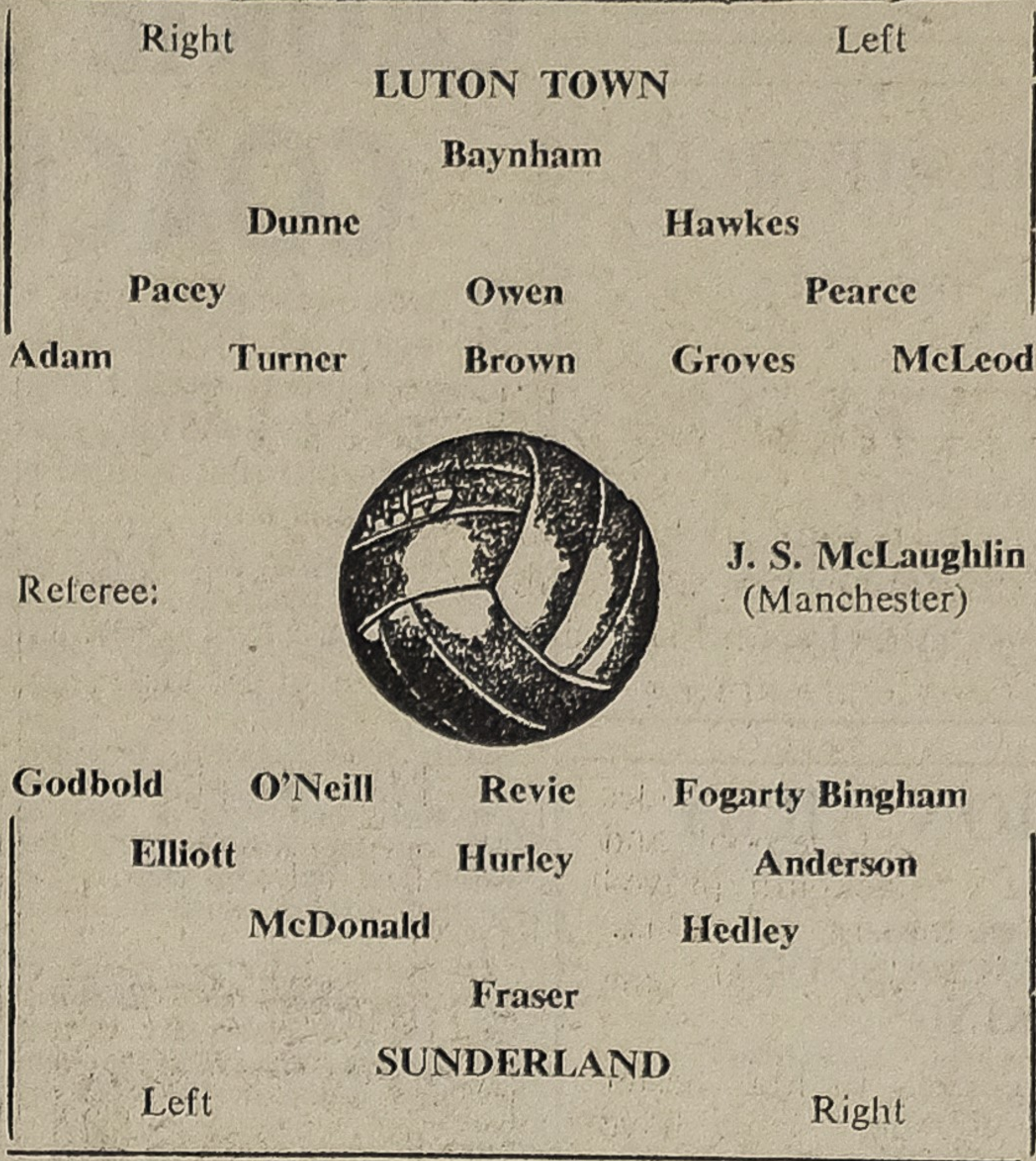
However, the referee thought otherwise, though McLeod was already taking up a position ready for a corner.

