

Town's Second Half Penalty Settles Issue

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NAMES TAKEN BY REFEREE IN TOUGH MATCH

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LUTON TOWN 1, BOURNEMOUTH 0

ON a brilliantly sunny afternoon, there were huge gaps on the terraces all around the ground at Kenilworth-road this afternoon, despite the fact that there was attractive opposition in Bournemouth, who held third position in the table.

There were also gaps in the boardroom, because four of the six directors were out on scouting missions, one of which concerned a final check on Ray Smith, of Northampton.

In addition, manager Bill Harvey was away last night on one of the four matches played. Which one, he would not specify, but I gathered that there will be no follow-up in this case.

As for changes, each team made one. The Town, with Harry Walden suffering from a groin strain, brought back Mike Fairchild to outside-right, Bournemouth, having sold Bryn Jones in mid-week to Northampton, brought in Peter Gledstone at left-back.

LUTON TOWN: Baynam; Morton, Bramwell, Pacey, Fincham, Lownds; Fairchild, Salisbary, McKechnie, Weir, Jardine.

BOURNEMOUTH: Best; Farmer, Gledstone; Standley, Gater, Bolton; Bumstead, Woods, Reeves, Singer, Crickmore.

Referee—R. Tinkler, Boston.

There were about 6,000 on the ground when Fincham won the toss, defended the Oak-road end and set the Bournemouth defenders to face the sun.

FAIRCHILD PENALISED

In the first minute, Bournemouth had a free-kick for hands against Fairchild, which was a harsh decision because the winger simply could not get out of the way of a clearance by Morton. Baynam dealt with this adequately, and his clearance sent away McKechnie, who, on the left wing, beat Farmer cleverly but then took so long in deciding how to use the ball to best advantage that he was easily robbed.

A good pass by Salisbary sent away McKechnie again, but the centre-forward, from a narrow angle, could only cross the ball into the goalmouth, where no other Town forward was on hand. Gledstone was able to clear easily.

The Town were having more of the play, but their forwards were again falling victims to some quick tackling. McKechnie found himself confronted by three defenders when he raced on to a through pass by Fairchild and then Pacey, picking up the ball from the throw-in, had a shot deflected into the side netting.

TOWN KEEP UP AN ATTACK

The corner was cleared, but the Town kept on the attack until Jardine, shooting right-footed, failed to get hold of the ball and sent it wide.

A neat movement by the Town, begun by Weir, carried on by Lownds and Jardine, might have brought a goal if Weir had not been in the line of flight of Jardine's shot, so the ball was diverted for a goal kick.

Best Bournemouth effort so far came from Bumstead after

entirely on the defensive. Jardine was unlucky with a drive that swirled past the angle of the woodwork. Then Pacey joined in the rough stuff with a foul on Woods, and it began to look as if this game would require firm handling before the finish.

PACEY'S NAME TAKEN . . .

Pacey had his name taken for an ill-timed jump for a high ball which landed him on the back of Singer. The free kick brought a sudden rush at the Town end, and Fincham, somewhat sketchily, headed the ball over his own bar. However, there was a decisive header by him from the corner and another when Crickmore crossed the ball.

Pacey, I think, was unlucky in being booked because there had been several worse fouls by Bournemouth, but I suppose the referee's point was that there had been two offences by him in a matter of minutes.

Failure to control the ball at the vital second spoiled a chance for McKechnie after Fairchild, who was showing lively form, had made the opening. Again, Fairchild came into the picture by racing down the middle and getting his head to the ball, which dropped gently enough into Best's hands.

Bournemouth hit back, and Crickmore was a foot or two high with a longish shot that caught Baynam rather too far out of his goal for comfort.

The Town's attacks were still tending to fizzle out when the penalty area was reached and Bournemouth began to come a little more into it, with Crick-

How The Goal Came

SALISBARY (penalty) for Luton after 73 minutes

more beating Morton in a heading duel and sending the ball just wide.

McKechnie made a praiseworthy attempt from a quick through pass by Salisbary when he cleverly side-stepped Gater, but was not able to hit a shot as quickly enough and Best saved easily.

TOWN LACK THRUST

Fouls had become less frequent since the booking of Pacey and the Town were still superior, though lacking final thrust.

More pressure by the Town brought a fisted clearance by Best from a centre by Fairchild, and in the process he caught Gater on the head, so that there was a stoppage while he received attention. However, in the interim a good pass came to Fairchild, who raced on to the ball first time only to crack it just the wrong side of the post.

Then just before half-time, there was a second "booking" when Gater had his name taken for a bad foul on McKechnie.

