

FIFTH GAME WITHOUT A CHANGE

Big Chance To-morrow : Injuries Hit Barnsley

By Chiltern

Free from injuries to first team players and sitting on top of the world with five points out of the last six, it is only natural that the Town should choose an unchanged team for their visit to Barnsley to-morrow.

This will be the fifth consecutive match in which this side has played together—the longest spell in which there has been no alteration for a considerable time.

This is all to the good, of course, and from the way the team is playing at the moment there seems no reason why they should not continue their unbeaten run at Oakwell to-morrow. Previous visits there have not ended too happily, for on only one occasion, in the 1948-49 season have they avoided defeat. Then they won by 2-1.

Last season, there was something of a debacle, for the Town ran into Cecil McCormack in his most devastating shooting form, and he contributed five goals to Barnsley's 6-1 win.

No Tearaway Start This Time

IN the previous season, a single goal separated the teams, and the other matches between them have resulted in victories for Barnsley by 3-1, 4-0 and 3-0.

This season Barnsley have not made the tremendous getaway that is usual for them, and they have only three points out of a possible eight.

After drawing at Hull and beating Southampton 3-1 at Oakwell, they went down 4-0 to Notts County at Meadow-lane and were beaten 4-3 at home in an exciting local "Derby" with Sheffield United on Saturday.

McCormack Is A Doubtful Starter

THAT eight goals have been conceded in two matches suggests that the Town forwards,

too, might find scoring opportunities if they strike the form they showed against Leicester.

Barnsley have a legacy of injuries from Saturday's match, and yesterday their manager, Angus Seed, told me that it is doubtful whether either their leading scorer, McCormack, or left-half, Jimmy Baxter, will have recovered in time to play.

Finished With Nine Fit Men

IN the closing stages against the United, Barnsley were cut down to nine fit men, with both McCormack and Baxter badly handicapped by injury. Possible deputies have not been named as yet.

Barnsley's side is much the same as last season, except that they have a new centre-half in McNeil, formerly of Newcastle United.

Former Town full-back David Lindsay was in the team that met Sheffield, and the line-up was: Hough; Lindsay, Pallister; Ward, McNeil, Baxter; Smith, McMorran, McCormack, Murphy, Jones.

Late Goal Bogey Cropped Up Again

THE bogey of conceding goals in the last minutes of a match continues to dog the Town defence, for it happened again at Leicester, where the City rescued a point with a goal scored in the 89th minute.

It is difficult to analyse the reason for these late setbacks,

Glover Joins Blackburn

Another name was removed from the Town's transfer list on Saturday evening when Alex Glover, the outside-right signed from Bradford two years ago, was transferred to Blackburn Rovers.

Reports that the Town received a five figure fee are very wide of the mark and the cheque that changed hands was well below the £5,000 mark.

Glover, who made 56 Second Division appearances for the Town, travelled to Blackburn on Saturday to meet Jackie Bestall, the Rover's manager, and made his debut for them against Queen's Park Rangers last night.

but the pattern of Hines's equaliser was perfectly plain, and it started from very small beginnings.

The Town were actually attacking, as they had been mostly in the period after Jack Taylor had completed a first-class "hat-trick" and given them the lead 10 minutes from time.

Might Have Been Cleared Twice

THE raid broke down when Stobbart was tackled inside the City half, and the ball was worked over to the Leicester right wing and might have been cleared a couple of times before it reached Peter Small.

He pushed it inside to Worthington, who sent it on to Hines.

Owen had gone over to the left to cover the possibility of Small beating Aherne, and, with no one covering up, Hines was left unmarked and he put the ball into the net.

Twice In Arrears, Then Took The Lead

DISAPPOINTING though this was, it should not detract from the performance of the team in gaining a point on this ground.

The City officials were much impressed with the improvement shown by the Town on last season's display, and they did play with an enthusiasm and confidence that was good to see.

There is not much wrong with any team that can hit back twice after being in arrears away from home and then go on to take the lead.

Three Brilliant Goals By Taylor

THAT was what happened in this fast, exciting struggle which brought back memories of those two epic Cup battles.

