

Town To Fight Again After 3½ Gruelling Hours

PACEY GOAL KEEPS THEM IN CUP HUNT

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LUTON TOWN 1, IPSWICH TOWN 1

(after extra time)

AFTER about three-and-a-half hours of grim, typically Cup-tie football, the Town and Ipswich still have not decided who is to meet Norwich in the fourth round.

For two gruelling hours, watched by easily the biggest crowd this season, 23,818, the teams again finished level at 1-1.

On the balance of play the Town should have won because they had long periods of pressure, but the dash and enthusiasm which was mainly what the young Luton forwards had to offer, was not sufficient to break down a strong Ipswich defence, which packed the penalty area.

The Town badly needed some extra craft at inside-forward in order to create the clear-cut openings which appeared only too rarely. As a result, for all their persistent pressure, scoring chances were unusually few and far between. At the same time one had to admire the fighting spirit of every member of the Town team.

Once again, the Town owed a considerable debt to their wingers, with Morton causing Phillips to have another quiet game and Pacey was the man who earned a second replay with a gloriously taken goal.

It was, perhaps, an apt commentary that each goal came from a left-half. Taking the game right through, defences had the better of the argument and Cope did not make such a good job of holding the elusive Crawford on this occasion.

So the Town retain their interest in the F.A. Cup, but I fancy they will have to find more constructive ability in attack and more punch at close quarters to ensure that they make further progress.

TEAMS:
LUTON T.N.: Baynham; McNally, Bramwell; Morton, Cope, Pacey; Walden, Ashworth, Chandler, McKechnie, Legate.

IPSWICH T.N.: Bailey; Carberry, Compton; Baxter, Nelson, Elsworth; Stephenson, Moran, Crawford, Phillips, Owen.

Referee: K. Dagnall (Bolton).
Neither team made any change from Saturday's match but it is noticeable that the Town captain, Cope, about whom there was some doubt, had his right knee well strapped.

As had been expected, the Town drew easily their best crowd of the season despite the rumours which were circulating this afternoon that the ground was unfit. In point of fact, the pitch looked in very good order considering the rough treatment it has had recently.

The game opened in a tense sort of atmosphere with an attack in which Crawford got himself at least three yards offside. Then Ashworth was brought down heavily by Nelson, but the free-kick was cleared.

Playing with rare spirit again, the Town had the better of matters and Chandler worried the Ipswich defence into giving away a corner that was eventually cleared by Nelson. But Ipswich hit back and there was an escape for the Town when Cope was slow in clearing. He was dispossessed and Pacey came racing across to make a last-ditch tackle on the centre-forward just as he was shaping to take a shot.

There was no doubt that this big crowd had contracted Cup-tie

fever all right, and there was no doubt, too, that they were solidly behind the Town, who gained two corners in quick succession. However, this type of award was not paying off very handsomely against the tall Ipswich defenders.

TOWN ON TOP IN EARLY STAGES

Without really getting to close quarters regularly enough to promise a lot of goals, the Town were on top, and as good a scoring effort as any came from McNally, who took the ball through to the penalty area, but the ball struck a defender and was deflected.

Danger from Ipswich came when Owen raced on to a down-

Highbury On Monday?

THE next meeting between Luton and Ipswich will be on Monday. Where? Almost certainly on a London ground and last night Arsenal's ground at Highbury was being suggested.

the-middle pass and harassed defenders could not clear the ball in time.

IPSWICH TAKE THE LEAD

With Ipswich looking a little more threatening, Owen made a hash of a low centre from Stephenson when he sliced his shot badly.

With 18 minutes gone Ipswich, who had been improving steadily, took the lead through ELSWORTHY. The goal followed a corner on the right, which was headed out by Cope, who was just on the verge of the penalty area. Elsworth let loose a tremendous left-footed drive which beat the diving Baynham to find a billet in the corner of the net.

For a reason which was not plain from the Press-box, there were strong Town appeals against the goal, but the referee would have none of it.

Undismayed, the Town hit back and McKechnie brought Bailey to his knees with a strong drive. However, there was evidence that the Town were a bit rattled, as when Cope did not get sufficient power on a back-header to Baynham and then muffed his clearance kick. Finally, the attack was stayed off.

