### SAM BARTRAM'S CONFIDENCE WAS JUSTIFIED

# FIRST CLEAN SHEET FOR THREE MONTHS

## But Newcastle Should Have Had Some Goals By CHILTERN

ALTHOUGH the manner in which they collected them COOLLY, so coolly in fact, that showed a considerable improvewas more than a little fortunate, the two points the long. Turner controlled the ball ment on their work of the lown gained from their encounter with Newcastle on before driving it past the des- previous week. Laturday made their League position look a lot more perately advancing Hollins. That In fact. Cope put up one of his lead thy and brought to an end an unsuccessful run that season. was beginning to become distressing.

More than that, the win should serve to increase the (confidence of the team as a whole, particularly that of the defence which must have been low after the way in which they were handled by the Charlton forwards. with McKechnie on his right.

considence in them had not been Tuohy. gamble that paid off.

training all last week and the bounced to safety. Stoke on November 18.

caution has to be sounded because | bad luck in the first half. Newcastle should have had some goals.

#### Tuohy Missed A Golden Chance

HOWEVER, in making no the Town woodwork and the first defensive changes, Manager occasion, with the score sheet Sami Bartram showed that his still blank was a glaring miss by the remainder of the match.

destroyed and it was a bold Left only about three yards from goal with the net yawning With closer covering all round, in front of him, somehow or there was the tightening up which another he managed to scoop the

result was the first clean sheet! A goal at that stage quite consince the goal-less draw with ceivably could have led to Newcastle laying the foundation of a .That it should come against victory they needed even more the star-studded Newcastle attack urgently than did the Town and it is a matter of encouragement would have been a hard blow to but, at the same time, a note of the Town who had their share of

#### Town Should Have Had A Penalty

Thompson, but the referee gave an indirect free kick, though it was difficult to see how a case could be made out for obstruc-

Then, Fleming had a powerful shot headed from under the bar by McKinney with Hollins well out of the line of flight and the goalkeeper at full length, kept out a shot from McKechnie.

It was just when Newcastle were beginning to look the more dangerous that the Town made a swift raid that brought them the deciding goal, and McKechnie took advantage of a defensive mistake to push the ball on to Turner.

#### Turner Took His Chance Coolly

was Turner's 16th goal of the best home performances in keep-

ward line, with Fleming and trouble consistently. Walden changing places and Turner moving into the middle,

Unfortunately, Furner received a nasty knock on his hip bone,

#### Town Woodwork Was Hit Twice More

are that Alec Ashworth will be fault to find with the handling of finishing. available for this match, too.

Desperately, Newcastle went after an equaliser, and it looked as if it had come when Thomas eluded Cope for once, to glance the ball with his head on to a

The woodwork saved the Town in the dying seconds, when the CERTAINLY, they should have unlucky Tuohy, trying to make THREE times during the second had a penalty when amends for his earlier miss, half the ball thudded against McKechnie was brought down by struck the far post with a cross

#### Newcastle Had Only Themselves To Blame

THIS was a match that produced quite a lot of "needle" at times, but there was full agreement by the rival managers, Sam Bartram and Norman Smith, afterwards that a draw would have been a more equable result.

There was no doubt that the Town were the better side in the first half and that Newcastle had the edge after the interval.

However, though they might rue their bad luck they could also feel that they had themselves to blame to a large extent because the finishing of their forwards never looked of the lethal variety

#### Cope Was Able To Shadow Thomas

IN view of the fact that Thomas is the country's leading scorer, and that both Kerray and Allchurch have established reputauons as marksmen, that was perhaps the strangest factor of all, but it was a tribute to the Town defence.

Evidence of the instructions on the subject of closer marking was forthcoming from the play of Groves and Cope, both of whom !



ing a grip on the dangerous came in the 66th minute, there Allchurch, who inclined to make was some switching of the for- his task easier by running into

#### Pacey Was Nearer To His Best

which cut down his efficiency for MUCH nearer his best form was he got through quite a lot of take an attacking role, as well as second half. putting the shackles on Kerray. There is the added point that he and the experience of Bramwell has been on the winning side on was too much for the 17-years-old both occasions he has been in the Suddick, who was the least dan- senior team. had been worked at so hard in ball against the bar from where it HOWEVER, though painful, the gerous of the Newcastle forwards. So far as the switching of the injury is not regarded as In the main, McNally was cool wingers was concerned, it seemed serious enough to put him in the and collected under pressure, to suit Fleming the better, but doubtful category for Saturday's despite the goal chances that fell both he and Walden still need to

Baynham, who, however, must have been pleasantly surprised at the way in which his luck held.

#### McKechnie Shaped Well At Centre

TO a certain extent, the sweeping forward changes worked, but there was still not the smoothness of movement and the cohesion to make them a really smart line.

Best of the attack, I thought, was McKechnie, playing for the first time at centre-forward, which could very well turn out to be his best position.

Always he worried the rather ponderous Thompson, who could never afford to neglect him.

Once again, Turner proved what a match-winner he can be, but this was not one of his best games, and it remains to be seen whether he will be kept in his old inside-right spot.

#### Lownds Seems To Be A Lucky Mascot

Shortly after the success, which Thomas, and Groves watched WITH Ashworth available, this may not be the case, because the former Everton man has not looked happy at inside-left on previous occasions.

There is the problem, too, of what to do about Lownds because, although he is far from being the complete inside forward, Pacey, who often sought to effective work before tiring in the

visit to Bury, and the chances to Tuohy, and there was never any find improvement in their

FOR THE RECORDS LUTON TOWN ..... 1

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Groves, Cope, Pacey; Fleming, Turner, McKechnie, Lownds, Walden.

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NEWCASTLE UNITED: Hollins; Mckinney, Mc-Michael: Neale, Thompson, Bell; Suddick, Kerray, Thomas, Alleharch, Tuohy.

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