

Q.P.R. THANKFUL FOR ONE POINT

Brown And Woodwork Helped To Save Them

BY CHILTERN

Points are never easy to come by at Loftus-road and, usually, a team that does so considers it a good performance, but the Town were never in danger of coming away unrewarded and must still be wondering exactly why they did not collect both.

Several good chances came the way of the Town forwards and the theory advanced for the non-acceptance of these in the same successful way that has been the case in the last few matches, was the change in the conditions.

The slippery turf and the greasy ball undoubtedly made accuracy in shooting difficult, but, at the same time, even taking this into account, goals should have come the way of the Town.

Hit The Bar In A Confident Opening

YET, with an ordinary run of luck, they would have been home and dry, and they might well have run riot had that early header from Willie Davis found a bullet in the net instead of striking the cross bar.

It came during the Town's streamlined opening in which they found each other constantly and almost gave the home fans the shudders by the way in which they exposed the limitations of the Rangers' defence.

Only One Difficult Task For Streten

IT was during this time that Streten had his only really difficult task when he pushed over the bar a splendid shot by Addinall.

Other than that, all the serious shooting came from the Town, with Brown having plenty of opportunity to show his worth.

At half-time there was a cheerful atmosphere in the Town's dressing room. They knew they had the measure of the opposition and also knew that they should have been ahead by the halfway stage.

Rangers' Defence Was Closely Packed

EITHER of those efforts could have brought the all-important first goal that would have restored the Town's confidence in front of goal and blasted what little remained of the Rangers' confidence.

The second half was nearly all one-way traffic—perhaps if it had

defensive in their effort to keep on level terms.

There was nearly a spectacular finish when Mitchell cracked in a terrific right-foot shot that seemed to have Brown beaten.

Six Points Out Of Last Eight Away

SOMEHOW, Brown, limping though he was from an earlier injury, flung himself across the goal and reached the ball just in time to push it around the post.

By any reckoning, a point away from home is a good performance, and the Town have now gained six from their last four away matches, which is a remarkably consistent record.

They were much superior to the Rangers, who could not match the constructive skill and cleverness of the Town.

What the Rangers had to offer as a counter was stubborn defensive work, and some dash and bustle.

Rangers' Forwards Were Well Held

THEIR forwards were not well enough together nor slick enough in creating openings to cause much trouble to a Town defence, which kept a clean sheet for the second match in succession.

Streten, used to facing a barrage of shots last season, must find the comparative lack of employment coming his way very strange, and scarcely half a dozen direct shots reached him in this match, so well was he covered.

Apart from a few minutes in the first half when Shepherd did some feinting and switching, Cooke easily mastered this former Fulham and Hull winger and played him right out of the game.

Little Chance For Billy Waugh

THE right-back's hard tackling gave Shepherd a thin time, and Billy Waugh had little chance to sparkle against his former colleagues in the face of close marking by Abernethy.

Once or twice Waugh slipped through in his best style, but nothing came of it, and Abernethy was generally master of the situation.

Once again, there was strength in the middle line, with Owen giving the poorly-supported Addinall little scope.

For most of the second half, Addinall was playing a lone hand down the middle, and Owen accomplished his task with supreme confidence and coolness.

Wing Halves Strong In The Tackle

BOTH Watkins and Shanks were well on top of the job and they distributed the ball to much better effect than their counterparts on the other side.

They were hard and accurate in the tackle, and most of the Rangers' attempts to get moving in attack broke down against their relentless work.

Perhaps because of the difficulty of drawing the Rangers' defence out of their penalty area and perhaps because of the cramped playing pitch, the Town forwards did not play quite the same sort of quick, accurate football as they did against Notts County.

Wingers Came Inside Too Often

THERE was a tendency to play too much down the middle and for some bunching to take place there. This was accentuated to some extent by the liking of the wingers for drifting into the inside.

This is particularly marked in the case of Davies, who is inclined to leave his wing too much, and which sometimes brings overcrowding among the forwards.

