

# UP RIVALS FEAR COLOUR CLASH

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### own's Hopes Of Davies aying Are Fading Fast

By CHILTERN

start of Cup-tie week brings with it a problem for both Manchester City and the Town. Cause of it is the possibility of a colour clash if the teams play in their usual garb and the position is further complicated by the fact that the change colours of each club are also similar.

ing on this sort of happening by the Football Association is that where the colours are similar, both clubs must change and, in the event of the clubs not agreeing on the colours to be worn, the Football Association must decide.

on this matter was in the first instance by the manager, Leslie McDowall, the time of the draw, it was thought that there would be difficulty of this sort. Manchester colours are light blue, with white shorts, when he was at Maine-road yesterday, the Town's assistant manager, Jim Kelly, was shown the shirts. So light in these that he agreed there was the possibility of a clash with the Town's white. The colours of the Town are light blue, with white facings, the City use claret shirts, so this puts out the use by both clubs of change colours.

### See The Town In familiar Garb

IRDAY, Manager Dallyman thought the Town have no objection to allowing City to wear their blue and playing in red themselves, but the F.A. rule seems to require this and the Town must contact the Association and their opponents to reach agreement. Something similar happened in the round when Birmingham played Oldham and neither could wear their first or second colours. At the end, Birmingham wore the claret and blue of Villa and there is a possibility that we shall see the Town Saturday in most unfamiliar garb.

### es Almost Out Of The Reckoning

ading yesterday were those that Roy Davies will be to return to the team for the game. He was still in the hospital and it looked as if his



Michael Cullen

old Roy Little, has played so well in the last two matches that he has a very bright chance of retaining the position.

Possibility is that the only change will be at outside-right, where Jimmy Meadows, recovered from injury, is certain to play.

### Return Of Watkins Is Likely

ONE worry of the Town is about the forward line, which has not really clicked in the last two matches even though both have been won.

Someone to link up things and hold the ball in midfield was again a need at West Ham and it is fairly certain that Charlie Watkins will be restored at inside-left.

His omission brought a change of tactics to the attack and showed clearly that the Town cannot afford to be without an inside-forward of his style.

In both the last two matches, Jesse Pye has been so closely marked by the opposing centre-half that his influence on the rest of the line has been lessened, which could be due to the lack of an inside-forward holding the ball.

### Allison's One Mistake Cost A Goal

OBVIOUSLY, Pye is going to be very much of a marked man, with centre-halves detailed to follow his every move and it is up to the inside-forwards to try to draw some of this attention away.

Allison played a strong, forthright game and it was a tragedy from his point of view that his mistake should cost the only goal of the match.

Right from the start, the struggle developed on the sort of lines which made it clear that the first goal would be of inestimable advantage and might well be the only one of the match.

### Mitchell Scored From Centre-Forward

SO things turn out and it was due to some rather unorthodox work by Mitchell that the Town secured it 20 minutes from the end.

Just before it came, Mitchell had begun to wander into the middle, in search of the ball of which he did not see a lot out on the wing in the second half.

From the centre-forward position he challenged Allison for the ball inside the penalty area and it looked as if the centre-half had only to touch the ball back to Ernie Gregory to get out of trouble.

However, he hesitated, then slipped, and Mitchell was on it in a trice.

### West Ham Could Not Hit Back

GREGORY rushed out Mitchell's fierce right foot shot and the winger somehow got to the rebound and forced it into the net with his left foot.

It was an opportunist's effort and although there was time for a West Ham rally, it was never mounted with any degree of confidence.

After the success, the Town played in smoother style. Yet, before the goal, they had been struggling a little to keep on terms and Baynham made one of the saves of the season in keeping out a shot by Andrews that was sending the ball away from him all the time.

### Two Fine Defences Held Sway

THAT and one or two other efforts apart, West Ham seldom threatened goals and their forwards lacked skill in approach work.

In fact, the day went in favour of two fine defences who gave the

front lines little scope through their strong tackling and fine covering.

Queer how nearly all these meetings between the teams on this ground bring the same sort of struggle with rarely more than a goal between them at the end.

Always it was a game that could have gone either way, but the Town deserved to win because they were the more methodical.

### Successful Return Of Cullen

CULLEN was as good a forward as they had, but Pye, despite the close attentions of Allison, was always a force to be contended with and constantly sought to make good use of the ball.

Often, he went down the wings to try to lose Allison and he was the most constructive of the inside-forward trio.

"Fair" would be a reasonable rating for Moore and Turner, who switched positions midway through the first half and did not change back afterwards.

Moore did a lot of hard work in midfield and Turner, playing mainly an attacking role, had few scoring chances though he took up good position at times.

### City's Defence May Not Be So Sound

THERE was not the best of service for Mitchell, who made several fine runs in the first half, but had to go looking for a lot of his own material afterwards.

Due regard had to be paid to the ruggedness and soundness of the Hammers' defence and it is very much on the cards that they will find Manchester City not so well served in this department.

