

TEAM DECISION AFTER TESTS.

TOWN STILL HAVE INJURY DOUBTS

Turner's Goals Brought First Points Of Season

By CHILTERN

Tests this morning will decide the constitution of the Town's team to visit Birmingham City at 8.15. Andrew's to-morrow night and there are some hopes that one or more of the injured players will be able to return.

The non-starter, of course, will be Billy Cooke, who damaged a knee against Rotherham on Saturday and it is almost certain that his deputy will be Seamus Dunne.

played in the first match of the season at Plymouth, but it was thought that the fitness and extra experience would be an asset.

Cooke should meet with a serious injury when he regained his confidence in the back both for him and the

what are the chances that Owen and Pye can come in the reckoning for to-morrow's match are not known

Tests For Mitchell And Owen

bruise is coming out of Owen's thigh muscle and the Mitchell will have to pass the tests.

Whether there will be a test for who has a pulled muscle, or whether it will be decided that it is necessary to give him further time to make a full recovery, has not yet been decided.

Not only has the manager to get the first team into the field to-morrow, but the Reserves have a match too—they meet Brighton at 2.15 on the north-road.

Who will not be able to call on service players like Miller and Scott, who were in at Watford on Saturday, the manager and himself faced with a shortage of players.

Success Of The Deputies

deputies called upon against Rotherham on Saturday were extremely well, and it was a merited win over a team that did not look the same solid as last season.

And the successes of the right wing partnership of Cullen and Turner, with Cullen again showing what a player he is in front of

two scoring efforts were made with alacrity, and in each

case it was a hard cross shot that left the capable Bolton hopelessly placed.

New Right Wing Was Dangerous

THERE will be no inclination to disturb this wing pairing, for Cullen showed cleverness which enabled him largely to have the measure of Noble, showed plenty of enthusiasm for the job, and put across a stream of accurate centres.

The first-half display of the Town's new-style forward line was in sharp contrast to that which we watched against Birmingham, and sufficient chances were worked out by clever approach work for the Town to have held a substantial lead at half time.

Always Willing To Have A Shot

AS it was, it was limited to the two goals which came from Turner, but it would have been a good deal more formidable had the finishing been a little more accurate.

However, the refreshing feature was that the forwards were always willing to have a crack at goal, and there was a certain amount of bad luck mixed up with some bad misses which could have been costly later on.

Right through the first half the Town were so much on top that Rotherham's attack was rarely seen and they never appeared likely scorers.

United Improved In Second Half

THEIR defence had an unhappy time, too, and they were rescued on several occasions by splendid saves from Bolton.

The opening stages of the second half saw the Town much in command again, but the goals did not come and Rotherham began to get into the game.

A switch by Grainger and Marsden brought an improvement

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 2
Turner (2)

ROTHERHAM UNITED 1
Farmer

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Morton, Hall, Watkins; Cullen, Turner, Moore, Shanks, Davies.

ROTHERHAM UNITED: Bolton; Selkirk, Noble; Edwards, Regan, Williams (D); Grainger, Marsden, Farmer, Guest, Rawson.

Referee: R. H. Mann, Worcester.

Attendance: 14,427.

in attack and, at the same time, the Town forwards lost their touch to some extent.

Not that there was much prospect of the lead being lost and the goal, when it did come, was an unfortunate affair from the Town viewpoint.

Cooke Could Not Go Up For The Ball

IT was tied up with the injury to Cooke, who fell awkwardly with his leg bent underneath him in trying unsuccessfully to prevent the ball going for a corner.

There was a delay while Cooke received attention and it was from the corner that Farmer scored after 65 minutes.

Normally, Cooke would have been able to head the ball away as it came across from Rawson but, in this instance, his knee would not allow him to go up for it.

Before the Town could cover up, the ball was in their goalmouth and Farmer, racing in from the right, breasted the ball through

10 Men For Last 25 Minutes

AFTER that, Cooke left the field and the Town had to face the last 25 minutes with 10 men against a team that had suddenly gained confidence from an unexpected goal. Morton moved to right-back and Turner was brought out of the forward line.

The latter move surprised many people who thought that Shanks might have been brought back and Turner left to do the raiding upfield.

However, the switch was a success, for Rotherham were kept out and the only tense moment came when a shot by Grainger was deflected sharply in flight by Hall's head.

Superlative Save By Streten

ONLY a superlative save by Streten got the Town out of trouble in this instance.

He had already moved towards the ball in its original line of flight and when the direction changed, he twisted in mid-air and caught the ball safely.

That was the only really serious threat to the Town's victory bid, for the defence made a very good job and kept the Rotherham forwards in hand.

Hall does not get much first

team service these days, but when he does come in, he is always reliable and he did everything right on Saturday.