Mitchell, too, has a liking for this, and it does not always pay off dividends. Davies worked the ball cleverly at times without being quite decisive enough in his finishing.

FOR THE RECORDS

QUEEN'S PARK RGRS. 0 LUTON TOWN 0

QUEEN'S PARK RGRS.—Brown; Poppitt, Heath; Gilbert, Chapman, Farrow; Waugh, Smith, Addinall, Cameron, Shepherd.

LUTON TOWN.—Streten; Cooke, Abernethy, Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Taylor, (J), Stobbart, Davie, Mitchell.

Referee.—R. E. Tarratt, Horsham. Attendance.—17,271.

This Will Seldom Happen Again

ALWAYS he was popping into the picture and Taylor, too, had a good game which would have been much better had it been crowned by a goal or two.

Still, he was the one who looked most likely to get the goals and perhaps was more unfortunate than remiss.

The best of luck did not come Stobbart's way either, but he is holding this line together in workmanlike style and it will seldom happen again that the Town will enjoy so much of a territorial advantage and fail to put the ball into the back of the net.

Everything Came Off For Brown

FOR one thing they will not always come up against a goalkeeper in such peak form as Harry Brown, for whom everything came off, and there is no cause to think that anything has gone wrong with the Town's potentialities as a free-scoring side.

Even though they were not so streamlined in attack, they could easily have had three or four goals—a margin which would not have flattered them.

Again the team came through without serious injury, though Sid Owen has been having more treatment to his back and to an ankle.

However, it looks fairly certain that "no change" will be the edict again for Saturday.

Reserves Were Disappointing

AFTER their great fight at Highbury on Wednesday, it was disappointing that the Reserves should have another home failure, this time against Brighton Reserves.

The Town had every chance of winning, for they held the lead twice through goals by Morton and Pemberton, the latter's being scored with a drive from 30 yards. At half-time the score was 2-2 and Brighton obtained the winner in the second half.

One trouble in the Town team was lack of punch in an attack that faded in the second half, and the covering in defence was not good either.

Doubts About The Team For Brighton

CONTINUING their mid-week programme in the Combination, the Reserves are due at Brighton to-morrow night, but the team will not be decided upon until later to-day.

David Sexton is likely to be fit, though this will not be known until he has had a try-out this morning.

There is some doubt about Dunne, who was having treatment for a strained back yesterday, and it is likely that Ray Smith, now back in full training, will be given an extra few days before making his re-appearance at Bournemouth on Saturday.

Vauxhall Did Well, Though Beaten

ALTHOUGH Vauxhall Motors were beaten 4-1 in Antwerp on Saturday, they played a lot better than the score would suggest against strong opposition.

Four Favourites Won At Luton On Saturday

There were two 6-1 and one 5-1 winners at Luton Stadium on Saturday when four favourites succeeded.

Traps 1 and 6 each started three winners while 5 was the only one to draw a blank.

I. (410yds).—1. KITCHEN BOY (1); 2. Michael Karl (5) reserve; 3. Debonair (2); 4. Waistcoat (6); 5. Slip Seal (4); 6. Legal Mission (3). 24, 4, 1, 10, 24.68. Non-runner, Azure (5). Off 24.68.

Betting: Evers Debonair, 9-2 Michael Karl, 6-1 KITCHEN BOY, Legal Mission, Waistcoat, 8-1 Slip Seal. Forecast: 24/1/3.

II. (470yds).—1. TERRY'S PAL (2), DARK KNIGHT (6); 3. Mighty Atom (5); 4. Mobley (1); 5. Max Future (4); 6. Joe Rook (3). Dd heat, 11, 4, 6, 28.18. Off 28.18.

Betting: 6-4 DARK KNIGHT, 7-2 Terry's Pal, 8-1 Max Future, 10-1 Joe Rook. Forecast: 18/-, 10/6.

