

Attack Was Well Below
Recent Sparkling Form

BY CHILTERN

Revealing thing about last Saturday's match was the attendance, which topped the 20,000 mark, without the outside aid of supporters of the visiting club, and showed the Town just what measure of support they can rely upon with a winning team.

It was that the Town did not rise to the occasion against the struggling Rovers and their display was nothing like as good as the form they have been showing in previous matches.

Some of the fans went away saying, "Back to last season," and were saying that, then it could not be blamed, for it was a bitter disappointment to see Blackburn, with only one goal out of 16, hold the Town to a draw. The Rovers were almost complete in their partial success, but it was so late that it looked like a previous bad luck was catching them again.

Last-Minute Goal
Affliction Again

It came one of those last-minute defensive muddles which has afflicted the Town in recent matches this season. It was forgotten that Swansea had when the Welsh side tried to rescue a point? It was a similar, though on a smaller scale, happened on Saturday when, with three minutes to go, Harris was presented with a pass back to the centre-forward, and saw the ball intercepted by the centre-forward.

Harris Anticipated
The Move

HARRIS, obviously schooled in these tactics by former Town manager, Alex Glover, anticipated the move and, while the ball was in the air, he jabbed at it with his right foot and deflected it past the surprised Stretton.

Something similar had nearly happened previously when Owen tried to get enough power behind his pass to the goalkeeper and his fastened on to the ball in time, he was further away from goal, which enabled Stretton to narrow the angle and the result was that the centre-forward pulled the ball wide of the post.

Poor Marksmanship
By Both Teams

It was easy to see where the Rovers have been falling short this season. There was a

lack of punch in their finishing and apart from the chances that dropped up through defensive errors, they seldom looked like scoring.

The Town forwards, even though they were much below par, yet worked out opportunities for themselves, but their marksmanship was all over the place and there was none of the certainty in the shooting that obtained in that memorable match with Notts County.

Fortunate To Have
The Penalty Kick

WHEN their goal did come four minutes after half-time, it was through the medium of a penalty kick which I thought Blackburn were unfortunate to concede.

There did not seem intention to handle when Campbell was penalised after the referee had consulted a linesman, but, possibly, that was the law of averages working out and making up for the failure to give the Town a penalty the previous week at Loftus-road.

At any rate, the award gave Mitchell the chance to demonstrate that the Town should have no worries about missing from the penalty spot this season.

Powerful Shooting
By Mitchell

HIS low drive was admirably placed wide of Patterson and it was only just that Mitchell should open the scoring for he had been the only forward with real power in his finishing and the only one to severely test Patterson.

Apart from a short period in the first half when the front line suddenly began to move sweetly, there was little of the crisp passing and smooth working which we have seen in other matches this season.

Both Taylor and Davis had an off-day and the latter could have given his side a comfortable half-time lead had his shooting been more accurate.

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 1
Mitchell (pen.).
BLACKBURN ROVERS 1
Harris.
LUTON TOWN.—Stretton; Cooke, Ahern; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Taylor (J); Stobart, Davie, Mitchell.
BLACKBURN ROVERS.—Patterson; Holliday, Eckersley; Campbell, Kelly, Bell; Glover, Graham, Harris, Wright, Wharton.
Referee.—W. R. Barnes, Birmingham. Attendance.—20,022.

The Inside Forwards
Were Out Of Gear

TAYLOR seemed to be running into trouble consistently, and although he tried to bore a way through the defence with real determination, he always seemed to be pipped at the vital moment. Davis, too, tended to hold the ball too long and Rovers' wing halves, Campbell and Bell, gained such an ascendancy in the second half that they were often up with the forwards, making a seven-man attack.

With the inside men out of gear, the whole line failed to function, and Stobart, although he did not receive good support, was not too impressive either.

Much Of The Passing
Was Inaccurate

INACCURATE passing, with which the light ball and bumpy ground had something to do, accounted for some of this, and it was a common failing of the inside trio.

By virtue of his brilliant spell in the first half, Mitchell was the best forward, but he did not receive the best of material after the interval.

From Davies I would like to see more forcefulness in finishing, for although he did much that was clever in approach, he did not make the best use of the ball.

Yet, in general, the wing play was more effective than against Q.P.R.

