

DISPUTED LATE GOAL BEAT TOWN By CHILTERN

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LUTON TOWN 0

JUST four minutes from the end at Workington on Friday evening, a disputed goal deprived the Town of completing what would have been a satisfactory tour of three away grounds and given them a hat-trick of draws. That they did not achieve this was hard luck on the defence which fought so hard all the way through and its members were unanimous that the whistle should have gone for offside before the ball finally reached the scorer, MARTIN.

As is mostly the case, protests proved to be futile and so Workington in belated fashion turned into a victory what had looked to be a goal-less draw almost throughout.

Best chances occurred in the first half when the Town might have obtained an early and commanding lead had there been anyone on hand to meet some raking centres from the wings.

However, Workington were definitely the nearest to scoring because Martin and Napier both hit the woodwork with Baynham beaten.

Baynham it was who figured in an unfortunate incident when he threw himself at the feet of Napier and remained on the ground with his face covered in blood.

After some initial reluctance on his part to leave, he was carried off on a stretcher, but the trouble was found to be no worse than cuts and abrasions and he was back in 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, McKechnie took over in goal and there was quite a professional touch about the way in which he dealt with a couple of shots.

CONFIDENCE UNIMPAIRED

There were opportunities in the second half for Baynham to prove that his confidence had not been impaired, and generally speaking, the home finishing did not hold a great deal of threat against the Town's defence.

In this there was further evidence that there has been a tightening up by the changes at wing-half and Fincham played another very solid game.

Back in the area in which he spent the early part of his Football League career, McBain gave another assured display but slowed down by a knee injury, Jardine was worried at times by the speed of Lowes.

Forward, the Town were a disappointment with O'Rourke contributing very little and McKechnie, back in the team because of Riddick's injury, showing no improvement on recent performances.

Whittaker was the more effective winger because Pleat, well marked by Lumsden, was kept quiet and Reid's best work was done in midfield.

WORKINGTON: Ower; Furphy, Lumsden; Hale, Brown, Burkinshaw; Lowes, Carr, Napier, Moran, Martin.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; McBain, Jardine; Lownds, Fincham, Bramwell; Pleat, McKechnie, O'Rourke, Reid, Whittaker.