

TOWN OFF THE BOTTOM AT LAST

MORE LIFE AND DASH IN ATTACK

Clung To Their Lead In A Tension-Laden Finish

By CHILTERN

AT long last, the Town managed to lift themselves off the bottom of the Second Division as the result of a tension-laden match with Huddersfield at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

The relief when the final whistle went with the Town still with their heads in front could almost be felt because Huddersfield several times had come very close to equalising after having been three goals down.

That was a position from which the Town should have been able to dictate the remainder of the match, but Huddersfield hit back with rare spirit.

UNDERSTANDABLY, perhaps, in view of the bad run they have had, and maybe involuntarily, the Town went back on to the defensive, and a slip by McNally enabled Balderstone to reduce the lead three minutes after the Town's third goal.

Few people knew who actually had scored that, and even the Town players were not certain.

In fact it took an enquiry in the visitors' dressing room afterwards to reveal that the ball went in off the back of Bettany who got in the way of a clearance.

Two Penalty Appeals Were Turned Down

TO each half the Town made a great start because Jardine put them into the lead after six minutes when Wood could not hold on to a shot from Chandler and a back-header by Turner counted as number 2, two minutes after half-time.

Before O'Grady came along with a second for Huddersfield after 69 minutes, the Town had a confident appeal for a penalty turned down, and the final finger nail biting minutes could have been avoided had the referee allowed another penalty appeal when Bettany handled.

In the closing stages the Town had to hang on grimly and Baynham made some daring saves.

found great difficulty in passing Codrington during the first half, though he became more dangerous afterwards.

Jardine had quite a good first half, though generally speaking, he is not getting the ball across often enough.

This Trio Has A More Permanent Look

TURNER settled down well enough in the old problem position of inside-left and, on the face of things, it would seem that the Town have at last hit upon an inside-forward trio that gives some promise of becoming a permanency.

Changes in the half-back line brought a strengthening to this department, with Lownds giving a non-stop display, tackling hard and never knowing what it was to give up.

This is the sort of spirit which will help the Town in their present uncomfortable situation, and they cannot have too many "fighters" in their team.

Switch Seemed To Suit Pacey

THE switch to the right seemed to suit Pacey, who was much more dominant than he was the previous week, and Kelly did another thoroughly capable job in the middle, especially during those ticklish closing stages.

Mainly because he tended to

A LEAGUE MATCH HERE ON MONDAY?

If Middlesbrough agree to a suggestion by Luton, they will visit Kenilworth-road for a re-arranged League match next Monday evening.

Originally, Luton wanted the match tomorrow week, but Middlesbrough demurred at this because they are due at Scunthorpe on the following Friday evening.

lay off McHale, Daniel did not have the success he achieved at Huddersfield, and he is a much more effective player when he is going in to meet his opponent.

While O'Grady was always a danger he did not establish his previous ascendancy over McNally, who showed plenty of courage, but the real star of the defence was Baynham, showing all his old confidence and anticipation.

Chandler Brought More Dash

FROM the Town point of view, the big thing was that there was altogether more dash and determination in the attack and this was attributable in no small measure to the liveliness of Chandler.

Certainly, Taylor could never afford to neglect him, he was a great trier for the whole 90 minutes and brought the enthusiasm that was lacking in the previous two matches.

Obviously, Davies appreciated the fact that there was someone else besides himself harassing the opposing defence and he had an excellent first half, looking, in the words of Manager Bill Harvey, "the complete inside-forward."

Had To Be More Defensive Later

HIS use of the ball was very good and he was not so prominent in the later stages because a more defensive role was required of him.

Without neglecting the opportunity to attack, the wingers had been instructed to help out the full-backs by coming back to challenge the dangerous Huddersfield wingers, McHale and O'Grady.

As a result, there was not quite the threat that had been expected from Walden, who