

GOAL WAS DISPUTED Fine Defence Not Enough

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FULHAM 1

LUTON TOWN 0

In the manner in which they made their exit from the Southern Floodlit Cup at Griffin Park, Brentford, on Monday, the Town were unlucky in that the deciding goal came only two minutes from the end in highly-suspicious circumstances.

Fulham gained a corner on the left, which was taken short, and CHAMBERLAIN, receiving from Haynes, pushed past Dunne to beat Collier with a shot from a very acute angle.

Appeals by the Town for a foul on the right-back, which seemed to be well-founded, were ignored by the referee, who made some very odd decisions, mostly in favour of Fulham, and, at times, was subjected to ironical cheering by the crowd of 10,100.

Had the Town possessed a forward line worthy of the name, they could still have had an interest in this competition, but without Bingham, who stood down at the last minute because of the effects of a leg injury received at Old Trafford, the attack was a very poor affair.

Hard though Kilgannon worked, there was little to show for it in the way of an end product, and Morton, after an absence because of boils, probably benefited from the match, but did not promise to solve the centre-forward problem.

Once again, the defence bore the brunt of the work and very nearly succeeded in hanging on for extra time, which would have been no more than their due.

Collier had a great match, making sensational saves from Haynes, Chamberlain and Stokes, and had his one piece of luck in the first half when a Haynes header landed on top of the bar.

Nearest they came to scoring was when Turner, looking rather out of place at outside-right, flashed in a shot that Macedo saved brilliantly, and the goalkeeper also made a goal-line save from Morton.

Other than that, the Town's shooting was very undistinguished, and Pacey, in the second half, missed a great chance by shooting over from six yards.

Out-of-form Pacey was completely lost in his latest position of outside-left, and his partner, Cummins, was well below the best of which he is capable.

When Chamberlain scored, it was almost the only time that he escaped the clutches of Dunne, who had a highly-competent full-back partner in Daniel.

There was strength in the middle line, too, with Kelly putting the shackles on Stokes, and both Groves and Brown doing a tremendous amount of work, but there was just no spark from the forward line, otherwise the Town could so easily have been on the winning end.

FULHAM: Macedo; Cohen, Lawler; Mullery, Lampe, Lowe; Cook, Hill, Stokes, Haynes, Chamberlain.

LUTON TOWN: Collier; Dunne, Daniel; Groves, Kelly, Brown; Turner, Kilgannon, Morton, Cummins, Pacey.