There were times even in defence when the Town were guilty of keeping the ball too close, but the next defensive mis-



DAVE PACEY

take was made by Elsworth, who very nearly let in Ashworth, but Bailey had to be quick to give away a corner.

Corners were still coming the way of the Town and from another by Legate, Chandler got up high to glance the ball wide of the post. Bailey was certainly the busier at this stage, but his work was mostly concerned in dealing with high crosses. Direct shots from reasonable scoring range were few.

ASHWORTH INJURED

After a spell strictly on the defensive, Ipswich came away. Crawford beat Cope in a tussle for the ball, which was worked out to Stephenson, from whose cross Phillips headed in. Baynham made a comfortable save.

The referee had a word with Elsworth, and deservedly so, for a bad foul on Ashworth, which left the inside-right writhing in pain. There was a hold-up before he was fit enough to continue.

Although the Town were still having a big share of the play, they lost the grip which they had held during the first quarter of an hour, and they were not really looking like potential scorers against a sound, hard-tackling defence.

The best effort for the Town for a long time came from McKechnie, who let loose from fully 25 yards, but Bailey had plenty of time to see it and get across his goal to make a clean catch.

On balance, Ipswich, with less frequent attacks, were looking more dangerous. Phillips brought Baynham to his knees with a quickly taken shot from the penalty area.

Some of the Ipswich tackling was crude, to say the least, and Moran was next to be penalised when he brought McKechnie down heavily. At the first hint of danger the Ipswich defence were packing their penalty area and the Town were finding it almost impossible to find clear-cut openings.

TOWN DEFENCE WORRIED

The Town were in luck when a long clearance kick by Bailey bounced awkwardly for Cope. Baynham covered up well so that the centre-forward's shot hit his legs and he was able to boot the

How The Goals Came

ELSWORTHY for Ipswich after 18 min.
PACEY for Luton after 77 min.

ball to safety, Ipswich, finding each other well, were moving the ball about to some purpose and worrying the Town defence.

Another rough tackle, this time by Nelson, laid low McKechnie. There was another hold-up while he recovered from a severe shaking and another free kick to the Town, which might well have been fatal to Ipswich. Although the original kick was headed away, it went to Morton. The ball was deflected in its flight and finished in Bailey's arms, who must have been surprised by its flight. Half time.

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There was a chance of an equaliser in the very first minute of the second half and it fell to McKechnie, who should have had a shot from the edge of the penalty area, but he tried to make sure and work the ball a few more yards.

There were evident signs of panic in the Ipswich defence when the Town were on the attack and a corner on the right brought a terrific scrimmage in the goal area. An inspired few minutes from the Town ended with Bramwell tamely putting the ball outside.

Next, Pacey tried to drive on the Town forwards by coming through forcibly, but he, too, came through too far and a corner was the only result. From this, McNally sent the ball soaring over.

Twice Cope made hard tackles on Crawford, for the second of which he was penalised, but nothing came of the free-kick, although it gave Ipswich the opportunity of getting back into the game as an attacking formation. After trials and tribulation Bramwell got himself out of trouble.

TOWN FIGHT BACK STRONGLY

At every opportunity now, Baynham was kicking the ball deep into the Ipswich half for the Town forwards to follow up strongly, and on one occasion Bailey was harassed into giving away a corner.

Ipswich were right back on the defensive with the Town fighting with everything they knew to get on level terms.

But like the first-half story their forwards just were not creating the clear-cut openings.

Poor clearances in quick succession from McNally put the Town in a certain amount of jeopardy, but in the end Moran's shot went straight to Baynham, who was not troubled.

It was still the Town calling the tune, but their pressure made remarkably little impression on this defence, although there was some excitement in front of goal when Legate and Ashworth tried to force the ball in from close range.

A brisk raid at the other end caught Cope on the wrong leg and ended with Moran spooning the ball over the top.

That this Ipswich defence was ill at ease was clearly shown when Compton deliberately belted the ball behind, which made the corner tally 12-2 in the Town's favour.

MIDFIELD MOVEMENT WAS WASTED

Crawford beat Cope badly for speed to start a dangerous run down the left wing, but it fizzled out because Pacey had come back at speed and made an effective tackle.

Legate wasted a promising midfield movement by deciding to

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shoot at goal from 25 yards, but his effort had neither the merit, strength nor direction.

A sharp breakaway, in which Phillips suddenly appeared in the inside-right position, eased Ipswich's position, but Owen was not quick enough to accept what would have been a gilt-edged opportunity.

