

MIDDLETON KEPT BUSY

Forest goal glut dries up

JOHN LAWSON at Bloomfield Road

AFTER monopolising the game for the first hour, Nottingham Forest fell behind to a 63rd minute header by Blackpool's leading scorer Micky Walsh here this afternoon.

Earlier, Forest had missed chances and were denied a breakthrough goal by the inspired work of keeper George Wood.

BLACKPOOL: Wood, Gardner, Curran, Ross, East, Solly, Alcock, Spence, Walsh, Bates, Bentley, Sub: Sedick.
FOREST: Middleton, Anderson, Clark, McGovern, Lloyd, Bowyer, Curran, O'Neill, Withe, Butlin, Robertson, Sub: Haselgrave.

The first pressure was on Forest after Clark had conceded a corner to stop Ainscow. But Middleton, under pressure at the near post, punched away Bentley's kick and Robertson and Clark completed the clearance.

Forest, given massive vocal support, did not pose a threat until the fourth minute, but it almost led to a goal.

Curran, getting his first touch, raced past two defenders and, as the ball came square across the area, Withe released a right foot shot which had Wood stretching full length to his left to turn around the post.

REFUSED

The Reds were soon pressing forward once more and after a persistent midfield run by Bowyer, Butlin appeared to be brought down inside the area by Gardner but the referee refused to listen to penalty claims.

It was all Forest and after another menacing Curran run there was danger for Blackpool until Anderson ran the ball out of play at the by-line.

Middleton, whose handling was an early feature of the game, left his line to dive bravely at Hatton's feet in a Blackpool breakthrough.

Robertson was unlucky when his shot rebounded to safety off Butlin, who soon afterwards looked a likely scorer.

In a run that began just inside the Blackpool half, Butlin surged forward and, with Withe taking a defender away, he was given a shooting chance which hit the advancing Wood on the knees.

Attendance: 17,089

As expected, the game had a highly competitive edge and in the 24th minute Harrison was booked for persistent fouls on Curran. Forest looked the better side but they nearly fell behind following an unsuspecting moment in defence.

SMOTHER

Bentley slipped the ball inside to the on-rushing Hart, whose low long-ranged effort was not held first time by Middleton. The ball bounced free to new signing Spence but the Forest keeper recovered well to smother the second attempt.

There was concern for Blackpool from two successive corners and the home fans were relieved when a free-kick was given against Lloyd just as Butlin whipped in a shot that had Wood extended.

The home supporters became impatient at Blackpool's inability to make an impression up front and they seemed to be suffering because of the plan to play three central strikers.

Their style contrasted sharply to Forest's and the Reds looked back on another Curran run for a goal shot.

He went past Harrison and Withe checked on to his right foot before having an angled drive turned away by the leaping Wood.

A Bentley corner created a momentary scare for Forest with Spence firing in a low shot but Lloyd, again impressive, kept his composure to clear a potentially dangerous situation.

CURB

Blackpool made every attempt to raise their game and Spence was inches over the bar with a speculative shot.

Blackpool clearly set out to curb Curran at any cost and it needed the dual attentions of Harrison and Bentley to prevent the Forest winger launching another attack.

The game went through a quiet period but Blackpool's leading scorer

Walsh brought it to life just before half-time. After good work by Ronson, Walsh cut inside to hammer an explosive drive into the side netting.

It was the last incident of the half but as they left the field Forest again had to reflect on the opportunities they had had to establish a lead.

HALF-TIME:
BLACKPOOL 0
FOREST 0

Blackpool began the second half on the offensive and it was as well for Forest that Lloyd had positioned himself to cut out a raking cross from Hart.

But Forest were soon moving forward and Bowyer was only just squeezed out as he moved in on a forceful through ball by Robertson.

TWISTED

But Robertson then linked with Clark on the left to manufacture a situation that almost led to a goal.

The overlapping Clark crossed to the near post and Withe twisted to power a header just wide of the angle.

O'Neill's persistence in a run through the middle caused more danger and, although Wood lost the ball to Butlin, Blackpool somehow survived.

Hart, although operating as a central defender, was often the biggest worry for Forest and after out-jumping Lloyd to a Bentley free kick, he had a header saved by Middleton.