Man of the match from the Town point of view, of course, was Taylor who scored three goals for the first time in League football and three picture goals they were.

The first was of the style we seldom see these days from a terrific shot from between 25 and 30 yards range that simply sent the ball screaming into the back of the net.

Appealed Against The First Goal

THIS spectacular effort counted as the first equaliser to a goal scored by Dryburgh after 13 minutes.

Incidentally, the Town players were flabbergasted when this was allowed for they alleged that Rowley had handled the ball in a tussle with Cooke and this left the opening for the outside-left.

Their appeals were in vain but they did not let that worry them and reached half-time with the score 1-1.

Three minutes after the resumption they were behind again as the result of a close range goal from Hines.

Two Narrow Escapes For The Town

BACK came the Town again and with the second half 15 minutes old, Taylor headed the equaliser after Davie had headed the ball across to him from Davies's centre.

After this, they were on top for some time, but there came a period when the City threw everything in and the Town goal had a couple of narrow escapes.

One was from a header by Rowley which Cooke headed against the inside of the post from where the ball rebounded into the arms of a thankful Stretton and

the other when Rowley, sure marksman as a rule, unaccountably pulled the ball wide when left with a glorious chance.

Taylor's Third Seemed To Settle It

WITH that phase over, the Town took the upper hand again and Taylor's last goal was brilliantly taken. A first time pass by Shanks went between two defenders.

Taylor was off the mark quickly and took the ball on quite 30 yards with the defenders chasing him before planting it firmly into the back of the net as Anderson came out.

That goal seemed to settle the issue for the City were not really dangerous until that last minute move brought them an equaliser when they must have almost been resigned to defeat.

Davie Worried The City Defence

THERE was life and speed in the attack which played better football than that of the City.

Taylor was the star, of course, but Davie showed much of the form that made him the talk of the day during January and February last season. He was always worrying a none too certain Leicester defence.

Stobbart, without looking the potential goal-scorer of the previous two matches, kept the line together well and Davies, with the ball in front of him, was usually dangerous.

Owen In Form Despite Goals From Hines

MITCHELL, I thought, might have made more of the fact that Lever had an unusually sticky time, but by scoring three goals, the forwards could say that they had done their job adequately.

What of the defence? On the whole, they did well enough and Owen could consider himself unlucky that Hines scored two goals, for the centre-forward was blotted out of the game for most of the time.

In fact, Owen was a dominating figure in the Town defence, and scarcely made a mistake throughout.

Wingers Did Best For Leicester

WATKINS had a very good match against Rowley, who was not the shooting star of the City's previous home match and the best Leicester forwards were the wingers, Small and Dryburgh.

Small put across some beautiful centres, especially in the first half, and his speed bothered Aherne, who had to keep a wary eye on the quick breakaway.

While he might, perhaps, have tackled the winger more often, Aherne's jockeying tactics were probably the best for the occasion and his was a most useful contribution in which his clean kicking was a feature.

FOR THE RECORDS

LEICESTER CITY 3
Dryburgh, Hines (2)
LUTON TOWN 3
Taylor (3)

LEICESTER CITY: Anderson; Lever, Webb; Baldwin, Plummer, Halton; Small, Worthington, Hines, Rowley, Dryburgh.

LUTON TOWN: Stretton; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Taylor (J), Stobbart, Davie, Mitchell.

Referee: W. B. Everett, Beccles.

Attendance: 25,735.

Cooke Worried By Dryburgh

COOKE had a worrying time against Dryburgh, mainly because of the winger's liking for hanging back on the halfway line to collect the ball.

This was a problem Cooke never solved completely, and he was below his normal form. Hines was always working with a good measure of success and Stretton again rose to the occasion with some excellent saves.

On the whole the Town defence looked the more reliable of the two, and they were a bit unlucky to be beaten thrice, though it was that type of open game in which both teams were on the lookout for goals.

Third Defeat In A Row For Reserves

AFTER their promising start, the Town Reserves have struck a disappointing patch, and their 2-1 defeat by Ipswich at Kenilworth-road on Saturday was their third in succession.

