

ALTOGETHER THIS WAS A GOOD RESULT

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DETERMINATION and fighting spirit is slowly getting the Town out of the trouble they built up for themselves in the early weeks.

They showed it at Manchester on Wednesday and there was another demonstration of it at Kenilworth-road this afternoon when they gained their first home victory and their second win in succession, which makes the position look a whole lot more healthy.

There was no disputing the fact that the Town deserved to turn the tables on Forest. With a bit more luck at times and with better finishing they could have sewn this match up by half-time.

As Manager Sid Owen said a few minutes after half-time: "They are making it hard for themselves by not getting the goals early on which would enable them to take command. As a result, every match is a struggle."

The goal, when it came after 62 minutes, was from Allan Brown and was laid on by Billy Bingham who did not quite have the scope he has received in other matches because of the tactics adopted in defence by the Forest.

The full-backs played in such a way that there was little room in which the wingers could operate. Bingham always needed careful watching and there was a promising display from Barry Hawkes, making his first appearance as inside-forward. He was industrious and there was more determination about this forward line than we had seen in most home matches this season.

Gregory began like a world-beater and then faded out, partly because of the close marking, and the line was led intelligently by Brown, although both he and Turner missed scoring chances.

The defence tamed the Forest forwards, who had led them such a dance at Wembley, and there was a positive, sound display from Kelly who had control of Wilson. If Morton was more troubled by Iley he did more to complete a very strong half-back line.

Nor was there the expected threat from the Forest wingers, both of whom are capable of being match winners, which was a tribute to Dunne and Ken Hawkes. Behind them was Baynham in top form, though he was tested nothing like as seriously as at other times.

Forest, although some of their midfield work was clever, did not find the determination the Town have.

Altogether a satisfactory result, bearing in mind that players like Cummins, McNally, Pacey and Kilgannon were missing.

Attendance: 16,634.