

LAST WIN PUTS TOWN EIGHTH

McJarrow Maintains His Home-Scoring Record

By Chiltern

The match with Barnsley at Kenilworth-road on Saturday ended at half-time, we should have gone away talking of a sparkling finish to the season. A play after the interval prevented that, but, taking the game as a whole the crowd probably got better value for money than is usually the case on the last day of the season.

The average number of goals in Saturday games this season has been put up to emphasise that although relatively few Cup Final tickets, it does represent a better attraction to the league matches when there is nothing at stake.

The Town's 4-2 win over Barnsley on Saturday was a lift in the table of places to give them the highest they have been since the war.

Season Of Lost Opportunity

It is true, the Town are not as successful as the number of points that have been scored at home this season. It was they have finished 10 points behind Cardiff. It was on their way back to the Division.

The season will go down as one of lost opportunity for the Town. It was not very easily have they their ambition, for the outstanding team in the Division this season, made the issue wider than it has been.

Had Chances For A Bigger Victory

There was little difficulty in disposing of Barnsley. The Town had the chances to score a much bigger victory.

At the half-time score was 3-2 in favour of the Town. They were not so close to that, for both their sides were snap, unexpected.

A hectic start to the match saw the Town receiving the first goal which has been their way so often this season.

It was Stobbart, who scored the blank spell in the first half, the scoring point of the match, a goal after five minutes.

Reached Equality In Three Minutes

A well-taken success, for the ball past Hough, and the line despite the Hunsdon kicked it away.

There was no time for the Town to breathe their lead, for three minutes later, McMorran darted from Cullen's accurately placed ball past the goalkeeper.

Equality lasted only three minutes before a Mitchell sent the ball crashing back of the net from the penalty area with a right-footed, first-time shot.

Hectic Rate Of Goal-Scoring

Three minutes later, McJarrow was given an opportunity to show how deadly he can be heading the ball with a header that left Hough from Cullen's accurately placed ball past the goalkeeper.

Four goals in 16 minutes, a hectic rate, and the end of the half.

Half an hour gone, and the Town back into the lead, a shot to which Stretton was down late.

He Came In The First Half An Hour

It was, five goals in the first half and when the second half began, the Town scored again four minutes after the interval, the must have thought that

they were in for a real feast of goals. However, they were doomed to disappointment, for the sparkle went out of the game after that, and it seemed as if the players had caught the end-of-season atmosphere.

The Town seemed content with their lead and certainly, they never looked in any danger of having in whittled down.

Defence Had Quite An Easy Match

GREASY conditions brought by the rain probably had something to do with the change that came over the play, and although Barnsley played some neat mid-field football, they showed little punch in their finishing.

To a large extent, the defence came through the match quite easily with Owen holding the dashing, strong McMorran well and breaking up most of the attempts to make ground through the middle.

Morton had another good match, but Watkins fell away a lot after doing well before the interval.

Contrast In Style Of Full Backs

A CONTRAST in styles of full-back play was presented by Jones and Cooke.

The former usually got the better of Smylie by waiting tactics, whereas Cooke was more rugged.



LESLIE JONES, Luton's young right-back, who turned in another cool display against Barnsley on Saturday.

and vigorous and was usually going in to meet the ball.

Neither of Barnsley's young wingers received much scope, but Kaye, who made his debut against Luton last season, was quite dangerous at times.

Cooke made quite a successful come-back to the team and there was little fundamentally wrong with the defence. Stretton did not have a lot to do and could be faulted only when the second goal was scored.

Barnsley Defence Had Trying First Half

SO fast did the forwards move and so accurate was their passing that the Barnsley defence had a bewildering sort of time in the first half.

Much of this was caused by the fact that Moore's excursions down the right wing drew McNeil out of the middle which caused gaps to develop in the Barnsley rear-guard.

When Moore made this move, he was most dangerous, but, in the second half, when he stayed in the middle more, he found McNeil a real stumbling block.

Result was that the centre-forward was mostly held and he missed the chance of the match just before the interval.



