

# SHANKS IS OUT OF CUP REPLAY

## WATKINS LIKELY TO MOVE TO LEFT-HALF

## Choice Delay: Owen Still Having Treatment

By Chiltern

A late turn of events for the Town is that they will have to go into to-morrow's Kenilworth-road replay with Manchester City without Wally Shanks, their left-half.

Immediately after the match at Maine-road on Saturday Owen was expressed that he might recover in time for the second meeting, but these went by the board on Monday when the injury was diagnosed as strained ligaments of the knee.

There is quite severe damage to the ankle, and he will be out of the game for 10 days at least, which means that he will also have to face a League match against Manchester City.

Manager Daily Dunlop made up his mind to replace Shanks, but it was then that Charlie Watkins was brought out of his injury to take over his place.

The vacancy to be filled at inside-left, and the events of Gordon Owen's injury there against West Ham, will be a contender for the

## Still Having Treatment

He was twelfth in the list of those who will come for consideration, and the club does not expect to see him until to-morrow morning that he will make up his mind, for the added complication of Owen is still having to be treated for fibrositis of the knee, by no means certain to be cured.

When he did some of the still felt the trouble of the fact that he had treated on Sunday.

## Could Clear Up Quickly

Yesterday morning, he was on the trainer's table. The Town are hoping that he will be a decided improvement, for this is the sort of thing that can clear up

Owen not be able to play. Hall will retain the position and, apart from the uncertainty left by the Shanks, the remainder of the team will be the same with the enforced change of much confidence at Kenilworth that the Town can win

only flick the ball with his head to Broadis.

The inside-left took his chance coolly, hitting the ball first-time with his left foot to steer it into the farthest corner of the net away from the unsighted Baynham.

## Match Was Spoilt By The Wind

TO a large extent, the match was ruined by the wind, which was largely end to end, and there was a good deal of relief among the thousands of Town fans when the deputy captain, Aherne, won the toss.

When the City scored, it looked as if this advantage might count for nought and it was immediately after their success that the City looked most likely to clinch things.

Had Cunliffe made use of a fine chance, the Town's hopes would have taken a decided turn for the worse, but, fortunately, he wasted it.

However with minutes ticking away and the Town still in arrears, with the wind to face after the interval, prospects looked none too bright.

## Quick Thinking Brought Equaliser

ONLY half a minute of the first half remained when the Town's equaliser came in dramatic circumstances.

Pye making one of his solo runs was unmistakably brought down a couple of yards outside the penalty area.

Then was worked a move that has been done much in practice, though some quick thinking brought a variation of it.

For the free kick, Moore and Pye stood side by side and Moore ran at the ball as if to crash it at goal.

Instead, he ran past it and the City defence, falling for the feint, opened up and Pye, seeing the avenue, made a perfect low drive that left Trautmann hopelessly placed.

## Town Played Better Against The Wind

AS planned, the move had been for Moore to run past the ball and for Pye to push it through after him for the inside right to have a bang at goal, but poor covering by the City gave Pye a chance from which he exacted full toll.

The Luton contingent went wild with joy at this turn of events, but even though they reached the interval on level terms, there was the sobering thought that they would have to face a hard-fighting City team against the wind in the second half.

However, as things turned out, the Town played better against the wind and the City forwards were unable to take real advantage from it.

## Town Were The More Constructive

INDEED, it was often much of a handicap to them, for they continually found the ball running too far for them and, apart from one of two scares following corners there was not a lot to worry about.

In the first half, the Town had not done sufficient shooting considering the way the wind was putting power behind the ball, but there was even less from the City afterwards.

The more constructive play came from the Town forwards and, wisely, the Town did not make the mistake of falling back on defence and attempting to keep on level terms.

## Moore Went Near To Scoring Winner

SUCH a move could have been fatal since it would have meant the passing of the initiative to the City, but the Town attacked whenever they could and kept the City defence fully alert.

For much of the second half, the Town played the superior brand of football, and they were a bit unlucky not to snatch a late winner when a shot from Moore struck Trautmann on the knee and the ball went flying to safety.

Some anxiety was felt among the Town fans when Shanks had to be helped off the field with a leg injury five minutes from the end, but with Watkins at left-half the defence stood firm, and when the final whistle went it was the Town who were doing the pressing.

## Complicates Town's League Ambitions

NO doubt about it, this was a great performance by the Town, though the fact that a mid-week replay is necessary is an added complication to their ambitions in the League.

However, barring further injuries this should not affect the situation, though Leicester City will be tough opponents on Saturday.

That there should be a gale force wind at Maine-road was unfortunate, for it meant that neither team was able to produce the

## FOR THE RECORDS

MANCHESTER CITY .. 1  
Broadis  
LUTON TOWN ..... 1  
Pye  
MANCHESTER CITY : Trautmann; Branagan; Little; Revie; Ewing, Paul; Meadows; Spurdie; Williamson, Broadis, Cunliffe.  
LUTON TOWN : Baynham; Jones, Aherne; Morton; Hall, Shanks; Cullen, Moore, Pye, Watkins, Mitchell.  
Referee: G. F. Sawyer, Weston-super-mare.  
Attendance: 38,411.  
Receipts: £5,482.

skilful football of which they are capable.

