

# Win worth four points to Town

LUTON TOWN 2, SWINDON TOWN 0

AFTER A very hard struggle against the highly successful Swindon Town outfit, the Town maintained their 100 per cent home record, which has now lasted for 11 consecutive matches, including League Cup ties.

Their display, patchy at times, nevertheless confirmed the fact that it will take a very good team indeed to lower their colours at Kenilworth Road.

If only their form away from home reached anything approaching the same standard then the Town would be odds-on favourites for promotion.

At the same time with the regular acquisition of points from home matches they are keeping firmly in touch with the situation at the top of the table, and, of course, this afternoon's win was virtually worth four points to them.

At the same time there was a period when they were under considerable strain and duress, which was immediately after the start of the second half, when, with the score sheet still blank, Swindon might easily have taken a shock lead.

Certainly, they had the opportunities and in fact this will go down as a game of missed chances.

Two or three for the Town went astray in the first half, the most glaring being one by Sheffield almost on the stroke of half-time.

However, he atoned amply by slipping the Town into the lead 11 minutes after half-time when things were looking very gloomy indeed.

The goal seemed to shake Swindon considerably because they were never really back in the game with a chance afterwards.

At the same time, I feel that there should be fullsome praise for the courageous display of Sandy Davie, who made three great saves when the tide was running strongly against the Town.

A goal at that period immediately after the interval would really have had the Town struggling.

Then Brian Lewis came along with a second 14 minutes from the end to bring his total for the season to a round dozen and so repay another considerable slice of his big transfer fee.

Harrison came back to flash into the game at times with some brilliant runs and was more effective generally than French.

Rioch did a fair job in mid-field, where Slough was dominant.

In cutting out Rogers, the Swindon danger man, Dougan did an excellent job for his team, and there was an adequate display by McDerment and also by Bannister who does a lot of work in an unobtrusive sort of way.

There were times when Branston seemed a little out of touch, but for all that Smith did not accomplish a great deal and what was really a calculated risk in recalling the captain after his lay-off was completely justified.

So the Town tonight are back on good terms with themselves and another victory a fortnight hence against promotion-conscious Bournemouth will further improve the situation.

The attendance was 17,250, which possibly will be regarded as slightly disappointing because a crowd of over 20,000 had been budgetted for.

Even so it is the second largest on a Saturday this season.