John Oliver, Luton Town C.C. captain (extreme left), and George Hawley, the hon. secretary (third from left of second row), with the Middlesex team at Wardown on Sunday. Included in the picture are Jack Young, Denis Compton and Bill Edrich in the front row, Sid Brown, Jim Sims, Jack Robertson, Alec Thompson, Harry Sharp and Frank Chester. G6087G

McJarrow's Five Goals In Three Home Games

ONE thing that McJarrow has proved to the satisfaction of the home crowd is that he knows where the goal lies.

In his three appearances at Kenilworth-road he has scored five times which ranks him high as an opportunist.

He looks happier at centre-forward than in an inside position, but he is very much on the job when the ball is in front of goal, and, with a bit of luck, would have increased his tally in this match.

From Stobbart, possibly playing his last game at Luton, there was a very good first half display, and he fitted into the pattern finely.

Cullen Filled The Bill Again

IN common with the rest of the players, he fell away after the interval, but he was always dangerous when in possession of the ball.

For a player with so little experience, Cullen shows an amazing amount of confidence, and he had a first half that was completely satisfactory.

A clever ball player, he thinks quickly as was evidenced by the way in which he foxed the Barnsley defence by jumping over the ball to leave Moore with the chance that he missed.

His centres are accurate, too, and he makes good use of corner kicks.

Mitchell Has Repaid His Transfer Fee

MITCHELL has more than repaid the fee the Town handed to Northampton for his transfer by the number of goals he has scored this season, and he has been the most prolific scoring winger the Town have had since George Stephenson.

His goal in this match was as good as any he has scored so far, and it left Hough absolutely helpless. He led Jackson something of a dance in the first half, too.

Altogether it was a satisfactory ending to the season by the Town and leaves us only with the regret that consistent home form was not struck earlier on.

CRICKET

Vauxhall's Fixtures

FIRST XI	
May 10—Bletchley T	A
" 17—London Transport ..	H
" 24—Morris Motors	A
" 31—Dover T	A
June 2—Bingfield (Sussex) ..	A
" 7—Bletchley T	H
" 14—Queen's Works	A
" 21—Wolverton	A
" 28—Leighton Buzzard ...	A
July 5—Three Counties	A
" 12—Morris Motors	H
" 26—Watford T	H
Aug 2—Bedford T	A
" 4—Luton T	A
" 9—Stevenage	H
" 16—Leighton Buzzard ...	H
" 23—Carmo	H
" 30—Stevenage	A
Sept 6—Henlow	A
" 13—Three Counties	A
" 20—Dunstable T	A

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 4
McJarrow (2), Stobbart, Mitchell.

BARNSELEY 2
McMorran, Lumley.

LUTON TOWN: Stretton; Jones, Cooke; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Cullen, Stobbart, Moore, McJarrow, Mitchell.

BARNSELEY: Hough; Jackson, Hudson; Normanston, McNeil, Baxter; Kaye, Lumley, McMorran, Wood, Smylie.

Referee: J. Houston, St. Anne's-on-Sea.

Attendance: 8,788.

Two Scored Three Goals Each

THERE was a successful ending to the season, too, by the "A" team, who won 6-3 at Twickenham after getting over the shock of being a goal down in the first minute.

The goals were divided equally between Allen and Bradley, and five of them came in the second half after the teams had turned round level at 1-1.

Playing the better football throughout, the Town were deserved winners, and the forwards found holes in the home defence after the interval.

They are midway in the table, and have the distinction of having scored more goals than any team in the Metropolitan League with the exception of Tonbridge, who are runners-up.

Rain Spoilt Match With Middlesex

BIG disappointment for the Town C.C. on Sunday was that rain prevented a ball being bowled in their match with Middlesex, which was to be staged for the benefit of England and Middlesex bowler, Jack Young.

The stage was set for the most interesting match that has ever come, Luton's way.

True to the promise they had given earlier, Middlesex sent their strongest available side, including Bill Edrich, Denis Compton, Jack Robertson, Jim Sims, Jack Young, Alec Thompson, Harry Sharp and Sid Brown.

Middlesex Are Hoping To Play Here Soon

ONE consolation is that it is possible that the match will be played next month, for the Middlesex players were much impressed with the way in which the match had been organised by the Town's Secretary, George Hawley, and his committee.

