

# Turner Goals Gave Town Points That Should Save 'Drop' Panic

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LUTON TOWN 2, WALSALL 0

THE two points that should ensure that there is no last-minute panic as far as the Town are concerned about relegation were obtained at the expense of Walsall at Kenilworth-road last night.

Few of the 6,123 crowd, however, gave them much chance at half-time. They had seen from then an unimaginative forward display with little apparent method. Only solid defensive work, in which Kelly, Bramwell and Pacey were outstanding, prevented Walsall from building up a lead.

The second half was a vastly different story with the Town turning on the power in attack and finally gaining the expected lead through Turner, who broke a long-scoring blank.

For a time the Town's hopes hung by that slender thread, but Turner made certain nine minutes from the end from a rebound after Boswell had saved his first shot from the penalty spot.

It was difficult to reconcile the difference between the Town's displays in each half, but their second showing was certainly a spirited affair.

## DEBUT WAS EFFECTIVE

On his debut, young Clarke gave quite an effective display, trying to use the ball well, and he could have been given more support with benefit.

**LUTON TOWN:** Standen; McNally; Bramwell; Groves, Kelly, Pacey; Clarke, Turner, Ashworth, McKechnie, Fleming.  
**WALSALL:** Boswell; Palin, Sharples; Hill, McPherson, Dudley; Meek, Hodgkisson, Wilson, Richards, Taylor.

Referee: A. E. Moore, Lowestoft.

Although the Town moved the ball about smartly in the opening stages the first serious shot came from Walsall when Wilson was inches too high. Then Standen went down hurriedly to prevent a drive by Taylor going under his body.

With the Town taking time to settle down and often keeping the ball too close, the Walsall defence had an easy passage, though they had a scare when Turner headed against the bar when the whistle went for offside.

The referee had a word with Bramwell after he had pulled down Meek, who needed attention before he could resume. Both teams had difficulty in controlling the lively ball and play seldom rose above the mediocre.

## PACEY TRIES A POWER DRIVE

It was half-way through the half before the Town had their first direct shot at goal of any consequence, and then Boswell went down to save from McKechnie.

With their passing far from accurate, the Town forwards made little impression on a hard-tackling defence. Several times they were pulled up for offside with Turner being a particular offender.

Pacey tried to improve matters with a power drive that did not penetrate the defensive wall, but neither team's shooting was impressive and real openings just were not being created.

By far the more shots were coming from Walsall, but these were mostly from too far range to trouble Standen seriously.

Towards half-time there was more persistent Walsall pressure, but the Town defence was in

## How The Goals Came

TURNER for Luton after 65 minutes.

TURNER (penalty) for Luton after 81 minutes.

much better form than were the forwards and the threat was driven off.

At last the Town, through Ashworth, worked a clear-cut opening, but Turner, to whom he passed, shot against a defender.

## NO SPARK IN ATTACK

It really was pretty poor stuff with the Town scarcely showing a spark in attack and it was as well that the defence was in a sour mood. Yet, on the stroke of half-time they might have snatched the lead when Turner got clean through from Clarke's pass, but Boswell threw himself at the ball, which he diverted wide. Half-time:

LUTON TOWN . . . . 0  
WALSALL . . . . 0

There was increased liveliness by the Town at the start of the second half and, after Turner had shot wide, Clarke took a return pass from Ashworth to get in a shot that Boswell saved comfortably enough.

With the improvement in the team, Fleming made a chance for Turner, who let drive from the edge of the penalty area and might have been on the mark had not McPherson got a foot to the ball, which rose high over the bar. Then McKechnie missed a chance of giving the Town a lead when he tried to scramble in a centre by Ashworth, but was forestalled by Boswell.

When Walsall had a turn Standen had to throw himself full-length to stop a fierce drive from Hodgkisson, and there was more excitement this half.

Ashworth nearly forced his way through and the Town were out of luck when, from a corner, Pacey headed the ball wide of Boswell, but Palin, standing on the goal-line, headed clear.

All disturbance Walsall were in a fair amount of trouble, but the Town just could not find the decisive finish though they earned several corners.

## SIMPLE CHANCE FOR TURNER

With 65 minutes gone, the Town took the lead through TURNER, who was left with a simple chance after Ashworth.

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There was a close call for the Town when Richards was left with a splendid opening but drove the ball too high. At this stage a little bit of "needle" crept into the play, mostly at the Walsall end, with the Town continuing to exert the more pressure.

After 81 minutes Turner was pulled down by McPherson inside the penalty area, and from the spot TURNER increased the Town lead. It was not a clear-cut goal because Boswell dived to stop the first shot from Turner, who, however, made no mistake.

Result:  
LUTON TOWN . . . . 2  
WALSALL . . . . 0