Bentley was again at the root of Blackpool's next raid, curling in a cross which Hatton headed wide. The action flowed at both ends and Wood was forced into a diving save following a typically elusive run by Curran.

If any side was going to score it looked like being Forest, but in the 63rd minute they were stunned by Walsh's ninth goal of the season.

The danger came from a run on the left by Bentley and when he hooked his cross to the far post, Forest's players were outnumbered and WALSH moved through the crowd to plant his header in the net.

It was a sickening blow for the Reds and they swept forward immediately in search of an equaliser.

He looked a certain scorer, but his close range effort hit Middleton and the Forest keeper was able to fall on the loose ball before the former Birmingham striker could pounce.

To add to Forest's trouble, Curran had to limp out of the game — he has been troubled by a hamstring injury recently — and Haselgrave joined the action.

RESULT:
BLACKPOOL 1
NOTTM. FOREST 0

SCOTTISH (Premier Division)

Ayr	0	Celtic	2
Dundee U	*	Kilmarnock	*
Hibs	0	Partick	0
Motherwell	1	Hearts	1
Rangers	1	Aberdeen	0

SCOTTISH I

Clydebank	2	Dundee	1
Falkirk	1	Airdrie	0
Montrose	2	E Fife	0
Morton	4	Arbroath	1
Q of South I	1	St Mirren	1
Raith	0	Hamilton	2
St Jhnstne I	1	Dumbarton	2

SCOTTISH II

Albion	0	Stenhsnr	1
Alloa	1	Queens P	1
Clyde	1	Berwick	0
Dunfrmln	1	E Stirling	0
Forfar	0	Stirling A	2
Meadwbk	3	Cowdnbth	1
Stranraer	3	Brechin	1

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DRAWS

Score Draws (3pts)
MOTHERWELL v HEARTS
SHEFF U v FULHAM
BURNLEY v CHARLTON
PLYMOUTH v CARDIFF
OXFORD v BURY
COVENTRY v NEWCASTLE
Q OF STH v ST MIRREN
ALLOA v Q PARK
CARLISLE v LUTON
WATFORD v BOURNEMTH

No Score Draws (2pts)

HIBS v PARTICK
MAN C v QPR
EXETER v WORKINGTN
ROCHDALE v SOUTHEND
CLYDEBANK
BRIGHTON
STRANRAER
CREWE
M'BANK
MORTON
MONTROSE
DERBY
SHREWSBURY
WALSALL
CHELSEA
RANGERS
DARLINGTON
BIRMINGHAM
WBA
BRADFORD

HOMES

CHESTER
GRIMSBY
COLCHSTR
BARNLEY
HUDDERSFLD
CLYDE
FULL
HALKIRK
LIVERPOOL
DUMFRELIN
CHELSEA
STAMPTN
PRESTON
BOLTON
ARSENAL
BLACKPOOL

AWAYS

HAMILTON
ORIENT
LEEDS
WREKHAM
IPSWICH
BLACKBURN
LINCOLN
TRANMERE
STENHSNR
STIRLING A
SHEFF W
WALSLEY
LEICESTER
DUMBARTON
CELTIC

Queen's Park Rangers have turned down a transfer request by their Republic of Ireland forward Don Givens. Manager Dave Sexton has called on a 'stilly minority' in the Rangers' crowd to stop barracking Givens.

RESULTS AND TABLES

DIVISION I

Arsenal	2	Stoke	0
Birmingham	3	Middlesbro	1
Bristol C	0	LEICESTER	1
Coventry	1	Newcastle	1
DERBY	8	Tottenham	2
Liverpool	3	Everton	1
Man C	0	QPR	0
Norwich	1	Leeds	2
Sunderland	0	A Villa	1
WBA	4	Man Utd	0
West Ham	0	Ipswich	2

DIVISION III

Brighton	1	Peterbro	0
Chester	1	MANSFIELD	0
Gillingham	0	LINCOLN	1
Grimsby	1	York	0
Oxford	2	Bury	2
Port Vale	2	Wrexham	3
Preston	2	Crystal P	1
Reading	0	Sheff Wed	1
Rotherham	1	Tranmere	2
Shrewsbury	3	CHESTERFLD	0
Walsall	2	Swindon	0