However, there was more method in the Town's play, and in Pye they had the most dangerous forward on the field.

## Pye Was Always A Danger

DESPITE stubborn resistance from the strong Ewing and some close marking, Pye was always a danger, working the ball cleverly and moving out into the open spaces to make things difficult for the centre-half.

With a little better support, he might have been the match-winner, and although the Town forwards as a whole have been more effective, they were better as a line than were the City's.

Cullen and Moore formed quite a lively right wing, with the former showing clever footwork and not tending to be caught in possession until the closing stages when he was slowed down by an injury.

## Did Not Allow Wing Halves To Get On Top

IN a match that did not produce a great deal of shooting, Moore probably had more cracks at goal than anyone and he was a hard worker who frequently worried the City by his quick bursts through the defence. Where he did fail sometimes though was in his distribution of the ball.

Watkins took rather a long time to settle down on his return to the team, but he put in a lot of hard work and improved considerably after the interval.

What should not be lost sight of is the fact that in Revie and Paul, the inside men were facing two first-class wing halves and that they were not allowed to dominate the game was one of the factors that kept the City forwards so quiet.

## Mitchell Made City Fans Shudder

FOR Mitchell, there was not the same measure of support that came the way of Cullen and he had a real battle with Branagan, a very strong defender.

The left-winger always needed careful watching and he made the City supporters shudder with one crashing drive in the first half that missed the post by a matter of inches.

After an uncertain start and despite several mistakes, Hall did a fine job of work at centre-half.

It cannot be easy for a player, however experienced he may be, to step into the team for a Cup tie after sampling nothing but reserve team service for five months.

## Morton Made A Big Impression

NEVER has Hall let down the Town in an emergency and he was far from doing so in this match, as Williamson, a strong, dashing centre-forward, will doubtless agree.

Few chances came the way of the leader which says much for Hall's work and the gallant way in which he tackled a difficult situation.

Both Morton and Shanks were on top of the job again and they were always ready to cover Hall when it was necessary.

For a time, Morton found Broadis a tricky customer, but slowly and surely, he got a grip on the International who became less and less effective as the game wore on, and Morton made a big impression on the home crowd.

## Firm Grip On The City Wingers

ALWAYS, Morton was in the picture, and Shanks did a tremendous amount of work and was terrier-like in his determination to help keep out the City forwards.

For the most part, Jones and Aherne kept a firm grip on the City wingers, of whom Meadows was rather the more assertive, but the only times he beat Aherne were when he came through on the inside.

Generally, Aherne, kicking extremely well, was not in much trouble, and Jones again played coolly and refused to be hustled or hustled off his natural game.

## Showed Great Fighting Spirit Again

BAYNHAM has had far busier afternoons in Second Division matches this season, but he made several smart saves and showed daring and good judgment in the way in which he left his goal to collect through passes.

It is no reflection on Hall to say that Owen was missed, but the defence rose to the occasion in brilliant style, and that fine fighting spirit which has stood the Town in good stead all this season was most apparent again.

Even when the City got that all-important first goal they did not falter in the least and they were thoroughly deserving of the chance to have another crack at their First Division opponents.

## Reserves' Second Defeat Of Season

THE RESERVES first match in the Combination Cup was nothing to write home about, but their defeat by Watford was only their second of the season.

A high wind spoilt play, for passes went astray and it was difficult to keep the ball under control. Luton scored first, through Arthur Taylor, but Watford equalised in extremely "fluky" fashion. When Stretton took a goal kick the ball rebounded off Wilson, was caught in the wind, and rolled into the back of the net with Stretton, yards out of position, a helpless spectator.

Play was never of a high standard, and there was little excitement after the interval. Wilson scored to give Watford both points, but on the run of the play a draw would have been a fairer result.

Willie Dallas, making his first appearance in the Reserves, shaped quite well at centre-half, but the defence missed the steady influence of Les Hall.

## Chiltern's Forecasts

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

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

**DIVISION III (SOUTH)**  
Bournemouth v Swindon T  
Bristol C v Bristol R  
Gillingham v Coventry C  
Ipswich T v Watford  
Leiston O v Brighton  
Millwall v Exeter C  
Northampton T v Newport C  
Q.P.R. v Aldershot  
Reading v Southend Utd  
Shrewsbury T v Colchester Utd  
Torquay Utd v Crystal Palace  
Walsall v Norwich C

**DIVISION III (NORTH)**  
Accrington S v York C  
Bradford C v Bradford

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

## SCOTTISH CUP

### SECOND ROUND

Aberdeen v St. Mirren  
Airdrieonians v East Fife  
Albion R v East Stirling  
Alloa v Motherwell  
Bewick v Queen of South  
Buckie Thistle v Ayr Utd  
Cowdenbeath v Morton  
Dundee v Rangers  
Forfar Ath v Falkirk  
Hamilton v Kilmarnock  
Hibernian v Queen's Park  
Partick T v Clyde  
Raith R v Hearts  
St. Johnstone v Montrose  
Stirling A v Celtic  
Wigtown and B v Third Lanark

## SELECTIONS

**TEN HOME.** — Manchester Utd, Newcastle, West Bromwich, Blackburn, Nottingham Forest, Bournemouth, Millwall, Northampton, Mansfield, Port Vale.  
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