III. (410yds).—1. NICKY POO (6); 2. Hillside (1); 3. Sally Ann (4); 4. Step Lightly (5); 5. Ring Again (3) reserve; 6. Tosca (2). 11, 1, 3, 2, 3, 24.20. Non-runner, Meg's Pet (3). Off 24.20.

Betting: 4-6 NICKY POO, 6-1 Hillside, 7-1 Sally Ann, 8-1 Step Lightly, 10-1 Tosca, 20-1 Ring Again. Forecast: 10/3.

IV. (470yds).—1. BLACK ACE (4); 2. Jasper (1); 3. Hopeless (2); 4. Charlie H (3); 5. The Bride (5); 6. Scorse (6). 11, 2, 4, 2, 27.82. Off 27.82.

Betting: 9-4 Hopeless, 3-1 Charlie H, 4-1 The Bride, 5-1 BLACK ACE, Jasper, 10-1 Scorse. Forecast: 24/1/6.

V. (470yds).—1. WRENTHAM (6); 2. Zilla (5); 3. Saville (3); 4. Destiny (2); 5. Brown Eyes (4) reserve; 6. 12, 27.38. Non-runners, Chief Officer (1), Bendis (4). Off 27.38.

Betting: 4-6 WRENTHAM, 9-4 Saville, 3-1 Destiny, 6-1 Zilla, 20-1 Brown Eyes. Forecast: 11/3/-.

VI. (410yds).—1. PLAYERS PLEAS (1); 2. Black Monarch (2); 3. Silver Gift (4); 4. Tracker (3); 5. Uncle Joe (5); 6. Doubtful (6). 2, 2, 1, 3, 8, 24.33. Off 24.33.

Betting: 2-1 PLAYERS PLEAS, Black Monarch, 5-1 Uncle Joe, 6-1 Tracker, 8-1 Doubtful, 100-8 Silver Gift. Forecast: 17/6.

Chiltern's Forecasts

DIVISION I
Aston Villa v. Liverpool
Burnley v. Bolton W
Charlton Ath. v. Newcastle Utd
Derby C. v. Blackpool
Fulham v. West Brom
Huddersfield T. v. Middlesbrough
Manchester C. v. Arsenal
Preston N.E. v. Stoke C.
Sunderland v. Portsmouth
Tottenham H. v. Manchester Utd
Wolves v. Chelsea

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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
Bristol C. v. Ipswich T.
Colchester Utd. v. Shrewsbury T.
Crystal Palace v. Walsall
Exeter C. v. Aldershot
Newport C. v. Millwall
Northampton T. v. Gillingham
Norwich C. v. Watford
Plymouth A. v. Bristol R.
Port Vale v. Torquay Utd.
Reading v. Brighton
Southend Utd. v. Bournemouth
Swindon T. v. Leyton O.

DIVISION III (NORTH)
Barrow v. Carlisle Utd.
Bradford v. Halifax T.
Chesterfield v. Mansfield T.
Crewe Alex v. Scunthorpe Utd.
Darlington v. Chester
Gateshead v. Lincoln C.
Grimsby T. v. Accrington S.
Hartlepool Utd. v. Bradford C.
Oldham Ath. v. York C.
Southport v. Tranmere R.
Workington v. Stockport C.
Wrexham v. Rochdale

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

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

SELECTIONS
TEN HOME.—Aston Villa, Preston, Wolves, Brentford, Luton, Notts C., Norwich, Reading, Bradford, Grimsby.
FOUR AWAY.—Newcastle, Sheffield Utd., Chester, Stockport.
THREE DRAWS.—Burnley v. Bolton; Southampton v. Cardiff; Southport v. Tranmere.

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VII. (470yds).—1. BALLY LOW (1); 2. Ardona (4); 3. Di's Boy (5); 4. Malcolm (3); 5. Mermaid (2); 6. Happy Boy (6). 2, 14, 4, 4, 27.93. Off 27.93.

Betting: 11-4 Happy Boy, 3-1 BALLY LOW, Ardona, 6-1 Malcolm, Di's Boy, 10-1 Mermaid. Forecast: 15/-.