DIVISION II

Blackpool	1	FOREST	0
Bolton	1	Bristol R	0
Burnley	4	Charlton	4
Carlisle	1	Luton	1
Chelsea	4	Oldham	3
Hull	2	Wolves	0
Millwall	0	Blackburn	1
NOTTS CO	0	Orient	1
Plymouth	2	Cardiff	2
Sheff U	1	Fulham	1
Southmtn	1	Hereford	0

DIVISION IV

Barnsley	1	Aldershot	0
Bradford	3	Newport	1
Colchester	6	Hartlepool	2
Crewe A	3	Halifax	0
Darlington	2	Torquay	1
Exeter	0	Workngtn	0
Huddersf	2	Doncaster	1
Rochdale	0	Southend	0
Wattford	1	Bournemouth	1

DIVISION I

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	9	6	1	2	14	7
Man City	10	4	5	1	15	10
Middlesbro	10	5	3	2	7	6
Arsenal	9	5	2	2	16	12
West Brom	10	4	3	3	16	11
Everton	10	4	3	3	16	12
Ipswich	9	4	3	2	16	13
Man U	9	4	3	2	14	11
Newcastle	10	4	3	2	14	11
Leicester	10	2	7	1	8	11
Villa	9	5	0	4	16	9
Birmingham	9	4	2	3	15	10
Coventry	9	3	3	12	9	9
Leeds	10	3	3	4	13	14
QPR	10	3	3	4	13	9
Stoke	10	3	3	4	6	11
Norwich	11	3	2	6	10	8
Bristol C	9	2	4	2	16	8
Derby	9	1	2	5	10	7
Spurs	9	2	2	5	10	22
West Ham	10	1	3	6	7	9
Sunderlnd	9	0	4	5	5	13

DIVISION III

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton	10	7	1	2	17	14
Stockport	10	6	2	2	17	11
Camb Utd	10	5	3	2	18	9
Rochdale	10	4	5	1	11	6
Bournemouth	10	4	5	1	12	8
Colchester	10	5	2	3	19	12
Huddersf	10	5	2	3	9	12
Aldershot	10	5	2	3	10	12
Southend	10	3	6	1	11	9
Exeter	10	4	3	3	14	11
Swansea	10	3	3	4	18	11
Scunthrp	10	4	2	4	14	10
Barnsley	9	4	2	3	12	10
Watford	10	4	2	4	15	10
Sheff Wed	10	4	2	4	13	10
Darlington	10	4	2	4	10	14
Torquay	9	3	3	4	10	9
Doncaster	10	3	3	4	15	9
Newport	10	2	3	5	6	11
Bradford	10	1	4	5	13	6
Halifax	10	1	4	5	7	6
Workngtn	10	1	4	5	6	6
Southport	10	0	4	6	6	4
Hereford	10	0	4	6	9	23

DIVISION IV

P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bradfd C	10	6	2	2	26	15
Stockport	10	6	2	2	17	14
Camb Utd	10	5	3	2	18	9
Rochdale	10	4	5	1	11	6
Bournemouth	10	4	5	1	12	8
Colchester	10	5	2	3	19	12
Huddersf	10	5	2	3	9	12
Aldershot	10	5	2	3	10	12
Southend	10	3	6	1	11	9
Exeter	10	4	3	3	14	11
Swansea	10	3	3	4	18	11
Scunthrp	10	4	2	4	14	10
Barnsley	9	4	2	3	12	10
Watford	10	4	2	4	15	10
Sheff Wed	10	4	2	4	13	10
Darlington	10	4	2	4	10	14
Torquay	9	3	3	4	10	9
Doncaster	10	3	3	4	15	9
Newport	10	2	3	5	6	11
Bradford	10	1	4	5	13	6
Halifax	10	1	4	5	7	6
Workngtn	10	1	4	5	6	6
Southport	10	0	4	6	6	4
Hereford	10	0	4	6	9	23

Clifton (cont.)

The second half saw Clifton settle down and begin to pose a few problems, but without looking particularly dangerous.

RACING

CATTERICK
4.20—MANDALUS, E Hide, 8-13 (fav).
1: The Bowler, 5-2, 2: Five ran. Off 4.22

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