Hall Was Much In Command

STRONG, coming in to meet the ball all the time and having a complete mastery in the air, he gave another deputy, Farmer, no scope at all and it was a splendid performance by Hall.

The Town owed a good deal, too, to Aherne, who captained the side for the first time in a League match and celebrated by keeping a tight grip on Grainger, who was looked upon as the main danger in the Rotherham front line.

Cooke was doing very well, too, until his injury, and apart from his dramatic second half save, there was not a lot for Streten to do.

The Defence Was Well Knit

AT wing-half, Morton was rather more forceful than Watkins, who, nevertheless, played some neat football and the defence, as a whole, knit together extremely well.

There was good understanding among the forwards, too, with Moore linking up the line well, being dangerous in his excursions down the wings, but being off the mark with his shooting, especially when Davies worked out a perfect opening for him.

Shanks gave a workmanlike showing at inside-left in the first half, but was not quite so effective afterwards.

Davies had a fairly good game and allowance has to be made for the fact that he is playing on the opposite flank to that to which he is used, but he managed to get the ball across consistently.

Reserves Are Still Unbeaten

THE Reserves maintained their unbeaten record when they met Watford at the Vicarage-road ground—but only just.

The home side scored in the first half, and although they were reduced to 10 men for the whole of the second period, they hung on to their slender lead until 10 minutes from the end when Hugh McJarrow bundled the ball across the line after a well-taken corner by Alan Thompson.

Luton made determined efforts to snatch the winner after this, but were foiled by a determined defence.

Tempers Became Frayed

IT was a hard-fought match, but it was spoiled by too many stoppages for petty infringements. At one stage tempers became very frayed, and both sides came near to conceding a penalty.

Although McJarrow scored Luton's only goal he was below form and Edgar Bennett, the amateur, was as good a forward as Luton possessed. On the other wing, Alan Thompson gave a much better showing than he did against Queen's Park Rangers on Thursday.

Ron Bavinham made many good saves and once again he impressed by the confident way in which he cut out high centres.

Mistakes Costly To Town "A"

DEFEAT came the way of the Town's Metropolitan League side. They visited Haywards Heath where they were a goal down in two minutes when Williams misjudged the ball.

Shortly after that a Luton defender attempted a back pass to his goalkeeper, only for a forward to intercept the ball and send it into the back of the net.

Luton improved after this and in the closing stages Bradley reduced their arrears.

Despite his early lapse, Williams played a "blinder" in goal and other good performances were turned in by Hawkes, Rackley and Bradley.

Fine Bowling Spell By Oliver

A REMARKABLE spell of bowling by John Oliver brought the Town C.C. near victory in their home match with Enfield.

In a spell of nine overs he took 6 for 30 and the Enfield batsmen found his off-spinners most difficult to get away.

After the Town had made 165 to which John Muse and Doug Randall were the main contributors, most of the Enfield batsmen failed with the exception of Garlick who batted through the innings for 76 not out. At the end, Enfield were 27 behind with only one wicket in hand.

Bruce Satterley Made 100

AN opening partnership of 124 by Bruce Satterley and Mick Kilby put the Town on the way to a big score in their Sunday match with Welwyn Garden City.

Satterley went on to reach 100 without being dismissed and figured in a stand of 54 for the second wicket with Billy Hammond.

The Town innings was declared at 204 for 2 and the visitors never looked like being able to avert defeat.

Half their wickets fell for 46, the main damage being done by the slow bowling of Billy Hammond who had 5 for 33.

FOOTBALL FORECASTS

DIVISION I

Aston Villa v. Blackpool
Bolton W. v. Chelsea
Burnley v. Newcastle Utd.
Manchester C. v. Liverpool
Portsmouth v. Manchester Utd.
Preston N.E. v. West Brom
Sheffield Wed. v. Charlton Ath.
Stoke C. v. Middlesbrough
Sunderland v. Derby C.
Tottenham H. v. Cardiff C.
Wolves v. Arsenal

DIVISION II

Brentford v. Blackburn R.
Doncaster R. v. Hull C.
Everton v. Nottm. Forest
Fulham v. Luton T.
Huddersfield T. v. Barnsley
Leicester C. v. Bury
Notts C. v. Southampton
Plymouth A. v. Sheffield Utd.
Rotherham Utd. v. Leeds Utd.
Swansea T. v. Lincoln C.
West Ham v. Birmingham

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Aldershot v. Reading
Bournemouth v. Ipswich T.
Brighton v. Torquay Utd.
Bristol R. v. Gillingham
Colchester Utd. v. Swindon T.
Coventry C. v. Shrewsbury T.
Exeter C. v. Walsall
Millwall v. Crystal Palace
Newport C. v. Bristol C.
Norwich C. v. Q.P.R.
Southend Utd. v. Leyton Orient
Watford v. Northampton T.

