

Nothing Went Right For The Town's Attack

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LUTON TOWN 1, BRISTOL CITY 4

THIS was not the walk-over for the City that the score-line would indicate. In fact, the Town's display in the first half was quite the liveliest for some time.

They were desperately unlucky to be a goal down at the interval, but nothing went right for the Town in their finishing. Had they got a goal it might have been a different story.

Though there was some improvement in attack, there is still need for greater power at close quarters.

In the second half, however, the City played with far more confidence, and found gaps down the middle of the Town defence which they were able to exploit to effect.

One consolation for Town was the promise of new man Smith, particularly in the first half.

Both teams were unchanged, and Town, remembering Peter Cooper's hat-trick against them last season for Cardiff, were probably pleased that he had not covered sufficiently from influenza to be included in City's list.

With Smith prominent, the Town forwards showed a considerable improvement during the early minutes and forced the City back on to the defensive. Smith marked off several raids, in one of which McKechnie brought Gibson to his knees.

In the next minute, the centre-forward flashed in a terrific drive from 20 yards which just cleared the bar.

Keeping up the pressure, the Town were much more dangerous, and Gibson only just managed to push over the bar a hook shot from Salisbury from a pass by Morton.

Gibson was often in action, and he saved again from McKechnie following more good work by Smith, who was making good impression.

Then, Pacey saw a great drive then off a post.

It was a quarter of an hour before the City had a shot at

TEAMS

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Morton, Bramwell; Pacey, Fincham, Lownds; Walden, Smith, McKechnie, Salisbury, Weir.

BRISTOL CITY: Gibson; Briggs, Thresher; Parr, Connor, Low; Derrick, Clark, Atyeo, Williams, Tait.

Referee: D J Lyden (Birmingham).

goal, and then Baynham saved well from Clark, who shortly afterwards looked a likely scorer until Baynham came out to block his point-blank drive.

TRAGEDY OF AN OWN GOAL

There followed a spell in which the Town did not make so much progress, because they began to keep the ball too close and paid the penalty of being caught in possession.

Then came tragedy for the Town with an own goal by MORTON. This came after 27 minutes and the forerunner of it was a harmless forward pass by Parr, City's right-half.

There was absolutely no danger, Baynham had come out to make what would have been a simple pick-up, but Morton, unaware of that fact, touched the ball back towards his goal and it bounced off the foot of the post to roll over the line as he tried to get back, with Baynham being able to do no more than stand and watch.

Back came the Town to try to

How The Goals Came

MORTON (o.g.) for Bristol City after 27 minutes.

ATYEO for Bristol City after 60 minutes.

DERRICK for Bristol City after 77 minutes.

CLARK for Bristol City after 82 minutes.

WALDEN for Luton after 84 minutes.

throw off the effect of this shock reverse and the City were in a tangle when Thresher sliced the ball towards his own goal, and Connor just managed to stop Walden. After this, Smith shot over following a corner.

TOWN ON TOP BUT HAVE NO LUCK

The Town were on top again, but were not having any luck at all in their finishing.

Gibson pulled down a strong centre by Salisbury, and for the second time McKechnie was inches too high with a first-time effort.

There continued to be plenty of action, and Baynham saved bravely from Atyeo, after which Williams missed a good chance for City. Half-time:

LUTON TOWN 0
BRISTOL CITY 1

There came a shock in the first minute of the second half, when Atyeo swept the ball into the net from close in, but the referee ruled that he was offside.

Fighting back spiritedly, the Town had the City defence in trouble during a heavy raid in which Salisbury shot just wide.

There followed a spell of pressure by the Town, which brought desperate scenes inside the City penalty area, but not the goal that was so badly needed.

Then came a goal at the other end after exactly an hour through ATYEO. The centre-forward fastened on to a through pass, beat off the challenge of Fincham, and drove the ball into the back of the net past the helpless Baynham.

In a closing goal-rush DERRICK scored for City after 77 minutes and five minutes later CLARK got City's fourth.

Within two minutes WALDEN headed one for Luton from Weir's centre.