

# Town In A Tangle: Charlton Get Six

## TURNER THE ONLY MAN TO SHOW ANY IDEAS

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A LATE surprise change was made by Charlton shortly before the match at Kenilworth-road this afternoon when Sam Lawrie, dangerous right winger, was left out in favour of Ronnie White.

Charlton's manager, Frank Hill, told me, "Lawrie received a hard knock on his thigh muscle last Saturday and is only about 75 per cent fit. When I asked him this morning about his muscle he seemed dubious, and in view of the Cup-tie next Saturday I thought it wiser to rest him."

White is an experienced player who has appeared in a variety of positions in the forward line.

This was the only alteration made by Charlton, who have been having a successful run recently.

On the other hand, the Town made three changes, which brought in Groves for the first time since he fractured a bone in his arm on Boxing Day, and McKechie and Legate to form yet another left-wing pairing.

Out went three Scots, McGuffie, Jardine and Fleming.

It was a pleasant afternoon, with some pale sunshine, and some evidence that the crowd would be a little bigger than has been the case in recent home matches.

### FOLLOWING FOR CHARLTON

There was quite a following from Charlton, who are making a courageous and desperate fight to lift the spectre of relegation from The Valley.

The pitch was in good order, and, in fact, was remarkably dry, considering the amount of rain we have had.

Cope lost the toss and was set to defend the Kenilworth-road end.

Charlton looked dangerous early on, and Matthews slashed a rather wild low drive across the face of the goal.

A mistake by Bramwell let in White, who made ground in purposeful style to make a splendid chance for Leary, but the centre-forward's response was wild in the extreme. Blazing away

first time, he sent the ball yards too high.

Charlton were looking the more dangerous, and when Cope was left in the cart through an ill-judged pass by Groves, Edwards was left with a clear run in to goal. He tried to head the ball in, but Baynham, by his quick advance, forestalled him and managed to smother the ball.

### WALDEN MAKES A HASH OF IT

The Town's best raid so far was sparked off by McKechie, who found a way through before lifting the ball high into the goalmouth. In attempting to head clear, Hewie sent the ball to Walden, but the winger, with all the time in the world, made a complete hash of his attempt to centre.

Dilatory play by Tocknell nearly let in McKechie, who gained a corner. When the ball came over Turner used it badly, but it went to Walden, who blazed it across the face of the goal.

A beautiful cross-field pass by Pacey kept the Town on the attack, and this time Walden placed it fairly accurately into the goalmouth, where Ashworth failed to get the touch it required, and the ball ran through to Duff.

A complete defensive mix-up by the Town nearly allowed Charlton to go ahead, and again only Baynham retrieved the situation by scrambling the ball away from Leary when a goal looked certain.

When the Town came back, Turner harassed by Tocknell,

## How The Goals Came

TURNER for Luton after 24 minutes

PACEY (o.g.) for Charlton after 25 minutes

EDWARDS for Charlton after 32 minutes

EDWARDS for Charlton after 35 minutes

EDWARDS for Charlton after 59 minutes

LEARY for Charlton after 60 minutes

KINSEY for Charlton after 73 minutes

could not get enough punch behind his attempt to score from a low centre by Walden, with the result that the ball merely rolled to Duff.

The better chances were certainly falling to Charlton, and Edwards missed one at point blank range after more slack play by the Town defence, which was looking distinctly uncomfortable in the face of pressure.

Another narrow escape for the Town came when Edwards made a header that bounced just in front of Baynham and struck him on the chest. Fortunately for him, it went outside the post.

Things were not going right for the Town, and it was still Charlton who were threatening to take the lead.

A fierce drive by Kinsey flashed across the face of Town's goal with Baynham unable to do anything about it.

Bramwell brought relief to the Town by initiating an attack, which was carried on by McKechie, and eventually the ball was worked out to Walden.

The winger's cross came just too high for Turner's head, and Sewell was able to clear without trouble.

Matthews did get the ball in the net, but it was seconds after the whistle had gone for offside.

Without any doubt, Charlton were looking the more assured, finding each other better, and they continued to be the more threatening.

Baynham was certainly the busier goalkeeper, and he was in spectacular action again, going up to pull down a centre from White.

**TOWN TAKE THE LEAD  
THANKS TO TURNER**  
Then, somewhat unexpectedly, the Town took the lead through TURNER, who neatly put the ball well wide of Duff's right hand when Ashworth put over a low cross after receiving the ball from Groves.

It was one of Turner's opportunistic efforts, and it was a success the Town badly needed to give them some confidence.

This was after 24 minutes. The Town's lead lasted exactly one minute, because an unfortunate error of judgment by PACEY put Charlton on level terms.

Kinsey centred, and Pacey, harassed by Edwards, dived, presumably with the intention of either heading the ball back to Baynham or of conceding a corner.

Unfortunately, he was out in his reckoning, because the ball shot inside the post with plenty of room to spare, and the goalkeeper could not have been beaten more decisively had a Charlton forward been administering the finishing touch.

A minute later, Pacey very nearly atoned, because he came within inches of restoring the Town's lead with a low, left-footed shot that just missed the post with Duff well beaten.

