

# RELEGATION SHADOWS ARE LENGTHENING

## Tagged Display Caused Loss Of Valuable Point

By Chiltern

Relegation shadows which have been hanging over Kenilworth-road for the greater part of the season, lengthened somewhat after the partial failure against Notts County, weakened by the absence of Lawton and Broome.

Unfortunately a point was salvaged and there is still a reasonable chance of the Town maintaining their status, but the form they produced on Saturday will not be good enough to succeed in the vital matches that lie ahead.

There were far too many chances in a team that failed to operate as a combined unit and display was all the more disappointing in view of that which was put up the previous week.

What made it all the more serious was that on vastly improved going from that on which they have been operating in Luton recently, the team was expected to produce something like the average, and the players themselves looked forward to this with a great deal of confidence.

### Each Had Spells Of Pressure

For a long time, the eager first-moving County looked more likely to pick up these points and it was only a late goal that saved the day for the Town.

There was always that sort of feeling can happen" look about the game, with each team having its moments of pressure, but neither side made the fullest use of their opportunities.

At the end, the feeling was that the County were a little unfortunate not to win, and yet they did not easily have lost when they fought back with renewed vigour after securing the equaliser.

### Left The Argument Until Afterwards

AN who put the Town level was Bernard Moore, who took full advantage of a move by Glover and Stobbart and kicked the ball past Smith.

Before he did so, it looked as if for a moment, he thought he was offside, but he did the right thing by making certain of getting the ball into goal and then leaving the argument until later.

There was an appeal by the County defenders for offside but there was no signal from the referee and the referee promptly awarded a goal.

### Crookes Gave County The Lead

When this happened, the Town had been going down to defeat with not a lot of prospect

of levelling the goal obtained by Crookes after 61 minutes.

This came when Sewell secured a poor clearance kick by Aherne, and strode through the defence to make an opening for Crookes.

The winger, running on to the ball was there before the advancing Stretton, and sent it into the farthest corner of the net.

There should have been goals for the County before that, for the Town defence found difficulty in keeping tabs on the quick, accurate passing of the forwards, but the most was not made of their chances in front of goal.

### Chances Of Winner Went Astray

THE equaliser spurred on the Town to far better things and with the County defence flustered and ill at ease, victory could easily have come Luton's way in the next five minutes.

First, Moore came racing through with the ball at his feet in a way that was a real tonic after the lack of directness in the middle of the attack this season, but Smith narrowed the angle and smothered his hard shot.

That was a definite chance gone astray and there was another a couple of minutes later when Stobbart broke clean through and an accurate pass to Moore was all that was necessary to make a goal virtually certain.

### Selection Problem Has To Be Faced

STOBBART, however, made a bad pass which the centre-forward had no chance of reaching and the moment passed.

There was more pressure after this, but the County defence had regained their composure and the rally flickered out minutes before the end.

Problem facing the Town this week is whether to disregard the poor form shown by several players and leave the team substantially the same for the most important match with Queen's Park Rangers next Saturday, or whether to make changes in certain positions.

## FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN ..... 1 (Moore)  
NOTTS COUNTY ..... 1 (Crookes)  
LUTON TOWN: Stretton; Cooke, Aherne, Morion, Owen, McAuley; Glover, Stobbart, Moore, Davie, Havenga.  
NOTTS COUNTY: Smith; Southwell, Corkhill, Robinson, Leuty, Simpson, Crookes, Sewell, McPherson, Evans (W), Johnston.  
Referee: A. H. Tolley, Worcester.  
Attendance: 17,398.

### Wingers Supplied Little Material

PERHAPS the most noticeable weakness was on the wings where Havenga, in particular, had a bad day. He simply could find no way of beating Southwell with the result that to count the number of times the ball came over from that side of the field would have been a simple process.

The enigmatic Glover, too, was guilty of some poor finishing and yet it was his work, in the main, that led to the equalising goal.

For all that, the Town could have used more directness and better use of the ball on both wings.

### Davie Was Not Up To His Previous Form

OBVIOUS inference to be drawn from the change in the conditions was that an accomplished ball player like Davie would be seen in an even better light than he has been in the clinging mud, but he did not come up to that form.

How much that was due to the lack of support he received from Havenga and the fact that the whole left flank was below par is difficult to calculate, but he did not use the ball to advantage consistently.

Some of his midfield work was first-class but he was prone to allow Robinson to come through with the ball, particularly in the first half.

### Left Flank Was Often In Trouble

THIS set up an additional problem for McAuley, who already had his hands full in watching Sewell the best craftsman in the County attack.

McAuley's tackling was not impressive and though he used the ball cleverly at times, there were occasions when he took too long to do so and when he made the obvious move.

Behind him Aherne was uncertain in both his tackling and his kicking and the timing of his attempts to dispossess Crookes was often all wrong.

Most of the real danger from

the County came from their right flank and when that happened, trouble never looked far away.

### Moore Showed A Deal Of Promise

ON a day on which few of the Town players added to their reputations, it was good to see Moore giving rich promise of solving the centre-forward problem, but to do so fully, he will require better support than came his way in this match.