Ball Did Not Run
Kindly For Town

ALTHOUGH the forwards failed to strike their best form, there is the other side of the picture in that the ball failed consistently to run kindly for them in front of goal.

Especially in the first half, the Rovers' defenders had the "breaks," but this does not excuse the way in which the Town failed to use their chances.

There cannot be real cause for complaint about a defence that has conceded only one goal in three matches, and the late goal was a tragedy from their point of view.

GREYHOUNDS

Trap 5 In Luck Again
At Luton On Saturday

For the second consecutive time, trap 5 was the most successful when it started three winners at Luton Stadium on Saturday. All traps had one winner, and favourites succeeded three times.

I.—410yds: 1. CITY LIGHTS (2); 2. Sunlight (3); 3. Good (1); 4. McGraw's Wish (6); 5. Old Road (5); 6. Pat's Dilemma (4). 4, 1, 3, 4, 1, 24.71. Off 6.37.

Betting: 3 Old Road, McGraw's Wish; 4 Sunlight; 5 CITY LIGHTS; 6 Pat's Dilemma.
Forecast: £1 6s.
II.—470yds: 1. ASHWOOD (4); 2. Yvonne's Dream (2); 3. Half-Pint (3); 4. Mofet's Money (6); 5. Dusty (1); 6. Kim (5). 3, 1, 4, 2, 2, 28.02. Off 6.59.

Betting: 6 Mofet's Money; 11-4 ASHWOOD; 5 Yvonne's Dream; 8 Kim; Half-Pint; 100-7 Dusty.
Forecast: £1 6s.
III.—410yds: 1. GINGER (6); 2. Johnny D (1); 3. Di's Boy (5); 4. Kimmel (2); 5. Shameless (3); 6. Fate's Style (4) (reserve). 4, 2, 2, 2, distance. 24.17. Non-runner: Fortune (4). Off 7.28.

Betting: 5-2 Fate's Style; 7-2 Di's Boy; 9-2 Johnny D; Kimmel; 3 GINGER; 6 Shameless.
Forecast: £1 16s.
IV.—470yds: 1. PEARL'S PET (1); 2. John's Prince (6); 3. Something (4); 4. White Boy (2); 5. Fast Fly (3); 6. Hidden Joke (5). 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 28.04. Off 7.41.

Betting: 5-4 PEARL'S PET; 9-2 Fast Fly; John's Prince; 5 White Boy; 6 Something; 11-4 Hidden Joke.
Forecast: £1 1s. 9d.
V.—410yds: 1. COTTAR (5); 2. Flying Officer (1); 3. Bright Eyes (4); 4. Darkie's Delight (6); 5. Player's Pleasure (3); 6. Destiny (2). 7, 1, 1, 1, 23.86. Off 8.01.

Betting: 9-4 Darkie's Delight; 3 COTTAR; Flying Officer; 9-2 Player's Pleasure; 100-8 Destiny; Bright Eyes.
Forecast: £1 7s. 6d.
VI.—470yds: 1. SALLY ANN (5); 2. Tracker (3); 3. Billy Low (2); 4. All White (6); 5. Ring Again (4) (reserve); 6. Wally's Pup (1) Neck. 2, 2, 3, 6, 27.74. Non-runner: Black Ace (4). Off 8.22.

Betting: 6-4 SALLY ANN; 7-2 Tracker; 4 All White; Billy Low; 8 Ring Again; 100-8 Wally's Pup.
Forecast: £1 0s. 6d.
VII.—470yds: 1. DETERMINATION (5) (reserve); 2. Mimi (2); 3. Ian's Pet (4); 4. Autumn Tint (6); 5. Sally B (3); 6. Delayed Action (1). Head. 2, 2, 2, 2, 28.48. Non-runner: Head (5). Off 8.43.

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Better To Play
For Safety

THERE is a tendency on Owen's part to over-work the back pass to Stretton, although they have struck up an understanding that makes this perhaps 90 per cent safe.

Yet, twice on Saturday it came unstuck and it certainly would have been better had Owen played for safety when the equaliser came and even hit the ball behind for a corner.

Earlier he had done so when he headed the ball over the bar in a dangerous-looking Blackburn raid.

These errors marred an otherwise good display by the centre-half and there were few loopholes in the defensive system.

Few Chinks In The
Defensive Armour

WING-HALVES Watkins and Shanks were not so dominating as we have seen them, but they had to cope with the breaking through tactics of their counterparts which always makes things difficult for the defenders.