Justice was just about done in the 32nd minute when Charlton

EDWARDS. The inside-left rose above Cope to meet a centre from Kinsey squarely with his head and sent the ball rocketing into the net, well out of the reach of Baynham.

A lack of decision in defence, and not much cohesion in attack, had brought the Town to this pass.

Worse was to follow, because with McNally lying dazed in the six-yard box, after a collision in heading clear, Charlton struck again.

### EDWARDS SCORES AGAIN

White came through in dangerous style to produce a shot that Baynham seemed to misjudge, because the ball passed between his hands and landed squarely on the crossbar.

Out it went to EDWARDS, who before Baynham could recover, smacked it smartly into the back of the net. This was after 35 minutes.

Showing a slight improvement the Town hit back, and Turner tried an acrobatic kick in his attempt to turn in a cross from the right, but got no force behind the ball at all, and it simply trickled to Duff.

Ashworth and Hewie got at cross purposes after the left-back had fouled the Town player, but the free kick availed the Town nothing, because Walden turned the ball straight to Hewie.

Once again the Town were lacking in service from their wingers, and there was a general muddled look, with players getting in each other's way.

Groves was a culprit in this

Matthews, but the inside-right was baulked by Baynham's coming out to present a bold front, and the opportunity passed by.

Apart from Turner's efforts, Charlton were altogether more decisive in their attacking play. Tocknell made a determined effort to add to their lead after a clearance by Cope had cannoned off him. Securing the rebound, the Charlton man shot wide.

### Half-time:

LUTON ..... 1  
CHARLTON ..... 3

First real attack of the second half was made by the Town on the right. Walden pulled the ball across low, and Ashworth turned on it first time, but it struck a defender and went to safety.

Apart from that, there was no real indication that the quality of the Town's passing had improved.

Charlton came back with a quick raid, and Edwards, who seemed adept at finding an open space for himself, headed inches over from a centre by White.

In involuntary fashion, Ashworth spoilt what would have been a fair chance for Turner when he dived to try to head in a centre by McKechie when Turner was in a much better position behind him.

Then Turner invoked the aid of his hand to control a through-pass—a fact that did not escape the notice of the referee.

### BRILLIANT PLAY BY TURNER

Brilliant play by Turner, who brought the ball through in a corkscrew dribble before laying on a fine opportunity for Legate.



GORDON TURNER

The one Town forward to show any idea.

efforts to make ground were falling down largely on the score of inaccurate passing and failure to take up good positions.

With 59 minutes gone, EDWARDS completed a worthy hat-trick by sweeping the ball into the net after being left in an open space, with the Town defence in a tangle again as the ball came across from the right.

A minute later worse was to come, because LEARY fastened on to a mistake by Pacey and went on to leave Baynham helpless with a powerful drive.

At this stage Charlton were giving every indication of running riot.

They were almost paralysing this leaden-footed Town defence, and there was very nearly another goal when Sewell came right through before crossing the ball. Edwards headed it just wide.

### TOWN GETTING A HAMMERING

The Town were really getting a hammering and in the 73rd minute KINSEY put on No. six for Charlton with a snap shot



respect, because he had crowded out Cope several times, and did something similar to Ashworth when he came into the attack.

Best effort for the Town came from Turner with a first-time shot that was deflected too high by centre-half Hinton's head.

### APPLAUSE FOR TURNER

Turner was the only Town forward who had shown much idea of where the target lay, and he earned warm applause for a great left-footed drive that was saved brilliantly by Duff throwing himself across his goal.

For the corner, Pacey came up, but headed too high.

Leary's habit of lying deep was causing some concern to the Town defence, and there was nearly another goal for Charlton when he pushed the ball through to

should have been the effect of putting the Town back in the game. But Legate, who was having a thin time, took deliberate aim and drove the ball wide of the near post.

Man behind most of the Town raids was Turner, who sent away Walden again, but the outside-right could not find the extra speed when he needed it, and Hewie was able to plant the ball for a corner.

There was still more purpose about the Charlton attack, and when Bailey came through to join it there were a sticky few seconds in front of the Town goal until Ashworth, right back in defence, emerged with the ball.

A quick tackle by McNally spoilt a chance for Edwards after Sewell had lobbed the ball into the goalmouth, but the Town's

after both Bramwell and Groves had failed to clear.

Baynham appeared to be unsighted because he made no move, and probably would have been beaten by the pace of the ball anyway.

When the Town did manage to muddle themselves through to something approaching a scoring opening, Duff made a fine one-handed save from Ashworth.

Charlton were almost toying with the Town now, so clearly established was their superiority. Nothing the Town tried went right.

Showing a bit more determination than some of his colleagues, McNally came through to provide a centre from which Turner headed narrowly over.

Naturally enough, the home fans were vastly disappointed, and had become openly derisive at the Town's often futile efforts.

In almost the last minute, Turner tried to worm a way through, but was finally beaten by force of numbers, and then Walden contributed to the general mediocrity by shooting yards wide.

Result:  
LUTON ..... 1  
CHARLTON ..... 6