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Barrow v. Bradford
Bradford C. v. Scunthorpe Utd.
Chesterfield v. Accrington S.
Darlington v. Port Vale
Gateshead v. Crewe Alex.
Grimsby T. v. Oldham Ath.
Hartlepool Utd. v. Southport
Rochdale v. Chester
Tranmere R. v. Halifax T.
Workington v. Carlisle Utd.
Wrexham v. Stockport C.
York C. v. Mansfield T.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION "A"

Airdrieonians v. Raith Rovers
Celtic v. Falkirk
Dundee v. Motherwell
East Fife v. Clyde
Hibernian v. Queen of South
Partick T. v. Aberdeen
St. Mirren v. Rangers
Third Lanark v. Hearts

DIVISION "B"

Arbroath v. Dundee Utd.
Cowdenbeath v. Morton
Dumbarton v. Albion R.
Hamilton v. Forfar Ath.
Kilmarnock v. Alloa
Stenhousemuir v. Dunfermline
Stirling A. v. Ayr Utd.
St. Johnstone v. Queens Park

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME.—Preston, Sunderland, Tottenham, Brentford, Leicester, Huddersfield, Bristol R., Coventry, Grimsby, Tranmere.

FOUR AWAY.—Newcastle, Hull, Reading, Carlisle.

THREE DRAWS.—Wolves v. Arsenal; Rotherham v. Leeds; York v. Mansfield.

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CRICKET IN BRIEF

LUTON TOWN 165 (J. A. Muse 45, D. Randall 33, J. A. R. Oliver 17; L. Harper 4 for 36, P. Barber 4 for 54); ENFIELD 138 for 9 (W. Garlick not out 78; J. A. R. Oliver 6 for 30, T. D. Matthews 3 for 42).

LUTON TOWN II 85 (A. J. Worboys 36; P. Adams 5 for 12, K. Dalwood 4 for 23); ENFIELD II 119 for 9 (E. Willmott not out 64, K. Sewell 21; A. J. Worboys 5 for 39, G. Allen 3 for 18).

LUTON TOWN SUNDAY XI 204 for 2 dec. (B. G. Satterley not out 100, M. L. Kilby 59, G. W. Hammond 28); WELWYN GARDEN CITY 109 (F. Gibson 23; G. W. Hammond 5 for 33, M. L. Kilby 2 for 5).

STEVENAGE 193 for 4 (J. Cox 54, H. Woods 50, A. Watson 67); VAUXHALL MOTORS 68 for 9 (A. Nelsy 18, E. Parkin not out 18; J. Cole 7 for 22).

LUTON CLARENDON 83 (R. Weeks 18; L. Smith 4 for 19); VAUXHALL SUNDAY XI 101 for 6 (B. Burton 36, R. Lloyd 23; W. Roe 3 for 20).

LUTON SPECIALS 51 (R. Burberry 4 for 19, T. Mead 2 for 1); Markyate 22 (M. Jones 5 for 8, R. Evans 5 for 12).

T. D. MATTHEWS'S XI 190 (F. Winstanley 77, J. G. Owen 46; M. Bullough 4 for 54); SKEFKO 80 (E. Clamp 16, E. Beardsley 16; J. G. Owen 7 for 32).

SKEFKO 159 (M. Bullough 49, S. Bird 35; Petty 6 for 37); HOFFMANN'S 166 for 6 (D. Downs not out 72; M. Bullough 2 for 15).

FLITWICK 55 (W. Izzard 18; K. Water, 7 for 30); STUDHAM

149 (W. Fokett 39, H. Smith 26; E. Washington 2 for 1)

BEDFORD NORTH END 88 (F. Chapman 54; K. Cousins 6 for 34); EVERSOLT 85 (L. Sanderson 27; H. Eady 7 for 29).

REDBOURN 215 for 2 (A. Reed not out 82, G. Anderson not out 56, F. Arnold 56, P. Hollenden 2 for 46); LUTON CORINTHIANS 39 (J. Elsdon 4 for 11).

DUNSTABLE SUNDAY XI 192 for 8 (G. Mills 46, D. Bird not out 39, B. House 5 for 41); KENT'S 123 (F. Chatterley not out 34, F. Bullock 4 for 26).

SPIRELLA 138 for 8 (F. Chatterley 4 for 52); KENT'S 139 (T. Evans 32, Mason 5 for 40).

ELECTROLUX 161 (R. Fletcher not out 37, Purrott 4 for 35), I.C.I. 120 (J. Darby 5 for 18).

RUISLIP 124 (B. Bailey 55, K. Palmer 6 for 48); Electrolux 127 for 7 (A. Allen 42).

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.
Combination League

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3rd

TOWN RESERVES

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Kick-off 6.15 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 2/-;

Wing Stand and Enclosure 1/6.

Boys 1/-; Bobbers' Stand 1/3;

Ground (not covered) 1/-, Boys 9d