VIII. (410yds).—1. GINGER (3); 2. Shameless (4); 3. Nina (5); 4. Hilda (2); 5. Brown Bomber (1); 6. Dickson (6). 11, 4, 4, 24.69. Off 24.69.

Betting: 4-4 Nina, 3-1 Brown Bomber, 4-1 GINGER, 5-1 Shameless, 10-1 Dickson, 100-6 Hilda. Forecast: 23/3/6.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR TO-MORROW
7.30 (410yds).—433 Ajax, Brumas (Sept. 6, to 6, 24.82; Sept. 12, to 6, 24.77); 2. Cross Keys, Roger Boy (Sept. 6, to 3, 24.82; Sept. 12, to 4, 24.74); 45. Tina's Pal, 243 Turn Left. Reserve, 136 Juny.

7.50 (470yds).—254 Adrian, 213 Black Outlet, 3. Camper's Boy, 314 Castle Rock, 546 Curly O'Connor, 643 Double Six. Reserve, 656 The Phantom.

8.10 (410yds).—Chuck (Sept. 6, to 3, 24.60; Sept. 12, to 3, 24.56); 224 Neapolitan, 5. Peppy (Sept. 8, to 2, 24.75); 434 Toby Gay, Wolsey (Sept. 6, to 4, 24.79; Sept. 9, to 4, 24.60); Ycp (Sept. 6, to 6, 24.63; Sept. 8, to 4, 24.68). Reserve, 222 My Boy.

8.30 (470yds).—1. Mot. 621 Rising Mead, 34 The Giant, 412 Was. 542 Whitewash, 661 Zolkie. Reserve, 155 Kitty Wee.

8.50 (470yds).—1. Cardsharp, 133 Green Grass, 12 Husky, 323 King's ace, 221 Our Rodco, 124 Rising Sun. 9.10 (410yds).—1. Austin, Figaro (Sept. 6, to 2, 24.15; Sept. 12, to 5, 24.18); Jolly Roger (Sept. 6, to 1, 24.31; Sept. 8, to 1, 24.37); 135 Margaret's Luck, 315 Miss Perhaps, Rocky (Sept. 6, to 1, 24.32; Sept. 8, to 6, 24.24). Reserve, 126 Petty Officer.

9.30 (470yds).—62 Eclipse, 441 Gail's Pet, 65 Glenil (Sept. 5, to 2, 24.59); 31. Lady Jean, 412 Miner, 164 Wild Honey, Reserve, Handy Bill.

9.50 (410yds).—36 Arm in Arm, 116 Captain Cutlet, 442 Charmotte, 341 Lone Eagle, 615 Playboy, 563 Red Ted.

SELECTIONS
7.30—Ajax (Turn Left, Tina's Pal)
7.50—Castle Rock (Adrian, Curly O'Connor)
8.10—Peppy (Toby Gay, Neapolitan)
8.30—Mol (Zolkie, The Giant)
8.50—Husky (Rising Sun, Cardsharp)
9.10—Margaret's Luck (412 Miner, Rocky)
9.30—Wild Honey (Miner, Glenil)
9.50—Arm in Arm (nap) (Lone Eagle, Red Ted)

Football

Additional Matches In County Cups
Because of the non-inclusion of an entry from the original list, additional matches have had to be drawn in some of the County Cup competitions.

In the Intermediate Cup, Farley Rangers will meet Hayward-Tyler, with Tottenham receiving a bye.

Old Lutonians will be at home to Boys' Brigade O.B. in the Junior Cup, with Tottenham again having a bye.

With Langford Juniors transferred to the under 16 years Cup in which they have received a bye, Biggleswade Town Colts will meet Bedford Corinthians in the Under 18 Cup from which Luton Hotsport "C" have withdrawn and Limbury O.B. "B" now receive a bye.

In the under 16 Cup, Bedford Granadiers will now play Kempston Rovers.

