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CLUB CHATTER.

(by "Tyke")

The Chinese of long ago were wise old birds.

They knew nothing of our National game of football as we know it, but they left many proverbs which can be applied equally to football as to life generally.

One I have in mind is : "If you see a fly on a neighbour's brow do not destroy it with a hatchet."

To the majority that will appear to be unnecessary advice—and so it should be! — but I think it should be passed on to those "supporters," who seem ever ready to shout destructive criticism from the house-tops whenever the club has had a bad run.

Barnsley's particular fly—a succession of five defeats, due almost as much to over-anxiety to do well as to team defects—cannot be destroyed by burying the hatchet in the club's skull, however thick you may think it is.

Rather should it be achieved by encouragement to the players, which, if given often enough and loud enough, will inspire in them the confidence to destroy the pest without any cleaving of skulls.

In plain words encourage players, do not barrack them.

Barracking never did anything towards effecting an improvement—often it destroys confidence—whereas encouragement gives a player the faith to do himself and his club justice.

It is a sufficient commentary on the barracking of a section of the crowd this season that certain players have already stated they prefer to play in away games.

And who can say whether or not Wednesday's victory over Fulham was not a direct consequence of that.

An end to this senseless—and often unjust—criticism, therefore, and give the boys a real Oakwell welcome this afternoon.

While ill-luck has played its part in at least two games Barnsley have lost, we all know there have been other causes—some have not found the form of which we know they are capable, some have been "hot under the collar" quite early in the game in their anxiety to break a losing sequence.

Generally, however, there is plenty of football ability in the side, and I have faith in the boys to turn the tide.

The Plymouth "bogey" was again in evidence last Saturday,

where Shortt reserved that game for his best display ever, according to Plymouth fans.

But brilliantly though he kept goal, he could not have prevented a score had he not been assisted by a large slice of luck.

How, otherwise, could he have stuck out a foot on a couple of occasions to divert an apparent "winner," while lying on the ground?

As against Fulham, at Oakwell, Barnsley provided the football and Plymouth "bagged" the points.

On Wednesday, however, Barnsley avenged their defeat of the previous week, and it was indeed a grand performance to win at Craven Cottage.

The introduction of that excellent ball player, Baxter, into the forward line had a steadying influence, and Glover will most certainly be a better proposition in his natural position than at full-back.

Barnsley's turn will come, and we hope this afternoon's game will convince the doubting ones that the Fulham victory was the result of hard endeavour.

Luton, to-day's visitors, were beaten 4-0 at Oakwell, last May, drew with second in the table, West Brom., last Saturday, and beat Leicester, on Wednesday, on their own ground.

On opponents' grounds they have won one and lost three of their four games, scoring seven goals against nine. They give full entertainment however they fare, and will always be a welcome side at Oakwell.

The Reserves, by the way, also seem to have acquired a liking for opponents' grounds, having won at West Brom., and drawn at Stoke and Liverpool, since losing their opening Central League game at Bramall Lane.

The "A" team youngsters are coming along nicely, and they are bound to be challenging for positions in the Reserves ere long. Then you can see for yourselves that the club is alive to promising material in the area. And there are more to follow!

Remember—give the Reds full and continued support as a reward for their Fulham victory.

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