The attack as a whole moved best in the first 10 minutes when some grand football was produced, but afterwards, was not so impressive as a co-ordinated line.

### Middle Line As Strong As A Rock

IN wonderful form at the moment is the defence, and a good deal of the credit for this win goes to them.

The Hammers' forwards were never clever enough to reveal gaps and open spaces, and Owen held Kearns more effectively than Allison mastered Pye.

There was rarely the slightest danger down the middle, and both Gregory (J.) and Foa were blotted out by Morton and Shanks.

The middle line was as sound as a rock and deadly in the tackle, while behind them, Jones and Aherne were nearly always on top of two nippy wingers.

### Fine Team Spirit Was Evident Again

SUCH a grip did both defences have that there were few really telling shots for either goalkeeper to deal with, but Baynham brought down the house with that thrilling save from Andrews.

He made another soon afterwards when he dived courageously to catch a low cross from Wood-

### FOR THE RECORDS

WEST HAM UNITED . . . 0

LUTON TOWN . . . . . 1  
(Mitchell)

WEST HAM UNITED:  
Gregory (F); Wright, Bond;  
Parker, Allison, O'Farrell;  
Woodgate, Gregory (J),  
Kearns, Foa, Andrews.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Jones, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Cullen, Moore, Pye, Turner, Mitchell.

Referee: W. B. Everett,  
Beccles. Attendance: 23,500.

gate that might have been a distinct menace.

Once again the Town's team-spirit counted for a lot, and although the forward-line was a trifle disappointing, compared with some other displays this season, it was a whole-hearted, hard-fighting show by all concerned.

### Another Point For The Reserves

THE Town Reserves' match with Leicester City Reserves, at Kenilworth-road on Saturday, was expected to be the "match of the season," and, although many fans travelled to West Ham to see the first team in action, more than 5,500 enthusiasts watched the Reserves hold Leicester to a draw.

As is so often the case, this match was something of an anticlimax.

Because Luton's forward line had, of necessity, been re-cast, their attack did not move smoothly, and they did not make much impression on an exceptionally strong defence.

That included full-backs Milburn and Jackson, and half-backs Halton, McArthur and King, who, between them, would bring Leicester a small fortune if they were to be transferred.

### A Draw Was A Fair Result

THERE were no goals scored, and defences were so strong that neither goalkeeper was bothered overmuch. Once Worthington, Leicester's best forward, beat Streten with a fine shot, but the ball struck an upright, and bounced back into play where it was cleared.

Les Hall was a strong man in defence, and he gave Little no scope at all. The wing-halves played well, too, although Worthington sometimes worried Smith. Scott, who was playing centre-forward in place of McJarrow, who failed a fitness test, tried hard, and led the line with plenty of spirit, but he did not look completely at home and did not always receive the best of support from his inside men. On the run of the play a draw was a fair result, and both sides must have been quite satisfied with a point.

## Chiltern's Forecasts

### F.A. CUP, FOURTH ROUND

Aston Villa v Brentford  
Arsenal v Bury  
Blackpool v Huddersfield T  
Bolton W v Notts C  
Burnley v Sunderland  
Chelsea v West Bromwich  
Everton v Nottm Forest  
Hull C v Gateshead  
Halifax T v Stoke C  
Manchester C v Luton T  
Manchester Utd v Walthamstow Avenue

Newcastle Utd v Rotherham Utd  
Plymouth A v Barnsley  
Preston NE v Tottenham H  
Sheffield Utd v Birmingham  
Shrewsbury T v Southampton

### DIVISION I

Wolves v Sheffield Wed

### DIVISION II

Doncaster R v Fulham

### DIVISION III (SOUTH)

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

### DIVISION III (NORTH)

Accrington S v Mansfield T  
Barrow v York C  
Bradford v Chesterfield  
Chester v Grimsby T  
Darlington v Hartlepool Utd  
Rochdale v Carlisle Utd

Scunthorpe Utd v Port Vale  
Southport v Bradford C  
Stockport C v Crewe Alex  
Tranmere R v Wrexham  
Workington v Oldham Ath

### FRIENDLY MATCHES

Leicester C v Charlton Ath  
Leeds Utd v Liverpool  
Middlesbrough v Aberdeen  
Portsmouth v Lincoln C

### SCOTTISH LEAGUE

#### DIVISION "A"

Glyde v St. Mirren  
Falkirk v Hibernian  
Hearts v Dundee  
Motherwell v Third Lanark  
Queen of South v Celtic  
Raith R v Partick T  
Rangers v East Fife

#### DIVISION "B"

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

### SELECTIONS

TEN HOME. — Aston Villa  
Plymouth, Sheffield Utd, Wolves  
Bournemouth, Bristol Rovers  
Millwall, Northampton, Bradford  
Stockport.

FOUR AWAYS. — West Brom  
wich, Southampton, Bristol City  
Oldham.

THREE DRAWS. — Burnley v  
Sunderland, Doncaster v Fulham  
Scunthorpe v Port Vale.

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