PACEY APPLAUDED

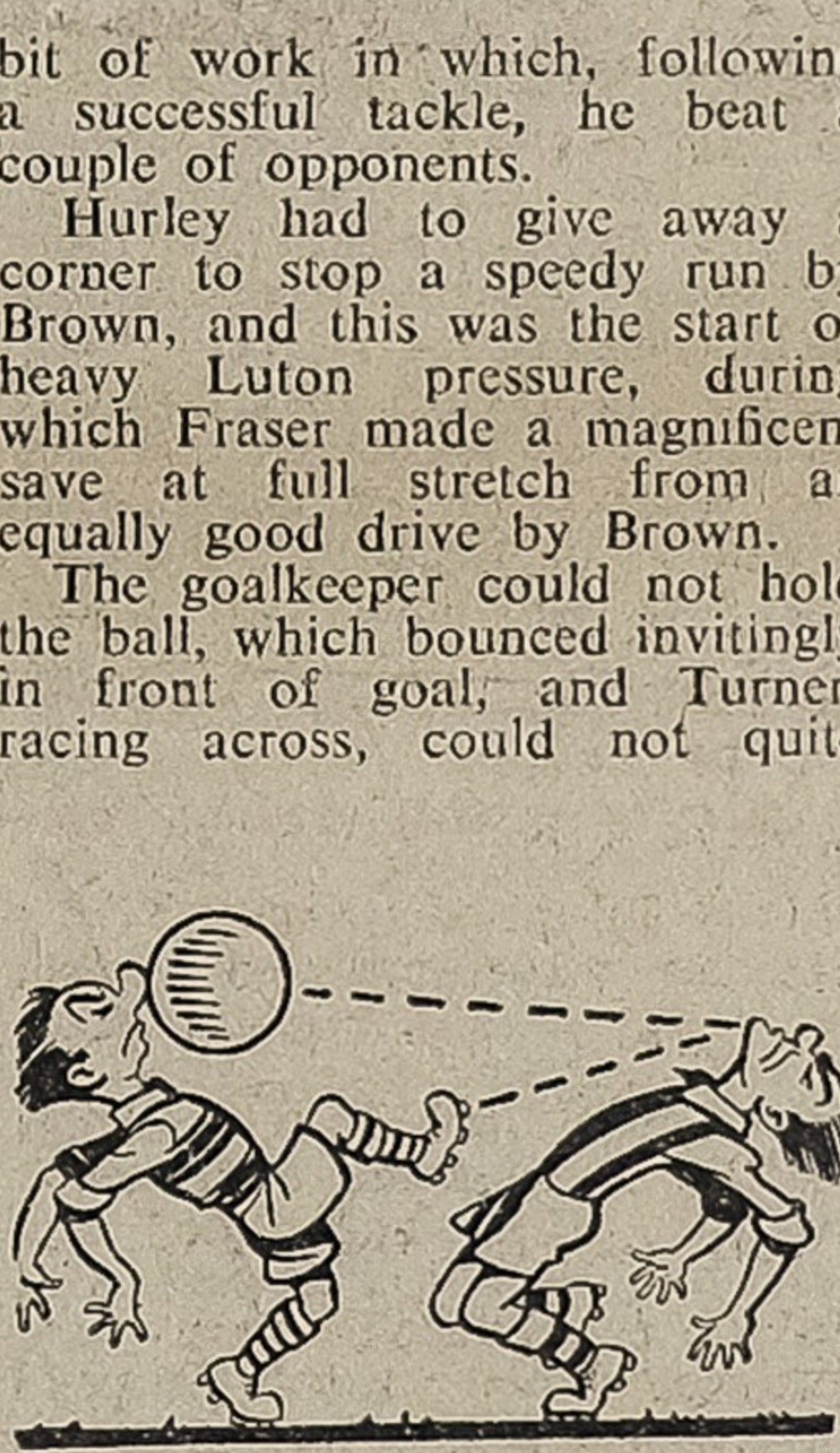
The main danger to the Town was from the thrusts of the inside-forwards, Fогarty and O'Neill, who were playing almost a double-barrelled centre-forward game with Revie lying behind them, seeking to make the openings.

This meant in effect that Owen was marking Fогarty and the responsibility for looking after Revie had largely devolved on Pearce.

At the same time, Pacey was keeping a close watch on O'Neill and drew applause for a brilliant



A typical goal by Turner put the Town three up in the 47th minute. Eighteen minutes later, Gordon found the net again. A magnificent hat-trick was completed after 70 minutes. Nor was this all. Four minutes from the end there was another goal to the inside-right's credit.



reach it from a most acute angle before Hedley pushed it behind for safety.

Sunderland were still fighting, and, challenged by Fогarty, Owen sought to pass back to Baynham, only to put the ball too wide and concede a corner that Adam cleared.

Chance of making an opening for another Luton goal was wasted by McLeod who hung on to the ball too long, with Brown and Turner in position.

The referee had a word with O'Neill for a foul on Pearce, but the free-kick was placed straight at Revie by Hawkes and this was a forerunner of a Sunderland raid in which Revie eventually crossed the ball and Owen headed over his own bar to get the Town out of trouble.

Pearce and Owen between them cleared the corner.

BRILLIANT FOURTH

With 65 minutes gone, TURNER made the Town's position much more tenable with a brilliantly headed goal from a low centre by Brown. As the ball came over, Turner threw himself full length to guide it wide of the grasping hands of Fraser and just inside the post.

Turner was much more like his old self, and again he came through the Sunderland defence, only to pull the ball back too far for his forward colleagues.