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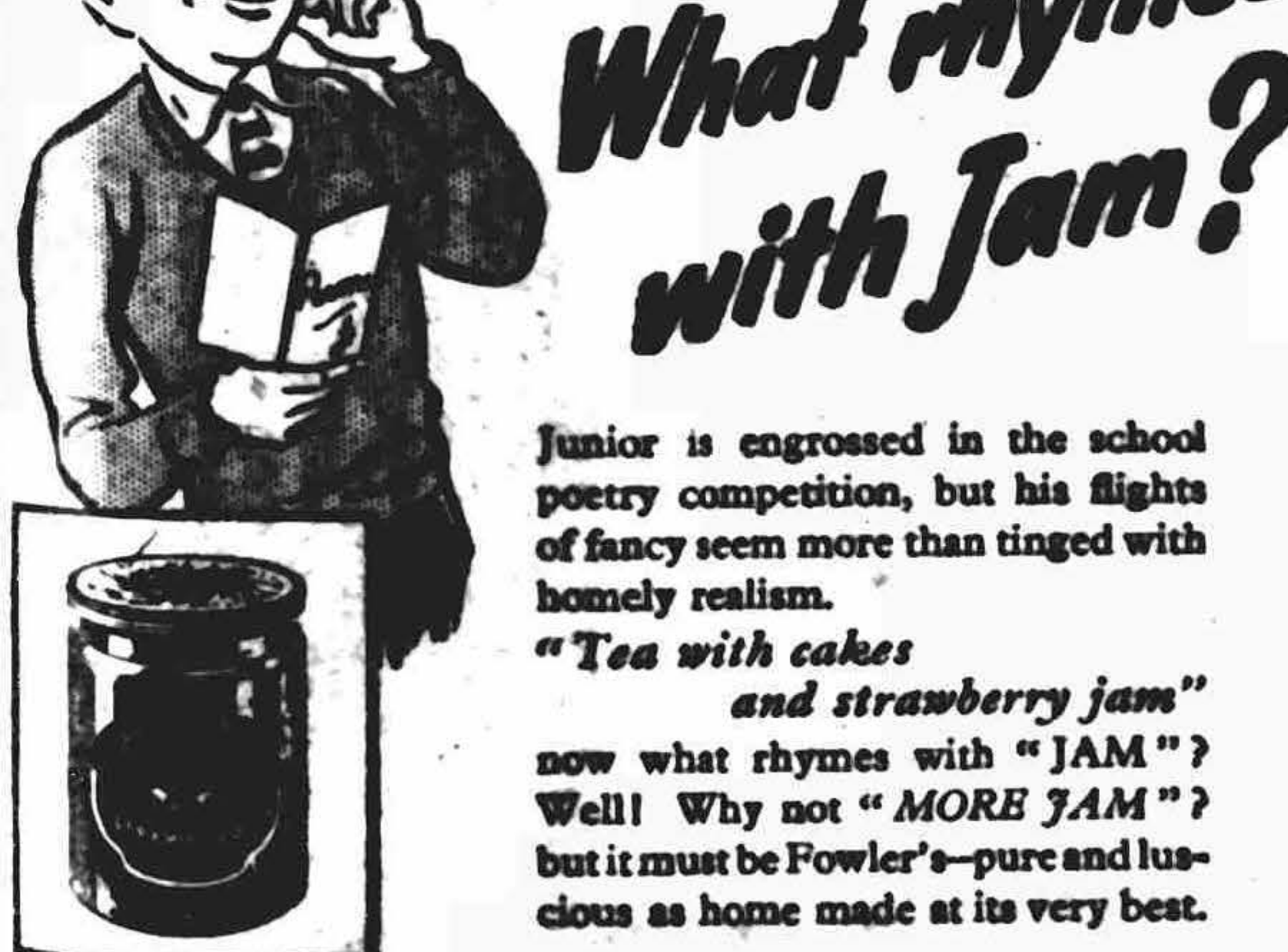
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