FOWN BADLY HUMBLED BEFORE THEIR OWN FANS need is to tighten up the defence of success had been lessened | *********** purely on the score of inaccurate

CHARLTON HANDED THEM A DRUBBING

Weaknesses Were Evident In Every Department

by CHILTERN

IT is a very long time since Town supporters had the mortification of seeing their team humbled so badly as they were by Charlton.

To say that the result was completely unexpected attack, and was mostly to be by the sun and he made a mistake is very much an under-statement and, certainly, no one found down the middle, with by not taking his cap on to the expected to see the Town plumb the depths quite so deeply.

Afterwards there were no alibis offered by Manager should have been and who had was scarcely necessary because the Sam Bartram, who paid tribute to the clever play of a worrying, unhappy afternoon. Charlton, while the Chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, went into the London club's dressing room to offer his ing these past weeks, although he congratulations.

BUT the main reaction in the minds of all closely connected with the club must have been one of consternation that the team could be outplayed so completely before their own supporters.

Reaction of the manager was that the drubbing could have been worse, which was perfectly true because Charlton missed comtortthe general run of the play.

quarter of an hour, Charkon were to one department because, in able to ease up and almost gave each, glaring weaknesses could be the impression of toying with the pinpointed all too easily. Town.

Weaknesses In All Departments

CERTAINLY, on this highly impressive form, Charlton will not go down, and they can even be fancied to hold Aston Villa in the Cup-tie next Saturday.

Problems confronting the Town able scoring opportunities early in lare considerable, and I certainly the game and, quite conceivably, would not like the task of being thought that Charlton's chances The most striking blunder, of could make a successful rally. could have been three up before responsible for team selection for the Town took the lead against the home match with Newcastle on Saturday.

More than that, in the last | Nor are the problems confined

Basically, I suppose, the real

which, as I pointed out after the | considerably. Southampton match, is playing | However, Lawrie could not have much too square.

Groves Was Badly Out Of Touch

RESULT is that the middle is from this quarter and it was a fact which Charlton were quick so easily. to appreciate and the marking was Defender who was nearest to never close enough.

throughout, so much so, in fact, was missing in other quarters. that even his distribution was badly at fault.

His biggest failing, though, was that he allowed too much scope to Edwards, who did the hat-trick | NOR was Baynham blameless, and could have had other goals | because he certainly should because the chances were there.

Never Had Command Of The Middle

Leary doing the midfield scheming, field with him. and his wandering seemed to be altogether too much for Cope, that Duff wore one during the

With Pacey not reaching the form that has made him outstandwas certainly the best of the middle line, the Town never achieved command in the middle of the field and most of their THERE was some suspicion different story, perhaps, had a troubles sprang from that fact.

McNally Was Nearest To True Form

because of an injury, it was goals.

accomplished more than did White, whom Bramwell could never hold.

With Bramwell having a such a thin time, a deal of danger came wide open to the through ball, strange to see the left-back beaten

As things turned out, it was a mistake to recall Groves to the team after his long lay-off because his best form was McNally and he made a competent job of holding Kinsey, and at least showed some of the determination that he was much out of touch some of the determination that

Baynham Should Have Had A Cap

have prevented the third goal when White's shot passed through his hands to strike the bar before rebounding to Edwards, who a minute after Turner had put tackling. slammed it in for his second goal. the Town into the lead when he IN point of fact, Edwards was In this instance, it might have

the spearhead of the Charlton been that Baynham was blinded the ball more accurately into the net than he did.

This was underlined by the fact Town forwards seldom produced

anxiety.

Elementary Blunders Led To The Goals

but one could have a deal of clutching hands of Duff, but it sympathy for Baynham because did not, and the goalkeeper made of the lack of adequate cover a terrific save. given him by the men in front A goal at that stage would have WHEN Lawrie had to stand and because of the elementary pulled the score back to 3-2, but down at the last moment blunders that led to most of the there was never the slightest in-

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 1

CHARLTON ATH 6 Pacey (own goal), Edwards (3), Leary, Kinsey.

LUTON TN: Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Groves, Cope, Pacey; Walden, Ashworth, Turner, McKechnie, Legate.

CHARLTON ATH: Duff; Sewell, Hewie; Tocknell, Hinton, Bailey; White, Matthews, Leary, Edwards, Kin-

Referec: W. Clements, West Bromwich. ance: 9,827.

stop a centre from Kinsey, and no footed by comparison. Charlton player could have headed

Duff Made A Great Save From Lurner

anything to cause him undue ONCE having tasted success, Charlton never looked back, and two goals in four minutes from Edwards put them completely on top.

There could have been a about at least one other goal, great shot by Turner eluded the

dication afterwards that the Town

Attack Clicked Into Action Again

CTEADIER finishing by Legate after Turner had carved out an opening for him, would have helped, but he blazed the ball wide from a good position.

Then, the Charlton attack clicked into effective action again, and they increased their lead by two in the space of a minute.

Firstly, Edwards was left with all the time in the world to complete his hat-trick, and then Leary beat Baynham with a powerful drive.

To complete the Town discomfiture. Kinsey put on number six 17 minutes from the end, and there could have been other disasters had Charlton really driven home their advantage in the closing minutes.

Turner Received Little Support

A PART from the blatant weakness in defence, there was little cohesion or understanding in the attack and Turner seemed the one forward from whom a goal might be expected.

Apart from his success, he had a couple of powerful drives saved by Dust but, in general, there was little support for him.

Man who might have caused some trouble to the Charlton defence was Walden, who clearly had the beating of Hewie, but failed dismally to cash in on it,

Several times, he left Hewie struggling and then made poor use of the ball.

Inauspicious Return By Legate

OBVIOUSLY there will be some deep thinking about the outside-left position which has been such a problem this season because Legate made a most inauspicious return to the team and scarcely contributed anything of an effective nature. Nor was there much from Ash-

worth, who had little to show for a great deal of racing about and his goal touch seems to have There was an attempt by

McKechnie to be constructive, but he was caught in possession much too often and seemed noncourse, was made by Pacey, plussed by the quick Charlton

In fact, Charlton were always swept in a pass from Ashworth. | quicker on the ball than the slug-Pacey dived in an attempt to gish Town who seemed leaden-