

TOWN HIT ANOTHER FIVE

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LUTON TOWN 5, DONCASTER ROVERS 3

A MAGNIFICENT attacking display by the Town in the first half at Kenilworth Road last night won them two more easy points.

Despite the rain, the biggest crowd of the season, 13,925, saw them blast the Doncaster defence with four goals in the first 18 minutes. But the Town were shaken in the closing stages when Doncaster hit back with two goals in four minutes.

Morritt saved with some difficulty from Rioch, whose shot bounced in front of him. He also saved when Whittaker headed in from point-blank range.

Then after five minutes, the Town took the lead through BUXTON, who confidently side-footed the ball into the net after Rioch had shot across the base of the goal from Whittaker's cross.

There was no stopping the Town and a minute later they were two up through SLOUGH. The right-half came racing through to collect a return pass and from the edge of the penalty area produced a fierce drive that was deflected just enough to baffle Morritt completely.

Apart from one raid in which Watson shot over, Doncaster were not much in it and a third goal came for the eager, confident Town after 13 minutes. Again it was BUXTON who provided the finishing touch from close-in after Allen had made a long run, and it was Moore who made the final pass to the inside-right.

NO ANSWER TO TOWN'S DRIVE

Doncaster simply could not cope with the power and drive of the Town forwards who were making the ball do the work on the greasy surface. Yet another goal came after 18 minutes. This time the scorer was ALLEN with a beautifully-placed header from a well-taken free kick by Whittaker.

Although Doncaster fought hard they made little impression on the sound Town defence.

Then they broke away to secure a disputed goal in the 27th minute through WATSON. The dispute arose when Allen was fouled by Robertson near the centre line, which a linesman acknowledged with his flag. The referee, who had slipped over, either did not see the signal or ignored it and Doncaster were allowed to go on.

The Town's fifth goal came after 33 minutes, a brilliant effort by RIOCH who met a

TEAMS:

LUTON TOWN: Read; Dougan, Jardine; Slough, Branston, Moore; Ryan, Buxton, Allen, Rioch, Whittaker. Substitute: McDermott.

DONCASTER ROVERS: Morritt; Kelly, Shaw; Kettleborough, Robertson, Leigh; Warboys, Jeffrey, Webber, Watson, Gilfillan. Substitute: Mattershead.

Referee: Mr. R. V. Spittle, Caister-on-Sea.

not very well placed free kick by Ryan and sent the ball roaring into the roof of the net with his right foot.

The Town players went off at the interval to a terrific round of applause. Half-time:

LUTON TOWN ... 5
DONCASTER R. ... 1

In the first minute of the second-half Rioch forced Morritt to make a brilliant diving save.

The Town were still having much more of the play but the Doncaster defence was showing rather more resilience this half.

Twelve minutes from the end, the improved Doncaster reduced their arrears with a snap goal from WARBOYS.

Three minutes later, KELLY came right through from defence to score again and to present a completely different picture.