

LEADERS UNCHANGED TO-MORROW

Town Are Likely To Field The Same Team, Too

(By CHILTERN)

Although the Town's team to meet 100 per cent Second Division leaders, Sheffield United, at Kenilworth-road to-morrow night has not been announced yet, it is likely to be the same as that which picked up both points at Bury.

Owen, Shanks and Mitchell were injured slightly at Gigg-lane, but the view yesterday was that none of these knocks was serious enough to prevent any of the three playing.

That being the case, then there is no point in changing a winning team, especially as no alteration was made after the decisive defeat at Bramall-lane last week.

There cannot be complete satisfaction yet about the way in which the team is playing, but it is being given every chance to settle down.

Particularly, there is room for improvement in the forward line which has not yet shown itself to be the force that was expected, but these are early days yet—much too early to form a critical judgment.

United Will Provide A Stiff Test

THAT the United will provide the Town with a stiff test is obvious from their record so far.

They won 5-1 at Blackburn and beat the Town 3-0 and Hull 4-1 at Bramall-lane, which is just about as good a start as any team could have.

Sheffield is without a First Division club at the moment, but the United think that they can remedy that deficiency next season.

Integral part of the United scheme of things is to waste no time in getting on with the job.

The forwards, with Jimmy Hagan as schemer-in-chief, are cutting out the openings and snapping them up, too, and the Town defence will have to be at its best to-morrow.

No Change In The Sheffield Team

FIVE of the 12 goals scored to date are credited to the Eire International outside-right, Ringstead, against whom Bud Aherne did quite well at Sheffield.

Other spearhead of the attack is Brook, who has scored three goals in two matches since moving to centre-forward in place of the injured Smith (F. E.).

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Tactics Changed For The Second Half

THAT was after 17 minutes and from then until the interval, the Town goal was seldom in real danger of falling.

Pinning their faith on the "M" plan, with both wingers lying deep and Bill Griffiths rarely appearing as an orthodox inside-right, Bury's two spearheads, Plant and Daniel, were easily held.

Cooke, Owen and Aherne formed a solid line and it was not surprising that Bury decided on a change of tactics during the interval.

The alteration brought about a definite alteration in the run of the play with Bury hammering away in an attempt to gain an equaliser.

Town Were Inclined To Hang On To Lead

FOR almost the first time, they got on top, but there was, too, a decided inclination on the Town's part to hold on to the lead they had attained, which meant more emphasis on defence than there had been in the first half.

There were some close calls and the real chances fell to Plant, Slyn and Bill Griffiths, all of whom shot inaccurately when well placed.

On the other hand, Streten made several great saves during the critical phase and the defence stood up well to the pressure.

Bury Tried To Force A Way Down The Middle

APART from some mistakes in the second half, which might easily have led to goals, Owen had a very good match and his work was especially valuable in the first half when Bury tried to force a way down the middle.

In fact, long kicks down the middle and hard chasing formed a large part of their attacking set-up in the second half, too, and, as a result, Owen was kept in action continually.

Aherne had the better of the tussle with his former Belfast Celtic clubmate, Hazlett and, apart from one uncertain patch in the second half, Cooke came through comfortably enough.

Determination Of The Defence

THERE was general satisfaction at the display given by Watkins, who had his best match so far and was high up in the list of honours in defence.

