

# Small consolation

HAVING SEEN their teams struggling with little success to play flowing football, managers David Pleat and Peter Shreeves were left to take a little pleasure from a poor match.

"At least we didn't lose" was the joint refrain, with Tottenham happier because the Town would have got within two points of them if it had been a home win. Mr. Shreeve's point was underlined a few days later. While the Town were drawing with Everton Spurs lost at home to Sheffield Wednesday and have been dragged deeper into the relegation zone of fear.

## Cancelled out

At Kenilworth Road two weakened teams cancelled each other out in almost every department, including offside manoeuvres.

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And if the Town had slightly more of the play than Spurs, there was always a fear that the pace of Gordon Durie might snatch a goal on the break.

He hit the bar in the first half and missed a golden opportunity in the last minute when the Town were caught stretched. He shot well wide with only Mervyn Day to beat.

The Town were not allowed to play their football, and without Scott Oakes had little flair down the flanks.

Long before the end both managers were saying the same thing to themselves: "I would like to win, but steady on. We had better not lose."

Brian Stein and Ceri Hughes came closest

for the Town, with Erik Thorstvedt rushing out smartly to deny them.

## The match details

TOWN: Day; James, Peake, Dreyer, Harvey; Hughes, Kamara, Pembroke, Preece; Campbell, Stein. Subs not used: Rees, Linton.

SPURS: Thorstvedt; Fenwick, Sedgley, Mabbutt, Edinburgh; Allen, Howells, Stewart; Durie, Gray, Walsh (Bergsson, 88 mins). Other sub Houghton, not used.

GOAL ATTEMPTS: Town five saved and three wide; Spurs two saved, four wide, one hit the bar. Corners 10-3 to Spurs.

REFEREE: Bob Hamer, Bristol.

BOOKED: Brian Stein, dissent.

ATTENDANCE: 11,494, third highest of the season at Kenilworth Road.

ENTERTAINMENT: Dismal, with Spurs the happier side to settle for a point from their eighth consecutive game without a win.