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TURLEY SHOWS HOW

Solo run ends
in wonder goal

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HAPOEL (TEL AVIV) 0

IF THIS friendly game did nothing else, it showed that Peterborough United can play a brand of football which would do credit to sides in the Second Division and even one or two in the First.

From the start it was obvious that the touring side would provide little opposition to a Posh team which gave little indication of its poor display two days ago. The four goals which did come their way were the result of only 15 or 20 openings which were carved out by the forwards.

United were without Derek Dougan, resting a pulled muscle following the game against Queen's Park Rangers, but John Turley deputised well, completing a successful evening with a great goal in the closing minutes of the game.

Manager Jack Fairbrother took the opportunity to try out his wingers too, and gave Roy Senior the first half on the right wing with Jackson taking over after the interval. Peter McNamee and Jack Overfield shared the left flank in a similar manner.

The match played in aid of the Professional Footballers' (Peterborough) Testimonial Fund, attracted just over 5,000 spectators.

Great saves

With lots of room in which to work the Posh attack moved well.

The Hapoel goalkeeper, Elkayan, made some great saves, particularly in the second half when he fisted away point blank efforts from both Smith and Turley.

The opening period of the game brought sufficient chances for the Posh to have won the match there and then. Smith, Turley, Horobin, indeed all the forward line, were in a goal scoring position, but their shots were either just wide or were blocked by the defence.

Ironically enough the opening



goal came from one of the Hapoel players.

Posh had always looked as though a goal must come, then in the 36th minute Smith sent McNamee down the wing whose cross was miskicked by Zegal and the ball cannoned off right-half Levi into the net.

Turley was next, and his shot left Elkayan completely beaten, but the ball cracked against the bar, and from the re-bound Horobin put the ball just wide.

The tourists made several changes at the interval, but they still could not find the answer to Posh's attacking mood. The defence always looked sure, although Singleton was inclined to give outside-left M. Bursuk too much room.

Indeed with Rankmore always in command, left-back Sissons made one excursion upfield and centred from the right-wing position.

The goals had to come and in the 50th minute the Hapoel goalkeeper could only parry a Jackson shot and Turley beat him to the rebound. Smith had two well aimed headers punched away before a third was kicked off the line by Levy, and that was the pattern of things.

With 15 minutes left for play, referee G. F. Ligorish seemed rather harsh with a penalty award against centre-half Levkovich, and Pearce, who came to London-road with a reputation as a penalty taker, proved the point with the spot kick.

For good measure Turley hammered in a great goal when Pearce sent him away just inside the half-way line. A solo run culminated with a shot which rattled the top of the netting.

United: Duff; Singleton, Sissons; Wright, Rankmore, Pearce; Senior, (Jackson), Horobin, Turley, Smith, McNamee (Overfield).

Hapoel: Elkayan; Zegal, Faffroznikov; Levi, Levkovich, Clish; Seken, B. Bursuk, Rosenboon, Danjely, Bursuk.



★ Top picture: Inside-forward Keith Smith beats two Hapoel defenders in the air to flick the ball on to centre-forward John Turley waiting in front of goal. Bottom picture: Inside-forward Roy Horobin chases a ball through the middle, hotly pursued by a Hapoel defender, only to see his shot go wide.

Target — Division One

SUPREME optimism was the keynote of speeches by club chairman Tommy Frake and manager Jack Fairbrother when they spoke at the annual meeting of Peterborough United Supporters' Club on Thursday evening.

Said Tommy: "This is the best team we have ever had."

Said Jack: "We are going to be the best First Division club one day."

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