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YOU CAN get odds of 40-1 against the Town winning promotion if you shop around a little. And I should think the handful of Luton people who went to Wolverhampton will wonder why the bookies are being so generous.

The Town's winning score-line does not tell half the story of how well they played. "They murdered us," admitted Wolves player Kenny Hibbitt in the most apt comment I heard after the match.

The match underlined the glorious uncertainties that make football such an attraction. Wolves were red-hot favourites to win, and any Town sup. porters who had watched the previous week's failure against Fuikam couldn't have been very confident.

Mighty Wolves, stung into action after being relegated from the First Division last season, were unbeaten in their six games of this campaign. They had not given away a single goal on their own ground.

The Town had picked up only one point out of the previous six. They hadn't won for a month. And they were without John Aston, the winger who has been their most consistent man this season.

But the Wolves were out-thought and outplayed from the kick-off.

They would have had no complaints if they had been beaten by three or four

The Town's midfield, with Alan West outstanding for 90 minutes, kept a grip on the speedy Steve Kindon, and with John Richards out of action with a knee injury Wolves were kept looking decidedly toothless.

Paul Price, who has found life difficult at times since he took over John Ryan's old place, turned in his best performance yet, while Paul Futcher looked England class as he tidied up at the back and made timely tackles and thoughtful clearances.

The whole team seemed to be determined to show that their lack of heart

Report by Brian Swain Pictures: Trevor Chynoweth

against Fulham had been one of those things. There was bite in the tackle and some neat build-up work as movements were built up carefully.

While Wolves relied heavily on their oldfashloned game of long passes and fast running, the Town adopted the opposite tactics.

They made time to do the simple thing, using short passes and always being ready to hold the ball until a team-mate had got into the right position to make further progress.

On the day the Town were well worth victory. They should have gone ahead in the 21st minute when Husband put Dixie Deans through. Pierce made a diving save as Deans shot and the ball rebounded to Husband. With the goalkeeper still grounded, Husband hammered the ball

Soon afterwards Pierce saved Wolves when he pushed a drive from Husband round the post, but the Town's pressure brought the goal it deserved in the 28th minute.

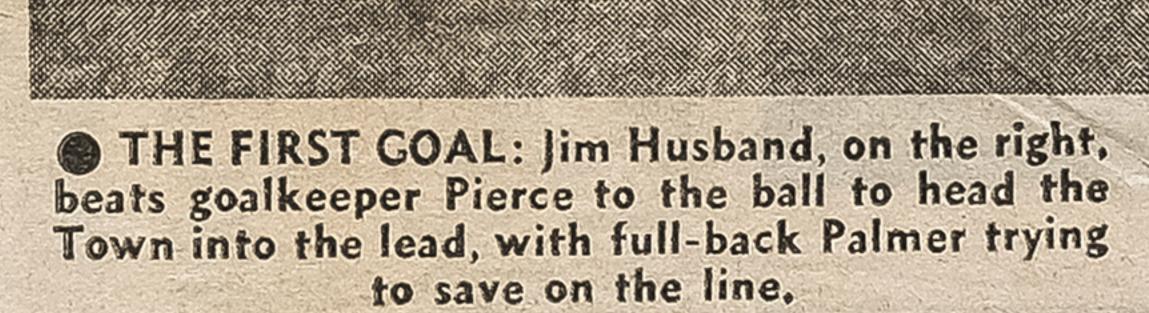
West took a corner on the Town's left, sending over an inswinger to Ron Futcher, who was stationed just in front of the near

Futcher back-headed the ball across the face of the goal, and with Wolves defenders all going his way it left Husband in the clear to score from close range.

Deans whipped a shot over the bar, then clipped the top of the bar with a header from a free-kick by

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got through the crowded area into the net.

That was followed by the only five minutes of the game in which Wolves looked like getting on top. They raised their game, and the big crowd roared them

But in the 65th minute the roars were stifled as the Town's winner arrived through Deans. Once more it followed a corner, this time from Ryan.

John Faulkner raced up to the edge of the penalty area to head Ryan's long corner kick goalwards, and Deans was on to it in a flash, turning and shooting in one smooth movement to whack the ball into the net for his fifth league goal

Wolves staged a late rally in the effort to equalise, but were never worth a point, although they claimed they were robbed of a penalty when Daley went down as he and Keith Barber challenged for the

Referee Alan Porter from Bolton gave Barber the benefit of any doubt there may have been. In that, he was at least consistent, because earlier Barber ought to have been booked for retaliation against Gould, and Kindon should also have been cautioned for a bad-tempered tackle on Price,

Mr Porter contented himself with a lecture on both occasions.

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