They were impressed, too, with the Wardown ground, which several described as being better than many county grounds on which they play.

Both Denis Compton and Bill Edrich, the Middlesex joint-captains, promised to give their support to the suggestion that the Middlesex side should come to Luton again.

An Early Decision Was Made

IT is to be put to the Middlesex committee this week, and the Town are expecting to hear some-

thing concrete before the end of the week.

Conditions were such that the gates were not opened, and the decision that play would be impossible was made early in the afternoon, much to the disappointment of all concerned.

That famous umpire, Frank Chester, was there, and it is hoped that he will be seen if and when the second visit to Wardown is paid.

Match At Malden Was Off, Too

ALTOGETHER it was a most disappointing week-end for the Town, who were unable to play their first match with Malden Wanderers on Saturday.

Fortunately, they were spared a long, fruitless journey into Surrey, because Malden were able to decide during the morning that play would be impossible, and the information reached Luton just before the party was ready to set off.

The second team were a little luckier, for they were able to make a start to their match with Hitchin Town.

Only 12 Overs Were Bowled At Wardown

HOWEVER, only 12 overs were bowled before rain applied the closure, but during that time they dismissed three of Hitchin's best batsmen for a meagre 16 runs.

Arnold Worboys had a very good opening spell, in which he took 2 for 4 in six overs, three of which were maidens.

The Wednesday team, newly reformed, are due to play their first match of the season at R.A.F. Henlow to-morrow, and are hoping to put a strong side into the field.

Luton Sartoris meet Harpenden Wednesday at Wheathampstead with the following team:—

P. Garret (captain), R. Anstee, P. Burgess, N. Booth, P. Caswell, W. Jackson, T. Keating, D. Newman, W. Roe, E. Stroud, E. Thurlay.



Late Successes For The Favourites At Luton

Favourites were out of luck at first at Luton Stadium on Saturday, but they won the last three races. Highest-priced winner was Sandy's Safe, which won the third race at 10-1. Traps 2 and 5 drew blanks.

I.—410yds: 1. MR. MURPHY (4); 2. Spring (2); 3. Ajax (3); 4. Michael Karl (6); 5. Roger Boy (1). 6. 6. 5. 4. 24.42. Non-runner: Light Cavalry (5). Off 6.39.

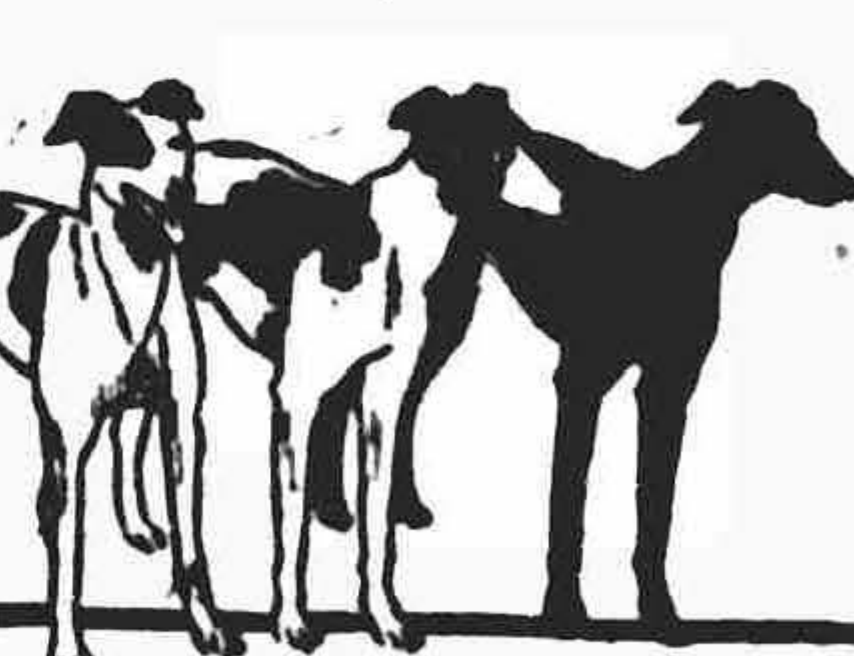
Betting: 5-4 Ajax; 7-2 MR. MURPHY; 4 Michael Karl; Spring; 7 Roger Boy. Forecast: £4 8s. 3d.

