

DAVIES STEERED THE TOWN TO ANOTHER HOME VICTORY

FIRST-HALF GOALS LAID FOUNDATION

Defence Was Too Good For Charlton's Attack

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RATHER more comfortably than was perhaps expected, the Town picked up both points from Charlton at Kenilworth-road on Saturday and almost certainly pushed the South London club back into the Third Division.

Now whatever they themselves achieve in the meantime, and these notes were written before last night's vital match, much depends on how Walsall fare in their two remaining home games, one of which against Norwich, takes place tonight.

WALSALL manager Bill Moore was here on Saturday to watch his rivals in distress, and he is supremely confident that the Saddlers will escape the drop.

Another spectator was Jack Kelsey, the former Arsenal goal-keeper, having a look at Ron Davies for the second consecutive week and he could not fail to be impressed.

Even though he was scarcely 100 per cent fit after having had a feverish cold and a painful foot injury, Davies it was, with two more goals, who gave the Town fresh hope, and he was always too clever for Tocknell.

Davies Set Pattern For The Town

HIS goal in the fourth minute with a well-placed shot set the pattern for the Town and, in fact, they might have been four up, had everything gone right in front of goal, by the time the game was 20 minutes old.

Eight minutes from half-time, Davies struck again from a centre by Turner and then the inside-right came into his own after the interval.

First, with 54 minutes gone, he brought under control a pass by Daniel and, as Kinsey challenged, the ball flew into the net wide of Reed, who was left similarly helpless when Turner took a free kick a couple of yards outside the penalty area with 17 minutes left.

Defence Had One Of Its Best Days

JUST briefly after that, Charlton showed the determination to hit back and, following a free kick in which Bramwell was involved, Kinsey pushed the ball sideways to Hewie, who hit it into the net off the inside of a post.

That success came too late to give Charlton much encouragement and the Town defence, having one of its best days of the season, gave them very little scope.

Always the defence was much in command and the decision to switch Bramwell to left-half proved to be extremely wise because he was an unqualified success.

A Happy Switch For Bramwell

HARD in the tackle and using the ball well, he raised interesting possibilities for the future, and the move had the merit of finding a place in the team again for the whole-hearted, hard-battling McNally, who settled down well after a somewhat uneasy start.

Move of Bramwell certainly strengthened the half-back line, in which Kelly put up a most impressive performance in blighting Ryan out of the game, and he was completely dominant.

In good form too, was Morton, who has had a most consistent

FOR THE RECORDS
LUTON TOWN 4
Davies (2), Turner (2)
CHARLTON ATH 1
Hewie.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Daniel, McNally; Morton, Kelly, Bramwell; Clapton, Turner, Davies, McGuffie, Jardine.

CHARLTON ATH: Reed; Sewell, Hewie; Lucas, Tocknell, Kinsey; Kenning, Matthews, Ryan, Peacock, Durand.

Referee: P G Brandwood, Wolverhampton. Attendance 10,867.

spell lately, and Daniel continued to earn high praise.

Baynham Was Full Of Confidence

WITH little difficulty he took a grip on Durand, for whom Charlton paid Wolves £12,000, and almost no threat came from this quarter.

Completing a strong rearguard was Baynham, who was supremely confident and who made three excellent saves during the second half.

Forward, Davies was undoubtedly the star, showing brilliant footwork, always being difficult to shake off the ball, and once again he demonstrated how deadly he can be in front of goal.

Next in line was Turner, who settled down after a cagey sort of start, and Jardine earned marks for the way in which he kept fighting for the ball.

Unchanged Team Was Announced

CERTAINLY was more consistent than was Clapton, who, while he usually managed to make good use of the ball, did not really seem to go out of his way to seek it.

McGuffie had a rather unproductive first half, and a section of the crowd let him know all about it.

Later, however, he put in some hard work, and there were occasions when he used the through pass with telling effect.

In the circumstances, with no injuries with which to contend, Manager Bill Harvey could

scarcely do other than announce an unchanged team for last night's match.

Relief When Davies Was Passed Fit

ON Saturday evening, there seemed to be a certain amount of doubt about the fitness of Davies who aggravated a foot injury near the end and about Jardine, who had to have attention for ankle trouble.

However, on Sunday morning when the players reported for special soap massage, both Davies and Jardine were able to say that they felt no ill-effects and, particularly in the case of Davies, this was hailed with considerable relief.

Probably, had Jardine been forced to stand down, McKechnie, now just about over his pulled muscle trouble, would have come into the side.

Don Rolt Bowled Town To Victory

A DEADLY spell of bowling by Don Rolt, who has not previously been highly regarded in this branch of cricket, carried the Town to victory over Aylesbury after their own batsmen had found difficulty on a wicket that showed quite a bit of life and were dismissed for only 114.

Only Barry Robinson, Tom Clark and Graham Wynn, who got into the twenties, showed their normal form and the total did not look enough for a win in view of the limited nature of the Town attack.

However, Rolt came along with 8 for 48 in 20 overs and he was given fine support by John Oliver.

Oliver's 17 Overs For 16 Runs

ALTHOUGH Oliver took only two wickets, he was always difficult to score off and he bowled 17 overs, 10 of them maidens, for only 16 runs.

The second team just failed to complete a double at Aylesbury where the match ended with the home last pair together, 35 runs behind. Terry Matthews again bowled well to take five wickets and the chief run-getter was a comparative newcomer to the club, Whitmore.

With their attack even more



Charlton goalkeeper Reed makes a despairing dive to try to prevent Luton's third goal entering the net on Saturday — JK4127A.

limited than it had been the day before, the Town rolled without much reward against Brentham on Saturday.

Spirited Reply Came From The Town

THERE was an opening partnership of 127 and David Vincent went on to complete a century in

163 minutes, hitting ten fours.

In the end, Brentham declared at 225 for 4 and there was a spirited, if at times, laboured reply by the Town.

Three wickets were down for 79, but then came a partnership

of 92 between Tony Dailly and Whitmore.

Durley reached 50 in 86 minutes and was not out with 72 to his credit when the end came with the Town 30 runs behind and six wickets still in hand.