Sunderland appealed against Turner's goal on the grounds of offside, but the referee would not listen, which I think was right because Turner made considerable ground to reach the ball.

It was beginning to look like another real drubbing for Sunderland.

LUTON BOYS' MATCH OFF

Luton Schoolboys were due to entertain Dagenham Schoolboys at Challeney School, Luton, this morning, but because of the waterlogged state of the pitch the match was postponed.

The new date has not yet been fixed for the game, which is a quarter-final of the Corinthian Shield Competition, but it will probably be on Saturday week.

general rule, it did not amount to much in terms of threats to the Town goal.

TURNER AGAIN

After a quiet spell Brown, who had really worried the Sunderland defence throughout, was again found in the open space on the left and, taking a return pass from Groves, was caught off-side with what must have been a marginal decision.

With four minutes left, TURNER made the Town's total six from a cross by Adam. I more than suspect that in point of fact Turner mishit his shot, but the effect was the same because it rolled well out of Fraser's reach.

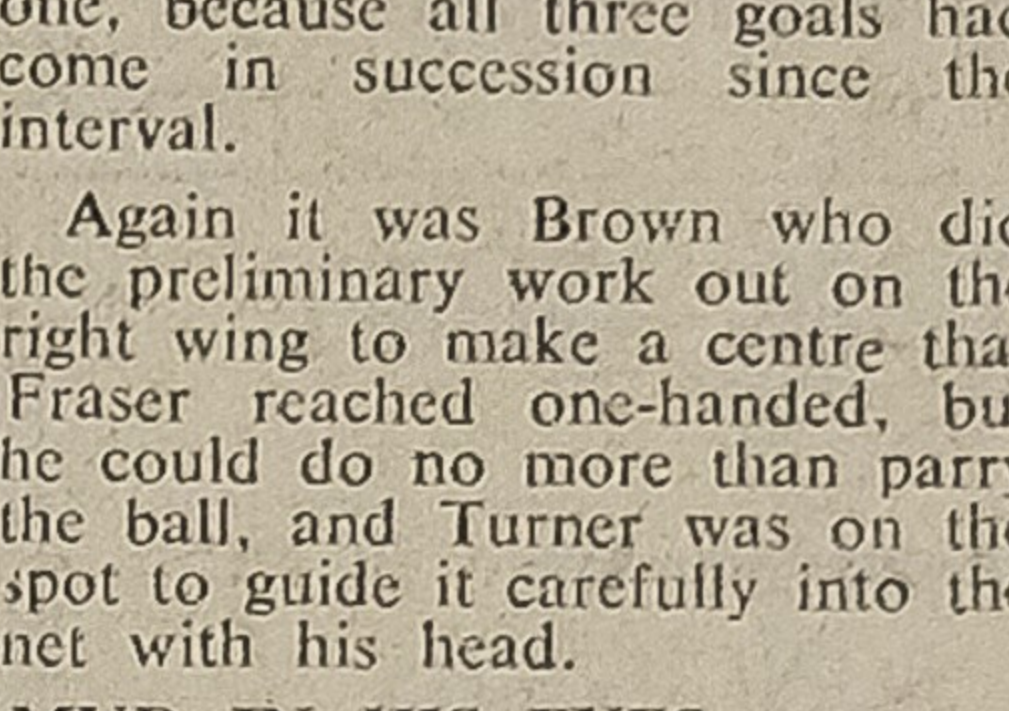
More trouble came for Sunderland when Bingham was penalised for a foul on McLeod after they got at cross purposes with each other. From the free kick, Fraser saved a header from Adam.

However, the free kick was ordered to be retaken, and nothing came from it this time.

The goals continued to come, and a minute from the end, BROWN, from point-blank range, swept into the net a cross by Adam.

The Town were really running riot now, and had reduced Sunderland to a complete shambles in defence. Result:

LUTON TOWN 7
SUNDERLAND 1



THRILLING MATCH

Vauxhall Out Of Youth Cup

The match between Icknield and Vauxhall Motors in the F.A. Youth Cup at Fitchin Town ground this morning was a fine advertisement for present day youth football. It was a thriller.

Skill and determination were shown by both teams on a heavy pitch and not until the last 15 minutes did Icknield get on top. In the first half the burly Vauxhall lads looked slightly the better proposition in the conditions.

They went ahead after 20 minutes through outside-left DAVIES but Icknield left-half ARMSTRONG cracked in an equaliser from a corner.

LAWRENCE put the Hitchin side in front but a defensive lapse let in DAVIES to make it equal. Half-time:

ICKNIELD 2
VAUXHALL MOTORS 2

Vauxhall centre-forward WRIGHT began the second half by scoring but outside-left CHALKLEY equalised and then came two goals from star inside-left HILLS, one from a penalty, and finally an individual effort by right-winger FRENCH. Result:

ICKNIELD 6
VAUXHALL MOTORS 3

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