II.—470yds: 1. HOPELESS (6); 2. Light Ale (3); 3. Rusty (4); 4. Hair Clip (5); 5. Smartly Girl (2); 6. Glint (1). 6. 5. 4. 3. 2. 27.93. Off 7.02.

Betting: 5-2 Smartly Girl; 3 Light Ale; 4 Glint; 5 HOPELESS; Rusty; 10 Hair Clip. Forecast: £2 9s. 3d.

III.—410yds: 1. SANDY'S SAFE (6); 2. Here's Hoping (2); 3. Destiny (5); 4. Vin-Rose (4); 5. Curly O'Connor (1); 6. Patch (3). 24. hd, 3, 4, 3. 24.31. Off 7.23.

Betting: 7-4 Destiny; 2 Here's Hoping; 4 Patch; 8 Curly O'Connor; 10 SANDY'S SAFE; 100-8 Vin-Rose. Forecast: £4 10s.



IV.—470yds: 1. OUR RODEO (3); 2. Stella Maid (1); Invicta (4); dead-heat; 4. Tosh (5); 5. Charmonte (2) (reserve); 6. All White (6). Nk. 2, 2, dist. 27.56. Non-runner: Step Lightly (2). Off 7.42.

Betting: 6-4 Tosh; 3 Invicta; 7-2 OUR RODEO; 7 Stella Maid; Charmonte; 10 All White. Forecasts: £1 15s. 3d., £1 17s. 3d.

Cricket In Brief

HITCHIN 16 for 3 (A. J. Worboys 2 for 4, C. H. Warman 1 for 12). LUTON TOWN 11 did not bat.

LEIGHTON FORESTERS 65 for 9 dec. (B. Whitney 21, S. Thurlow 7 for 22, A. Warren 2 for 26). OLD LUTONIANS 54 (J. Osborne 22, R. F. Rock 11, B. Whitney 3 for 2, B. Ainsworth 3 for 13).

KENT'S 103 for 4 dec. (R. Honey 40 not out, B. House 20, J. Thorpe 17). SOUTHILL PARK 69 (A. Burnage 20 not out, R. Winstanley 6 for 20, D. Peck 2 for 8).

HARPENDEN FERNDAL 109 for 3 dec. (G. F. Russell 59 not out, F. Lovegrove 20, R. Cannandine 2 for 22). VAUXHALL MOTORS III 87 for 7 (J. Maguire 22 not out, J. Smith 15, L. Boot 4 for 21, R. Annetts 2 for 12).

SHARPENHOE 75 (G. Edwards 20, S. Farr 18, G. Smith 3 for 23). GRAVENHURST 65 for 3 (G. Smith 28, C. Kempson 17 not out).

9.0.—410yds: 131 Full Tide; 1 Gay Rebel; Nagrom (April 17, tp 5, 24.28); April 26, tp 3, 24.20); 451 Rising Mead; 323 Three Cheers; 125 Whiskers

9.18.—470yds: 4 Austin; 631 Malcolm; 315 Nina; 322 Terry's Pal; 556 Tosca; 6 Tuppence.

9.36.—410yds: 235 Blue Lamp; 665 Chief Officer; 152 Clancy; 522 Harvest King; 4 Our John (April 30, tp 6, 24.65); 123 Sally Ann. Reserve: 611 Little Sally.

SELECTIONS

7.30: Neapolitan (Solitaire, Sadie's Pet); 7.48: Win's Boy (Max Future, Embassy); 8.06: Ginger (Sam, So Jolly); 8.24: The Bride (Sam's Song, Red Peg); 8.42: Bus Stop (nap) (Marvex, Ronnie); 9.0: Gay Rebel (Full Tide, Rising Mead); 9.18: Austin (Tuppence, Tosca); 9.36: Chief Officer (Clancy, Blue Lamp).



John Oliver, George Hawley, Jack Young and Denis Compton have a conference on the wicket at Wardown, while behind them, Bill Edrich and Vernon Colling examine the wicket closely. Shortly afterwards it was decided that there was no hope of play between Luton Town and Middlesex. G6089G