

RESULT MAY 59/60 HAVE SEALED TOWN'S FATE

LUTON TOWN 0, WEST BROMWICH 0

THIS was yet another home point that was allowed to get away purely through lack of drive in attack and finishing power.

So superior were the Town in the first half that they could have built up a comfortable lead, had the final pass, which is, of course, all important, been accurate, and had there been real thrust in the shooting.

In point of fact, the pressure exerted by the Town did not produce a high percentage of goalworthy shots and it was in this respect that the Town dropped a point that might well seal their fate as regards to their First Division status.

As the second half progressed they kept on fighting determinedly but, if anything, their finishing became worse, though perhaps they could claim some bad luck in that they had two confident penalty appeals refused.

There, however, the bad luck ended because the Town attack again had a lopsided look because the left wing was almost completely out of gear.

Groves, because of his slowness and overdeliberation was sharp disappointment, and Tracey's display at outside-left, admittedly out of position, merely served to emphasise the Town's dire need of an experienced left-winger.

In the circumstances, too much was left to the other three forwards, and the enthusiasm of McBride was blunted by the fact that the support that came his way was far from adequate.

Occasionally, Turner got himself into a reasonable shooting position, but his finishing was not good either and as far as Bingham was concerned, there was obviously a concerted effort to shut him out of the game.

This has been a constant experience in the last three matches, and nearly every time he got the ball there were two defenders harassing him.

From the West Bromwich viewpoint there was a similar story, because their attack was a hit-and-miss affair, too, though they had the excuse of having Aitken, a limping passenger for the whole of the second half.

Defensively, the Town were strong enough, despite the limitations of Hawkes, and Pacey played an outstanding part in his new role of centre-half.

From Morton and Brown, with the former trying hard to drive on the attack, there was solid support. Dunne was the complete master of Aitken.

Best save of the match went to the credit of Baynham, a brilliant effort from Allen, right on the stroke of half-time.

After their bright beginning, the Town deteriorated into drabness, and in the second half a goal from either side seemed merely a remote possibility.

Attendance: 18,285.