The team as a whole gave a very moderate display, with Bernard Moore the only really dangerous forward obtaining the only goal, which was his first of the season.

Hall and Pemberton were the best of a defence that was often worried by the nippiness of the Ipswich forwards.

Bowls

Warwickshire 119, Bedfordshire 125
I.—Warwickshire 39, Bedfordshire: F. Thripp (Luton T.), F. Walter (W.M.C.I.), L. Milton (Stewartby), F. Bunnage (Vauxhall) (s), 17.
II.—Warwickshire 16, Bedfordshire: F. Oliver (SKF), H. Myson (SKF), A. Kingston (St. Andrew's), J. Holden (SKF) (s), 16.
III.—Warwickshire 12, Bedfordshire: W. Start (Bedford), J. Neal (Bedford Borough), J. Bird (Bedford), E. Inwards (Skefko) (s), 24.
IV.—Warwickshire 29, Bedfordshire: A. Hill (Adult School), J. Kemp (Isranic), F. Ruff (Bedford Borough), L. Poynter (Bedford Borough) (s), 16.
V.—Warwickshire 18, Bedfordshire: S. Shaker (Luton T.), E. Lee (Vauxhall), H. Burdon (Skefko), R. Letford (Vauxhall) (s), 24.
VI.—Warwickshire 11, Bedfordshire: W. Reid (Davis), R. Winup (Central Mission), A. Brewer (Dunstable), A. Chew (Dunstable) (s), 22.

Chiltern's Forecasts

DIVISION I
Aston Villa v. Arsenal
Barnley v. West Brom
Charlton v. Middlesbrough
Chelsea v. Fulham
Derby v. Manchester City
Huddersfield v. Portsmouth
Manchester Utd v. Stoke
Preston v. Newcastle
Sunderland v. Blackpool
Tottenham v. Bolton
Wolves v. Liverpool

DIVISION II
Brentford v. Birmingham
Bury v. Q.P.R.
Coventry v. Hull
Doncaster v. Cardiff
Everton v. Rotherham
Luton Town v. Notts County
Nottm Forest v. Leicester
Sheffield Utd v. Sheffield Wed
Southampton v. Leeds Utd
Swansea v. Blackburn
West Ham v. Barnsley

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
Bournemouth v. Millwall
Bristol Rovers v. Watford
Colchester v. Leyton Orient
Crystal Palace v. Swindon

Exeter City v. Walsall
Newport County v. Gillingham
Northampton v. Ipswich
Norwich City v. Shrewsbury
Plymouth v. Aldershot
Port Vale v. Bristol City
Reading v. Torquay
Southend v. Brighton

DIVISION III (NORTH)
Barrow v. Rochdale
Bradford City v. York City
Chesterfield v. Bradford
Crewe Alexandra v. Southport
Darlington v. Scunthorpe Utd
Gateshead v. Tranmere
Grimsby Town v. Mansfield
Hartlepool v. Chester
Oldham v. Lincoln
Stockport v. Carlisle
Workington v. Accrington
Wrexham v. Halifax

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
DIVISION "A"
Aberdeen v. St. Mirren
Hearts v. East Fife
Morton v. Queen of South
Motherwell v. Celtic
Raith Rovers v. Hibernian
Rangers v. Partick Thistle
Stirling Albion v. Dundee
Third Lanark v. Airdrieonians

DIVISION "B"
Albion Rovers v. Queen's Park
Arbroath v. Cowdenbeath
Ayr United v. Hamilton
Clyde v. Kilmarnock
Dumbarton v. Falkirk
Dundee United v. Alloa
Dunfermline v. Forfar Athletic
Stenhousemuir v. St. Johnstone

SELECTIONS
Ten home: Manchester Utd., Wolves, Brentford, Southampton, Swansea, Bristol Rvs., Norwich, Plymouth, Bradford City, Gateshead.

Four away: Newcastle, Cardiff, Bristol City, Carlisle.
Three draws: Chelsea v. Fulham; Southend v. Brighton; Oldham v. Lincoln.

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