Yet both put up useful displays. Cooke mastered Wharton and played his usual dour sort of game, while Ahern brought to bear his knowledge of Glover's play.

There were times when the full-back was not in close with the winger, due to Glover hanging back near the centre line, but Ahern had the better of the argument in the end.

Glover Used The Ball
To Advantage

BLACKBURN are very pleased with their capture from the Town, and Glover was more direct in this match than he was when playing for the Town.

He used the ball to good effect and was as constructive a forward as the Rovers possessed.

There were few difficulties for Bernard Stretton though he once had a shock when the light ball hit a bump and flew disconcertingly.

To guard against another similar occurrence, he carefully trod down the offending piece of turf.

No Points And Few
Laurels For Reserves

THERE were no points and few laurels for the Reserves in their match at Bourne-mouth where they received a 4-0 beating.

One of the few redeeming features was the display of Derek Williams in goal.

He made some fine saves and showed that his kicking and distribution of the ball has improved considerably.

Jim Pemberton, at centre-half, was the best of a shaky defence, but Smith, although short of match practice after his injury, tackled very hard and turned in a useful game.

The forwards seldom got going and Morton was the pick of a ragged line.

Leslie Compton Playing
In All-Star XI To-morrow

Changes have been necessary for various reasons in the All-Star XI to meet the Town at Kenilworth-road to-morrow night in Billy Arnison's benefit match.

Former Town captain, Horace Gager, is unable to play because of a prior engagement and his place at centre-half will be filled by England and Arsenal player, Leslie Compton.

Both the Notts County players, Frank Broome and Tommy Lawton, are nursing slight injuries after Saturday's match, and although there is a possibility of the latter turning out, this is regarded as doubtful.

Other player unable to make the trip is Joe Mercer, of Arsenal, because of his business commitments in the north, and Town manager Dally Duncan had a busy time on the phone yesterday morning endeavouring to secure replacements.

For left-half he sought to obtain the England captain, Billy Wright, of Wolves, whose manager, Stan Cullis, readily gave permission. Later, Wright himself phoned Luton and said that he would have been only too pleased to play but for an engagement to distribute medals on Wednesday evening.

Dally had similar bad luck when he contacted Portsmouth, who would have released either Scouler or Dickinson, but the former is in Scotland and Dickinson is injured.

CHARLTON TO THE
RESCUE

HOWEVER, Jimmy Seed, Charlton Athletic manager, came to the rescue by giving permission for Bert Johnson, Gordon Hurst and Charlie Vaughan to turn out.

Snag here was that the players were not at The Valley yesterday, which means that not until this morning can the Town manager

confirm these three players' willingness to come for the match, though Jimmy Seed thinks that there will be no difficulty.

There has been confirmation about the fitness of the rest of the team and with Leslie Compton in the side it means that Arsenal are still supplying four players.

Probable team: Hughes (Cardiff City); Scott (Arsenal); Eckersley (Blackburn Rovers); Forbes (Arsenal), Compton, L. (Arsenal), Johnson (Charlton Ath.); Hurst (Charlton Ath.), Logie (Arsenal), Vaughan (Charlton Ath.), Hagan (Sheffield Utd.), Waugh (Q.P.R.).

Vaughan, who became the magnet for several clubs, when he asked to be placed on the transfer list earlier this season, is in the £20,000 class, and has been in brilliant form this season. So far he has scored 10 goals.

Gordon Hurst toured Australia with the F.A. party during the summer and played for the Football League last season, while Johnson has been one of the First Division's most consistent wing-halves for a number of seasons. There is unlikely to be any substantial change in the Town team as compared with the one which drew with Blackburn Rovers on Saturday.

The manager, who has two teams to put into the field to-morrow, is delaying his selection until later to-day.

One or two players have slight knocks, but opinion is that an unchanged team will be on duty.

CHILTERN'S
FORECASTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

SELECTIONS
TEN HOME.—Blackpool, Bolton, Newcastle, Birmingham, Nottm Forest, Sheffield Utd., Southend, Lincoln, Mansfield, Stockport.
FOUR AWAY.—Wolves, Brentford, Plymouth, Oldham.
THREE DRAWS.—Stoke v. Burnley; Bournemouth v. New-
port; Chester v. Gateshead.

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