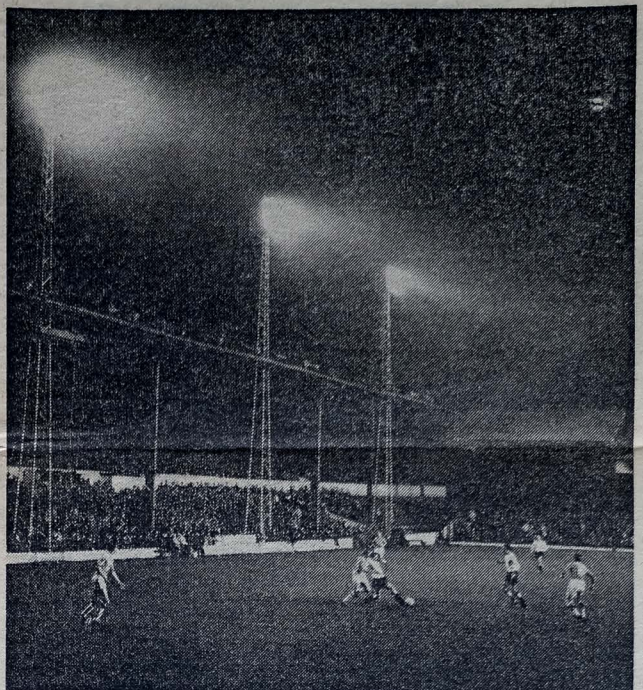
There was another spell of heavy pressure by the Town, which, however, did not lead to anything decisive.

Half-time: Luton 0 Bournemouth 0.

There was more activity by the Town at the start of the second half and Salisbary failed to connect with his head from a centre by Jardine. Pacey, coming through strongly, shot just wide.

A long run by Crickmore, in which he outpaced Morton for the first time, ended with him sending the ball behind, but at the same time, it served as a warning to the Town.

A timely header by the tall Standley got Bournemouth out of possible trouble when Salisbary



Luton Town's new floodlighting system was used for the first time in the match against Port Vale on Wednesday night, and won instant praise.

was shaping to head in a centre by Fairchild.

BEST SCORING EFFORT

Best effort of a match that had not produced many noteworthy shots came from Pacey, who, after McKechnie had slipped the ball to him, took deliberate aim from 20 yards. It needed a glorious diving save by Best to prevent the Town going ahead.

In a quick thrust by Bournemouth, Morton pushed the ball back to Baynam as Singer tried to break through, and then Farmer brought relief to Bournemouth with an overhead kick back to Best as Salisbary harassed him.

A long free kick by Bramwell for a foul on Jardine by Farmer very nearly brought the first goal, for the ball landed at Salisbary's feet but his shot to goal was blocked.

Unusual hesitation in defence nearly brought a goal to Bournemouth when Bumstead, left with



a shooting opportunity himself, switched the ball inside to Woods who swung away at it first time and Baynam made a splendid save.

With Bournemouth coming more into it again, a bad mistake by Lownds let through Reeves, who certainly should have done better than pull it wide.

REEVES IS INJURED

Reeves was injured when pulled down by Pacey a yard outside the penalty area but the free kick from this dangerous position was booted away by Fincham, and Reeves seemed none the worse for his mishap.

Determination by Jardine put the Town on the attack again, and Pacey, joining the forwards, laid on an opening for Weir, who was too slow to accept it.

Bournemouth were now more in it than previously, and with complete confidence Baynam pulled down a centre by Crickmore. The game had definitely swung the way of Bournemouth, but their forwards, goalless in their last two matches, were not suggesting that they could end this barren spell.

Morton went upfield to press on a Town attack in which Pacey suddenly popped up as an emergency outside-right to get the ball across, but unfortunately too high to be of any advantage.

Jardine had a shot beaten down by Standley, who was then booted by the crowd for a rough tackle on the player, which the referee apparently did not see. The next incident was a longish range drive by Pacey, which Best saved without trouble, and it was indicative of the weakness of the Town's finishing that the Town's best scoring chances had come from the right-half.

SALISBARY SCORES

At 73 minutes, the Town scored a penalty when Salisbary was racing through to

goal from a pass by Salisbary, was fouled by Standley. SALISBARY was entrusted with the kick, and with a firm drive he had Best going the wrong way.

This success gave the Town new confidence and enthusiasm, and in another heavy raid, Jardine banged the ball far too high. However, the pressure continued and there was another scramble in front of the Bournemouth goal from a centre by Fairchild and then, when the ball was returned by Jardine, it struck Standley on the leg to be deflected out of danger.

Fincham brought to an abrupt end an ambitious run down the middle by Crickmore and Bournemouth were still fighting without looking potential goalscorers.

A free kick to Bournemouth came when Fairchild pulled Reeves down from behind and the ball bobbed dangerously around the Town goalmouth until Bramwell booted it upfield.

Running the wrong way by Weir and not keeping his eye

on the ball spoiled a chance for the Town, and then Salisbary, from outside the penalty area, lifted the ball too high.

When B'mouth hit back, Singer saw a shot cannon off the back of Pacey. Making desperate efforts for a late equaliser, B'mouth harassed the Town defence, with Fincham being disposed by Singer, but the attack ended with Crickmore hooking the ball too high.

McKechnie gained a corner, although hemmed in by two defenders, and this was headed outside by Fairchild after it had come across at an awkward height.

Result:
LUTON TOWN 1
BOURNEMOUTH 0