With the ball pushed in front of him on the ground, he will worry defences a lot, but a lot of the stuff that came his way was in the air, where Leuty was the master.

Yet, when reasonable material came his way, Moore was a source of worry to this accomplished centre-half and he can certainly hit the ball with tremendous power.

### Promised More Than He Accomplished

ONCE again, Stobbart promised a good deal more than he accomplished. Some of his mid-field footwork was brilliant, but a lot of it came to nothing and again he showed a lack of accuracy in his finishing.

He provided very little support for Moore and almost invariably played to his wing partner.

There was nothing much amiss with Owen despite some initial difficulty in coping with the dashing McPherson, who looks a very good young prospect.

### Morton Unravelled Some Of The Tangles

TAKING the game through, Owen was solid and unyielding and gained as many marks as anyone else in the team.

Morton made a useful contribution, too, particularly in the first half when he unravelled several of the tangles into which the defence got themselves.

Cooke was the more successful full-back because he was more decisive in his work and he got down to the job of cutting out Johnston, who could have been a lot more dangerous but for the hard tackling of the right back.

### Stretton Faced Some Awkward Situations

STRETTON was not really over-worked, but much of the stuff with which he had to cope was of the awkward variety, and many times he had to make courageous dives to snatch the ball away from the feet of on-coming forwards.

He accomplished his task confidently and well, and there was no cause for complaint here.

What must have struck everybody forcibly was the lack of cohesion in the team.

Too often their work seemed ragged and aimless, and the approach work was far below the standard of that in some recent matches.

## Disappointing Show By Reserves

AFTER the splendid performances by the Reserves it was surprising that they should suffer such a hollow defeat as by 3-0 at Ipswich, and they struck nothing like their best form.

The changes which involved the introduction of Whent at centre-half and Jinks at inside-right were not successful, and neither fitted into the scheme of things.

The Town had their chances in the first half, when Taylor, Pemberton and Jinks all failed when reasonably well placed. Altogether, though, it was a below-par performance in which nobody achieved star rating.

## BOXING Connell Won Bout Of The Evening

Bout of the evening at Vauxhall Motors Canteen on Saturday was that between lightweights D. Connell (Electrolux), an American Golden Gloves winner and Irish A.B.A. champion, and J. Watts (Roath Y.C.), which Connell won on points.

It opened quietly, although Connell impressed with the speed of his punches and clever ring-craft. He took the first and second rounds and in the latter Watts was down twice.

Connell bewildered him by his brilliant use of the ropes and excellent feinting. Connell started the third round looking for an early "kill," but Watts rallied gamely, and forced his opponent to box on the retreat for the rest of the round.

Again Watts tried to break through Connell's impeccable defence in the final round, but the Irishman's clever weaving took him out of range of any punches that came his way.

C. Powell (Witney) beat Vauxhall's J. Howell in a middle-weight contest and thus avenged a defeat at Aylesbury last September.

Surprise of the evening was the defeat of K. Woodward (Vauxhall), British A.T.C. champion, 1950, by B. Yaroslav (Hoovers A.B.C.), who had Woodward in trouble from the first round of their lightweight contest.

The middleweight bout, between T. George (Roath Y.C.) and J. McKay (Willesden) was another exciting one. George, a Welsh A.B.A. champion, completely outpunched McKay in the first two rounds and had him down in the third. Nevertheless, although beaten on points, McKay showed plenty of spirit and was always looking for an opening.

There was a good attendance, and prizes were presented by Mrs. K. M. Eaton.

## GREYHOUNDS

### Favourites Came Back To Form On Saturday

After a week of little or no success, favourites came back with a bang at Luton Stadium on Saturday, when they won five of the eight races.

Traps 2 and 6 had two winners each, and none drew a blank.

1 (410yds).—1 MOBLEY (1), 2 Ashwood (6), 3 Musical Box (4), 4 Garry (5), 5 Fascination (3), 6 Little Rio (2). Sh hd. 4, 2, 6, 2, 25.85. Off 6.37.  
Betting: 2 MOBLEY, 5-2 Garry, 4 Ashwood, 5 Fascination, Musical Box, 6 Little Rio. Forecast 11/9/9.

II (470yds).—1 EMERY (2), 2 Eastern Silver (4), 3 Max Future (3), 4 Snowey (5), 5 I Wonder (1), 6 House Warmer (6). Sh hd. 1, 1, 1, 2, 29.32. Off 6.50.  
Betting: 5-2 Snowey, 3 I Wonder, 7-2 EMERY, 4 Eastern Silver, 5 Max Future, 7 House Warmer. Forecast 13/11/6.

III (410yds).—1 JOURNEY (5), 2 Speakeasy (1), 3 Wind-Break (4), 4 Grady (3), 5 Moody Girl (6), 6 Whistling Wind (2). 6, 6, 1, 1, 25.37. Off 7.16.  
Betting: Evens JOURNEY, 5 Grady, Speakeasy, Wind-Break, 6 Moody Girl, 7 Whistling Wind. Forecast 13/9/9.

