

"ON TO WEMBLEY" IS TOWN SUPPORTERS' THEME NOW

PACEY'S GOAL WAS A REAL LIFE-SAVER

Amazing Scoring Spree In The Early Minutes

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"ON to Wembley," was the theme of thousands of Town supporters returning from Ipswich on Saturday after that fine win and there was some justification for that optimism after the Town's display in the first half.

In the first half hour, particularly, they had the Ipswich defence reeling against their high-powered class football and virtually had the match won with only 17 minutes gone because, during that amazing period, they built up a 4-1 lead.

REMARKABLE was scarcely the word for the dramatic happenings in those early minutes and what the Town had been trying to guard against, came about.

They did not want Ipswich to be given the extra confidence of an early goal, but one could scarcely have come earlier than it did.

In the first home attack, Crawford slipped past Hawkes to make a centre that found Rees completely unmarked and he had all the time in the world in which to pick his spot for his header.

Had Ipswich been able to hang on to that lead for 10 minutes or so, the Town might have been in trouble.

Pacey's Free-kick Levelled Matters

AS it was they had the tremendous shot in the arm of drawing level in the next minute and Ipswich were never given the chance to cash in on their early success.

Somewhat needlessly, in the excitement of the occasion, Snell pulled down Pacey just outside the penalty area when no particular danger seemed to threaten.

Pacey picked himself up and from the free-kick sent a great drive that rose into the top of the net as Bailey groped wildly for it.

The cheer that greeted that success almost matched the terrific roar that had gone up when Ipswich gained their shock goal.

Town Had An Amazing Scoring Spree

AFTER that, the Town forwards began to turn on the heat, and then came an amazing five minutes between the 13th and the 17th when they scored three times to send Ipswich reeling.

First to succeed was Morton after a Cummins — Bingham movement and after Brown had had a shot beaten out.

The ball went to Morton, who hit at it first time and it went wide of Bailey, somewhat tanta-

lingly slowly, just inside the post.

That surprising ability of Bingham to beat in the air, defenders who are inches taller than him, brought another goal a minute later because, with perfect timing, he got above Malcolm to meet a centre from Gregory and send the ball into the far corner.

Ipswich Never Gave Up The Fight

GREGORY ended the scoring spree three minutes later when, with Carberry off the field for attention to a leg injury, he closed on to a through pass from Brown and made a low drive as two defenders converged on him.

Carberry returned almost immediately, and there was further heavy work for the home defence and nearly another Town goal when Brown got clear and was foiled only by Bailey diving and pulling the ball away from his feet.

To their credit, despite the discouraging situation in which they found themselves, Ipswich never gave up fighting.

Ipswich Had Not Town's Finish

THEIR position might have improved considerably had Leadbetter been able to keep a header, from a centre from the right, lower, but the ball bounced on top of the bar and went over.

However, they did not show the same thrust as the Town and, although some of their midfield football was neat and accurate, much of it took too much time to reach fruition because the ball was worked across the field too often.

Only other real chance that came Ipswich's way before half-time was when Berry shot wide of the near post from quite a good position.

Second Goal Was Almost A Gift

SO, when the interval came with the Town three goals up, it looked as if their appearance in the last eight was assured.

However, there was always the danger that another goal to Ipswich would cause a terrific

FOR THE RECORDS

IPSWICH TOWN 2
Rees (2).

LUTON TOWN 5
Pacey, Morton (2), Bingham, Gregory.

IPSWICH TN: Bailey; Carberry, Malcolm; Belcher, Snell, Johnstone; Berry, Millward, Crawford, Rees, Leadbetter.

LUTON TN: Baynham; McNally, Hawkes; Groves, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Brown, Morton, Cummins, Gregory.

Referee: K Collinge, Sale. Attendance: 26,700

surge of fighting spirit.

At the start of the second half there was not much sign of the earlier Town brilliance, and Ipswich, with a change of tactics, they were now hitting the ball forward hard and following up, began to look threatening.

When they did secure their second goal after 56 minutes it was in the nature of a gift and came right out of the blue.

Rees Was Left With A Clear Run

GROVES paid the penalty of keeping the ball too close near the danger area when his short pass, intended for Owen, was intercepted by Crawford.

A quick through pass, and Rees was left with a clear run for goal and he made no mistake about beating Baynham.

Danger then, of course, was another goal to the home side, which would have made the situation completely different, and it was not for the want of

trying on the part of Ipswich that they failed.

However, they had not the finishing power to enable them to stage a grand-stand finish, though only the quickness of Baynham on one occasion put a stop to a dash by Crawford.

Town Swung Into Action Again

OF the second-half play, Ipswich had a lot, but there was not really a great deal of threat from them, and the Town forwards looked the more dangerous when they were on the move, which was much less frequently than before the interval.

As time wore on, and prospects of an Ipswich recovery became more remote, the Town swung into action again, and Morton had a shot deflected just too high by a defender.

Soon afterwards, though, seven minutes from the end, Morton was successful when he headed past Bailey a centre from Bingham. And that was virtually the end of this particular Cup story.

Town Could Never Afford To Relax

IT was a tie that will be remembered for the ferocity of those opening minutes, for the second half was an ordinary sort of affair, with the Town looking as if they were more concerned with holding on to what had achieved than increasing their lead.

Maybe, this was only an illusion and that what really happened was that they were thrown out of their stride by the dash and bustle of this fighting Ipswich team.

Brilliant Bingham Harassed Malcolm

SHINING forward star was Bingham, who gave Malcolm a real roasting and collected several hard knocks in the process.

Never was the left-back able to take his measure and there was always trouble for Ipswich when he had possession of the ball.

Next in line was Cummins, again in great form, foraging brilliantly in midfield and spraying out passes with great accuracy.

Now Morton is really settling

down into a goal-scoring centre-forward and four in the last two matches show the measure of his success.

Morton Is Taking The Weight

NOT only is he on the mark, but he is taking much weight off the others and is continually fighting for the ball.

Although Brown did not continue in scoring vein, he did a terrific amount of work, up and down the field, and had a hand in at least two of the goals.

From Gregory came a very good goal—and he is always liable to get one with his hard shooting—but there were times when he failed to get the ball under control quickly enough and then found himself dispossessed by the quick-tackling Carberry.

As Well That Owen Was Dominating

MAYBE, that early goal had a bit of an unsettling effect on the Town defence, but they did not strike me as being quite so water-tight as they have been in recent matches.

In the circumstances, it was as well that Owen was there to give his usual hard-fighting, dominating performance and he did his side a great service by gaining the mastery over Crawford, who could have been dangerous.

Pacey was equally successful against Millward and was always strong and firm in the tackle, but Groves was below his usual standard of wing-half play.

Full-backs Showed Plenty Of Fight

FOR some reason or another he looked hesitant and almost casual at times, and, frequently, his use of the ball was inaccurate. But he has played so well for so long that this display will be forgotten.

Without ever seeming to be fully in command, McNally and Hawkes did a very useful job against two quite dangerous wingers, and both full-backs showed plenty of fight and courage under pressure.

Baynham always had to keep one eye on the bustling attentions of Crawford, who challenged him nearly every time he had the ball.

However, he refused to be upset by this, and continued to pluck the ball out of the air with aplomb, except on one occasion when he was hustled into fumbling it, but his recovery was rapid.

At least twice he risked injury by diving at the feet of oncoming Ipswich forwards.