Shanks played a hard game,



Charlie Watkins

Chiltern's Forecasts

- DIVISION I**
- Arsenal v. Sunderland
 - Blackpool v. Wolves
 - Bolton v. Manchester Utd
 - Derby v. Stoke
 - Fulham v. Charlton
 - Liverpool v. Huddersfield
 - Manchester City v. Aston Villa
 - Middlesbrough v. Burnley
 - Newcastle v. Tottenham
 - Portsmouth v. Chelsea
 - West Bromwich v. Preston
- DIVISION II**
- Barnsley v. Sheffield Utd.
 - Birmingham v. Nottim. Forest
 - Blackburn v. Coventry
 - Cardiff v. Brentford
 - Hull City v. West Ham
 - Leeds Utd. v. Everton
 - Leicester City v. Luton Town
 - Notts County v. Bury
 - Q.P.R. v. Swansea
 - Rotherham v. Doncaster
 - Sheffield Wed. v. Southampton
- DIVISION III (SOUTH)**
- Brighton v. Bournemouth
 - Bristol Rovers v. Aldershot
 - Gillingham v. Southend Utd.
 - Ipswich v. Reading
 - Leyton Orient v. Exeter City
 - Millwall v. Crystal Palace
 - Northampton v. Bristol City
 - Port Vale v. Watford
 - Shrewsbury v. Plymouth Argyle
 - Swindon v. Colchester
 - Torquay v. Newport County
 - Walsall v. Norwich City
- DIVISION III (NORTH)**
- Accrington v. Stockport
 - Bradford v. Wrexham
 - Chester v. Bradford City
 - Crawley v. Carlisle Utd.
 - Halifax Town v. Grimsby Town
 - Lincoln City v. Hartlepool
 - Mansfield Town v. Barrow
 - Rochdale v. Workington
 - Scunthorpe v. Oldham
 - Southport v. Gateshead
 - Tranmere Rovers v. Darlington
 - York City v. Chesterfield

FOR THE RECORDS

BURY		0
LUTON TOWN		1
Stobbs		
BURY: Gorham; Griffiths (G.); Bodle; Greenhalgh, Hart, Bardsley; Hazlett, Griffiths (W.), Plant, Daniel, Slyn.		
LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Taylor (J.), Stobbs, Davie, Mitchell.		
Referee: S. L. Overton, Derby.		
Attendance: 11,198.		

too, and there was plenty of determination about the work of the defence as a whole.

Certainly, they had their sticky periods, but they stayed off everything Bury could contrive.

In a forward line that was not altogether well balanced, but yet showed far more constructive ideas than did Bury, Stobbs was always the danger man.

Stobbs Always Needed Watching

BURY could never afford to neglect him and had there been better support for him after the interval, the Town might have increased their lead. They had one or two chances of doing so.

Next in order of merit came Davies who was a lively raider when he got away from Bodle, who has taken most kindly to his new position.

Davies did not finish quite so strongly as he can, but that was a general fault on both sides.

Neither Taylor nor Davie has struck his best form yet, and both were too often caught in possession of the ball, while Mitchell, with not a lot of really good material, had a quiet afternoon.

Disappointing Show By Reserves

AFTER their mid-week victory over West Ham, the Town Reserves 3-0 defeat by Portsmouth at Kenilworth-road on Saturday was a disappointment.

Captained by Reg. Flewin, Portsmouth were given a good start by a mistake by Stibbards who should have prevented the first goal.

The Town had quite a lot of the play, but their forwards, of whom Arthur Taylor was the best, did not make a lot of impression on the visiting defence.

Pemberton tried hard to escape the attentions of Flewin and made the best scoring effort with an overhead kick to which Leather had to move very quickly.

Four Centuries Made In County Match

FENNERS' ground, Cambridge, lived up to its reputation of being a graveyard so far as bowlers' reputations are concerned, and the match between Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire produced 741 runs for the loss of 15 wickets.

Four centuries were made, two for Bedfordshire by George August and Brian Disbury, and two for the home team by the captain, Maurice Crouch and the

former Essex player, Bill Morris, who also took six of the seven Bedfordshire wickets to fall.

Six Wickets For Glyn Owen

BEDFORDSHIRE'S total of 368 for seven wickets was not even sufficient to gain them first innings points for Cambridgeshire gained these with two wickets in hand.

The Bedfordshire bowlers toiled hard all day on Saturday, and the only one to gain real success was the Town all-rounder, Glyn Owen, who took 6 for 110 in 53 overs, 21 of which were maidens.

A. G. Coomb bowled 43 overs for 132 runs and no wickets, and, in all, Bedfordshire tried seven bowlers who, between them, sent down 152 overs.

Town's Smallest Score Of The Season

THE Town were dismissed for their smallest total of the season, 75, when they visited Cheshunt on Saturday and four of their batsmen were dismissed without scoring. Only John Muse and Vernon Colling showed much confidence against the bowling of Taylor and the last six wickets fell for the addition of only 14 runs.