IV (470yds).—1 GLENGIL (2), 2 Castle Rock (3), 3 Malcolm (4), 4 Blue Dawn (5), 5 Lone Star (1), 6 Black Mask (6). 7, 1, 4, 6, 4, 28.62. Off 7.35.  
Betting: 5-2 Castle Rock, Malcolm, 3 Black Mask, 5 GLENGIL, 10 Blue Dawn, Lone Star. Forecast 13/2/9.  
V (470yds).—1 COBIOS (6), 2 Evening News (2), 3 Engaged (5), 4 Tacoma (3), 5 Fandango (4), 6 Kitty Wee (1). 6, 4, 1, 5, 1, 28.16. Off 7.59.  
Betting: Evens COBIOS, 3 Evening News, 4 Kitty Wee, 6 Engaged, 7 Tacoma, 8 Fandango. Forecast 12/9/9.

VI (410yds).—1 MARGARET'S LUCK (3), 2 Muriel (5), 3 Partition (6), 4 Chief Officer (1), 5 Loose Button (4), 6 Bandbox (2). 6, 1, 4, 1, 8, 25.32. Off 8.18.  
Betting: 2 Bandbox, 5-2 Partition, 7-2 Muriel, 4 MARGARET'S LUCK, 6 Chief Officer, 10 Loose Button. Forecast 13/11/6.

VII (470yds).—1 BIRO (4), 2 Waistcoat (6), 3 Egg Flip (1), 4 Port Earn (2), 5 Kitchen Boy (3), 6 Comus (5). Hd. 1, 6, 1, 8, 29.05. Off 8.38.  
Betting: 5-2 BIRO, Comus, 7-2 Kitchen Boy, 4 Egg Flip, 6 Waistcoat, 8 Port Earn. Forecast 13/12/9.

VIII (410yds).—1 PLAYBOY (6), 2 Juny (1), 3 Charmaine (2), 4 Mr. Woo (4), 5 Clancy (3), 6 Plain Jane (5). 11, 6, 2, 4, dist. 25.13. Non-runner, Curly O'Connor (2). Off 8.57.  
Betting: 6-4 PLAYBOY, 9-4 Juny, 7-2 Mr Woo, 4 Clancy, 6 Charmaine, Plain Jane. Forecast 16/9/9.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY  
7.30 (410yds).—4 Captain Cutlet, 262 Cherry Brandy, 223 Clear Joe, 455 Just Peter, 465 Trev's Lady, 545 Win's Boy Reserve, 634 Yvonne's Dream.

## Chiltern's Forecasts

F.A. CUP: SEMI-FINALS  
Newcastle U v Wolves  
Birmingham City v Blackpool

DIVISION I  
Arsenal v Aston Villa  
Burnley v Sunderland  
Everton v Charlton Ath  
Huddersfield T v Fulham  
Middlesbrough v Liverpool  
Preston v Manchester U  
Stoke City v Tottenham Hotspur

DIVISION II  
Bury v Sheffield U  
Cardiff City v Doncaster Rovers  
Chesterfield v Leeds U  
Coventry City v Hull City  
Grimsby T v Blackburn Rovers  
Leicester City v West Ham  
Notts County v Southampton  
Preston North End v Barnsley  
Q.P.R v Luton T

DIVISION III (SOUTH)  
Bournemouth v Brighton  
Bristol City v Norwich City  
Exeter City v Crystal Palace  
Gillingham v Newport County  
Ipswich T v Aldershot  
Leyton Orient v Torquay U  
Millwall v Northampton T  
Plymouth Argyle v Swindon T  
Reading v Colchester U  
Southend U v Bristol Rovers  
Walsall v Nottingham Forest  
Watford v Port Vale

DIVISION III (NORTH)  
Accrington Stanley v Rochdale  
Barrow v Crewe Alexandra  
Bradford v Lincoln City  
Carlisle U v Bradford City  
Mansfield T v Hartlepool U  
Oldham Ath v Darlington  
Rotherham U v Gateshead  
Scunthorpe U v Halifax T  
Tranmere Rovers v Shrewsbury T  
Wrexham v Stockport County  
York City v New Brighton

SCOTTISH CUP: 4TH ROUND  
Ayr U v Motherwell  
Airdrieonians v Hibernian  
Dumfries v Raith Rovers  
Celtic v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH LEAGUE  
DIVISION "A"  
Morton v Falkirk  
Partick Thistle v East Fife  
Rangers v Clyde  
Third Lanark v St Mirren

DIVISION "B"  
Albion Rovers v Alloa  
Arbroath v Cowdenbeath  
Dumbarton v Hamilton  
Dunfermline v Forfar Ath  
Queen of the South v Queen's Park  
Stenhousemuir v Stirling Albion  
St Johnstone v Kilmarnock

SELECTIONS  
TEN HOME.—Arsenal, Middlesbrough, Leicester, Preston, Exeter, Plymouth, Reading, Mansfield, Rotherham, Tranmere.  
FOUR AWAY.—Tottenham, Leeds, Nottingham Forest, Rochdale.  
THREE DRAWS.—Everton v Charlton; Bury v Sheffield U; Gillingham v Newport.

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