

TOWN HAVE GOT RIGHT SPIRIT

EVERTON 2

LUTON TOWN 2

JUST three minutes was all that stood between the Town and what would have been their first away League victory for nearly 12 months at Goodison Park this afternoon.

In the end they came away with a point which can certainly be regarded as a satisfactory opening to the season strictly from the result point of view.

Had Everton lost they would probably have regarded themselves as hard done by, but in point of fact they would have had only themselves to blame because they failed to cash in on what was their undoubted superiority, particularly in the first-half, and for spells in the second.

The man who made some reward possible for the Town was undoubtedly Billy Bingham who brought about something of a transformation when he switched to centre-forward early in the second half.

Earlier the Town forwards had not worn a goal hungry look, but the switch worked to the tune of two goals coming in the space of seven minutes, both inspired by Bingham and one scored by him.

It is too early to be pedantic or to hold firm opinions about the Town's prospects this season, and probably the attack will be seen in a better light when it has the benefit of the shooting power of Turner.

In the first-half Kilgannon had a quiet time indeed although he improved later, when he showed some neat touches.

There was not much scope or support for Brown when he was in the middle, with Cummins tending to hold the ball too long and Gregory, with not the best of material, found Parker difficult to pass.

Doubtless we shall be saying for some time to come that the defence is missing the dominance of Owen.

Where they particularly missed it this afternoon was in the air where Pacey was not so effective as I thought he might be.

Pacey, in his new position, took a little time to settle down, especially as he had to deal with the wanderings of Hickson, but he did so and put in some strong work.

It was a hard match for the defence as a whole and if they seldom looked in complete control they fought for everything.

There was much hard work from Morton and Groves and both. Dunne and Hawkes were quite dependable against a couple of thrustful wingers.

All in all, it was a performance that should give the Town added confidence for the two home matches that are to come.

Attendance: 38,539.