As good a chance as the Town had had came when the ball fell into the Ipswich penalty area and Chandler pushed the ball to Legate, who did not move quickly enough to make anything of the move.

An equaliser seemed imminent when Ashworth suddenly snapped up a pass from Chandler, sprinted into the penalty area, and then wasted the chance by turning the ball straight at Bailey. It brought yet another mix-up in front of the Ipswich goal, ending when Morton lobbed the ball just too high.

TOWN GET ON LEVEL TERMS

Another chance went adrift when Legate failed to control the ball, and then, in a sharp Ipswich break, Crawford nearly found his way past three Luton defenders and was foiled only by Baynham diving at his feet. For his pains Baynham was shaken up, but was able to resume almost immediately.

Then the Town literally went mad in the 77th minute when PACEY did what the Town forwards had failed to achieve and scored a great goal.

Masterfully, he stepped into the penalty area, beat an opponent on the way and, picking his spot in the corner of the net, rammed the ball past Bailey with his left foot.

None could say that the Town did not deserve to be on level terms. They richly did so, but the crowd had begun to despair of them breaking down this Ipswich defence.

Chandler gave chase to a long clearance-kick by Baynham and nearly headed the ball past the on-coming Bailey. It did not

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quite come off and the ball was scrambled to safety.

Ipswich took up the attack and McKechnie was whistled up for a foul. With the crowd roaring their heads off the Town nearly went ahead. Chandler collected a loose ball on the left wing to make a usable centre when Ashworth, coming up at top speed, hurled himself at the ball, but it went well wide.

TOWN HAMMERING FOR DECIDER

The Town were now finding their pace on the long kick down the middle and were hoping to hustle the Ipswich defence into making a mistake. They were hammering away for the decider and rather inadvisably Bramwell tried a long-range shot which finished just wide of the near post.

Ipswich were looking really worried and were making mistakes as a result, but their forward line always had to be reckoned with. They were awarded a free kick when Walden tackled an opponent unfairly. Things looked decidedly sticky for a second or two with the resultant free kick, Crawford being very much on the premises, but Baynham came to the rescue.

Ipswich had a turn during which Pacey made a great clearance, and then after Cope had made a horrible mistake attempting to pass back to Baynham, McNally saved a certain goal by throwing himself at Moran. This was danger point for the Town, with Ipswich showing up dramatically.

With a couple of minutes left, Ipswich had a free-kick outside the penalty area following a foul by Cope, and Baynham saved Stephenson's shot.

After 90 minutes:

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So we went into extra time for another hard-slogging 30 minutes, and both teams were already showing signs of the hard going.

First positive scoring attempt of extra time came from Crawford, who tested Baynham with a powerful shot. Then tempers, which had never been under the surface, flared up when Walden and Owen got at cross purposes and Walden was spoken to by the referee.

There was a shock for the Town in the 13th minute of extra time when Crawford planted the ball into the net from point-blank range, but the groans changed to cheers when it was seen that the referee had disallowed the goal. At this stage Ipswich were showing more method than Luton.

EARLIER FURY EVAPORATED

*There was no score in the first half of extra time, which ended with Crawford lying on the ground apparently with an attack of cramp.

There was quite a hold-up before the second session started, with the Ipswich trainer feverishly massaging Crawford's leg.

Much of the earlier fury of the Town's attacks had evaporated and the Ipswich defence was looking very much in command at this stage.

A free kick, well placed by Compton, caused some trouble in front of the Town goal. Then Chandler suddenly whipped in a quick shot, which Bailey just managed to get to at full stretch.

The incident caused the crowd behind the goal to sway and ambulance men were speedily on the scene. Then there was an injury on the field when Pacey was winded, but he was quickly all right again.

A fine run by Walden put the Ipswich defence in trouble, from which they extricated themselves at the expense of a corner. Following this, McNally produced nearly the shot of the match, a terrific drive which got through a group of players, and Bailey, throwing himself across the goal just managed to reach.

Play swung to the other end where Crawford shot tamely wide and McNally seemed to be another cramp victim.

In almost the last minute Ashworth nearly snatched victory for the Town when Bailey went down in a heap and the ball trickled inches wide of a post.

Result:

LUTON 1

IPSWICH 1

(After extra time)