

Brilliant Baynham

Stops Bigger Town Defeat

61/62

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DERBY COUNTY 2, LUTON TOWN 0

HOPES that the Town would be able to build last night on the promising foundation they made against Preston on Saturday, were shattered at Derby.

They found Derby both faster and tougher opposition, and, in a hard-fought game, the home team, always forthright, deservedly took the points.

Inspired goalkeeping by Baynham nearly baulked Derby. He pulled off some magnificent saves, and was unlucky to be beaten twice, which was the measure of Derby's final superiority.

Town's forward line faded out of the picture after a bright enough start.

Often their raids broke down prematurely against the stern, fearless Derby tackling and they were able to create few clear-cut openings.

The Town's defence battled gamely, but mostly it was a losing battle.

COPE COMES TO RESCUE

Danger was threatened by the Town from the start, through two probing runs by Walden, and from the second the ball flashed across the goal, just too far for Lornie to reach.

Derby's first threat came when Curry raced through the middle, but he was caught by a desperate tackle by Cope, and the ball ran harmlessly loose.

Derby's robust style put them on top for a short time, and a dangerous situation was averted by Cope's hooking out a fierce centre from Swallow.

With the Derby pressure mounting, Cope made two more timely clearances as the ball was slapped hard across the face of the Town goal. However, the Town settled down again, only to be caught off-side twice in quick succession.

With a header that sent the ball clear at rocket-like speed, Young stopped a Town raid that developed on the left, and in the end Fleming put the ball cleanly into the hands of Oxford.

TURNER MISSES BY INCHES

Best scoring effort from either side was made by Turner. He fastened on to a pass from Lornie, and his shot from an angle missed the far post by inches.

Derby retaliated with a surprise long shot by Parry, to which Baynham had to throw himself full length.

There was not much in it, but the Town were showing slightly the more constructive ability. The Derby forwards countered with much dash and enthusiasm, which gave them a good deal of the play.

Curiously, Derby's best scoring attempt came from full-back Barrowcliffe, who somehow penetrated into the Town penalty area to seize on a slip by Morton. He should have scored, but with only Baynham facing him he drove too high.

Bramwell got in the way of a shot from Swallow following a corner and, with Derby now shooting whenever possible, Baynham was kept busy.

He made another full-length save from a long-range effort by Young, and cleared again in desperate fashion after Roby had slipped through and had no-one else to beat.

Less was being seen of the Town forwards now, but Lornie very nearly nipped in for the important first goal, but failed to hook the ball past the advancing goalkeeper.

BAYNHAM BRILLIANT, BUT CURRY SCORES

Baynham continued to excel himself with great saves and he made another from Hutchinson when all seemed lost.

The more chances were coming the way of Derby, but the Town defence was fighting strongly.

Derby the lead with a curious goal.

Swallow blocked a clearance by McNally and tried to hook the ball over the head of the advancing Baynham. The ball hung in the air and Baynham recovered so quickly that he was able to reach back and catch it on the goal-line. However, he had no time to gather it before Curry raced up to bundle it in.

Baynham was hurt, but recovered after treatment.

It was un luck that a goal should come in this way, but Derby had been threatening for some time.

Attempts by the Town forwards to get going were of no avail, and, with Derby continuing to be the more dangerous, Davies was inches too high in a scoring attempt. Half-time:

DERBY 1
LUTON TOWN 0

Baynham was quickly in action at the start of the second half, going to smother a hard drive by Davies.

However, with only three minutes gone, Derby increased their lead through HUTCHINSON, who, like Curry earlier, was left with an easy chance after Baynham had parried the ball as it came across the goal from Swallow.

It was going away from him all the time, and he could not gain possession. Before he could recover, Hutchinson, who had followed up, had it in the back of the net.

Little was coming from the Town forwards, and Derby continued to be the more prominent.

Roby crashed the ball on the wrong side of the post.

When Lornie fell inside the penalty area, Town appealed for a penalty, but the referee took no heed.

Town improved, but they were finding difficulty in the face of some hard tackling.

Derby might have had a penalty when McNally appeared to push Curry, but the referee would have nothing to do with it.

BAYNHAM AGAIN SAVES TOWN

Only a brilliant save by Baynham prevented Hutchinson from increasing the lead with a header. The goalkeeper just pushed the ball over.

Shortly after that, Turner had a chance to put the Town back in the game following a defensive slip, but he shot hurriedly wide.

At this juncture, there was near pandemonium from the crowd when Cope, going up to a high centre, appeared to punch the ball—a view which the referee did not share, and which did not increase his popularity with the crowd.

Then came an amazing incident. With the Derby forwards in full cry, a youth in a blue sweater and with a hard plaster on one foot, joined in the game, and although he did not actually get a kick at the ball, he was in line for one until the referee stopped the game and had him escorted off by two policemen.

There were some rather rough passages after this, but the game settled down again with Derby still very much in command, though not looking quite so threatening now.

Few shots were coming from the Town, but Lornie managed one that did not cause Oxford much concern.

With the Town having a better spell Ashworth nearly crept in

How The Goals Came

CURRY for Derby after 36 minutes.
HUTCHINSON for Derby after 48 minutes.

for a goal at close range, but the ball eluded him and it was Derby who came near to a scoring point. Hutchinson beat Baynham with a rising shot that struck the bar. From the rebound McNally tried to push the ball back to his goalkeeper but nearly put into his own net, Baynham having to throw himself in order to avert disaster.

Again Hutchinson was dangerous when his speed took him through the defence, and this time Baynham saved by sticking out a foot and turning the ball for a corner.

Result:
DERBY 2
LUTON TOWN 0
Attendance 18,645.

DERBY COUNTY: Oxford; Barrowcliffe, Conwell; Parry Young, Davies; Roby, Hall, Curry, Hutchinson, Swallow.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Cope, Groves; Walden, Turner, Lornie, Ashworth, Fleming.

Referee: S. Cowan (Manchester).