

FINE! BUT IT CAN BE EVEN BETTER!

LUTON TOWN 4, BURY 0

WHO am I to carp at a four—nil victory? In fact, I do not think that I am inclined to do so, despite the fact that the way in which it was achieved was not all that satisfactory.

By that I do not mean that the Town were ever in danger of dropping a point in this match, but they have, and can, play better than this.

Perhaps, in view of the result, it is unfair to underline this, and when I saw manager Sam Bartram immediately after the match, he thought that there had been a considerable improvement on the displays in the last two games.

With that I am in full agreement, but it is still true that the Town owed their easy victory this afternoon to the opportunism of Alec Ashworth and Gordon Turner.

Each scored two goals, and each might have had more, which simply goes to stress the fact that this Bury team is probably as poor a lot as we have seen at Kenilworth-road this season.

For one thing, they took far too long in which to execute their attacks, which gave the Town defence time in which to cover up, and meant that there were few worthwhile shots at Standen.

In view of past recent events, it is certainly something for the Town to keep a clean sheet, but the defence as a whole played soundly.

Collins was more than a little sketchy at times, particularly in the first half, when his inexperience showed, and there were some cases of mishandling by Standen. However, both showed measurable improvement after the interval, and there was little fault to find with the others.

Transfer-listed McNally gave another good display, indicating that it would be a bad blow to the Town if some club made an adequate offer for his services.

Bramwell, too, showed signs of returning confidence, and Morton, with the responsibility of the captaincy again on his shoulders, turned in a fine performance.

Although sometimes looking harrassed, Groves completed a strong half-back line, whose task was helped by the complete lack of urgency shown by the Bury inside trio.

Forward, even if there was not the smoothness that we have seen at times, there were at least the goals.

One error in tactics which I thought the Town made was not to give more of the ball to Walden, who showed in the first half that he had the measure of Conray.

The victory should give the Town confidence for the difficult two away matches that now face them.

Attendance: 10,315.

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