Cheshunt had to struggle for the runs against accurate bowling by Terry Matthews and Ron Gardiner and the latter actually sent down 19 overs for 19 runs. At one time, the Town seemed to have a chance of victory, but a stubborn innings by the Cheshunt opening batsman, Budgen, tipped the scales in favour of the home side.

The Town second team found no difficulty in piling up the runs against Cheshunt II at Wardown.

In just over two hours they passed the 250 mark for the loss of half their wickets.

Young Barry Robinson made a century—his first for the club—and figured in a big partnership with Frank Winstanley. Cheshunt were dismissed comparatively cheaply.

Luton Bowls Player In National Final

STANLEY JACKSON, of Luton Town Bowling Club, made a great bid to win the English singles championship at Paddington last week.

He reached the final in which he was beaten 21-7 by a St. Albans player.

An English International in 1947, 1949 and 1950, he won the single-handed championship of Bedford in 1938 and 1946.

CRICKET IN BRIEF

- LUTON TOWN 75 (J. A. Muse 21, C. V. A. Colling 18; H. Taylor 7 for 30). CHESHUNT 76 for 5 (W. A. Budgen 38 not out; T. Matthews 3 for 44, R. Gardiner 2 for 19).
- KENT'S 140 for 6 dec. (J. G. Thorpe 50, F. Chatterley 20; J. Devine 2 for 9). HEINZ 57 CLUB 26 (R. Winstanley 5 for 6, A. Delicata 4 for 10).
- A.E.R.E. (HARWELL) 96 (Goodway 23; R. Winstanley 6 for 49); KENT'S 107 for 7 (R. Winstanley not out 75).
- KENT'S II 107 (E. Popham 27, W. Woodward 23). BROMHAM NOMADS 182 for 4 (G. Millman 67; A. Allen 2 for 11).
- LEIGHTON BUZZARD II 120 (B. Smith 64; W. Marshall 4 for 42). VAUXHALL MOTORS II 51 (J. Hopkins 12; Brantom 5 for 18, Young 5 for 26).
- DUFAY WANDERERS 68 (B. Sealey 5 for 17, R. Cadger 4 for 13). OLD LUTONIANS 74 for 6 (A. Hill 17; W. Devine 4 for 16).
- PERCIVAL'S 159 for 6 (D. Franklin 62). PRESTON 98 (R. Darton 24; K. Newton 9 for 53).
- PERCIVAL'S 115 for 9 (D. Franklin 39). CAMPTON III (Newton 5 for 24, MacBrearty 4 for 23).
- HIGH TOWN 122 (J. Dewhurst 53; H. Bunyan 6 for 23). AMAL. TOBACCO 15 (K. Willis 3 for 1, A. Brown 3 for 4, J. Dewhurst 2 for 7).
- PULLOXHILL 103 (K. Willis 7 for 45). LUTON KINGSTON 32 (P. Horton 13; R. Elliman 4 for 10).
- TABULATOR 162 (G. Owen 6 for 57, D. Austin 2 for 16). LUTON CLARENDON 186 for 8 (G. Owen 121 not out, S. Ruffitt 22).
- VAUXHALL MOTORS, 174 (J. Nixon 72, S. Spary 61); ASPRO, 133 (H. Haythorn 3 for 23, M. Ralph 2 for 25).
- VAUXHALL MOTORS SUN. DAY XI, 152 for 9 dec. (A. Capstick 46, A. Heymeson 21); DICKINSON'S, 42 (Heymeson 5 for 13, E. Parkin 4 for 9).
- LUTON CORINTHIANS, 128 for 8 dec. (H. Banes 32, R. Davies 31, G. Turner 22); SHELL, 76 for 7 (Turner 4 for 22).
- Bowls**
- League 88, Roston 92.
- I.—League 18. Rootes: M. Grater, E. Dismock, C. Lott, W. Woodman (4) 20.
- II.—League 23. Rootes: R. Jackson, F. W. Lawrence, A. Hetherington, A. Schrader (4) 23.
- III.—League 19. Rootes: J. Abbott, R. Cumberland, W. Kennedy, W. Zastrow (4) 21.
- IV.—League 28. Rootes: W. Hadley, F. Larcombe, W. Richards, F. J. Lawrence (6) 19.

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