

Town Bring Back McJarrow

CHOICE BETWEEN MOORE AND TURNER ON ARRIVAL

A period vital to the Town in their bid to bring First Division football to Luton looms on the horizon now and their hopes may hinge largely on the results of the two matches that face them in three days.

First is at Meadow-lane this afternoon, where they will be seeking to complete a double over the County, whom they have already beaten at Kenilworth-road this season, and they need desperately at least one point from this encounter.

For it, manager Dally Duncan has decided on at least one change in the forward line, which will bring into the team for the first time since the home match with Birmingham City on August 27, Hugh McJarrow, whose leadership of the Reserves' attack has had much to do with their success this season.

Although the manager will not decide finally on his attack line-up until just before the kick-off, McJarrow will be at inside-left as yet another partner for Bert Mitchell, and the remaining place at inside-right will rest between Bernard Moore and Gordon Turner.

Hopes That McJarrow Will Add Craft

THE manager says that he will not decide until he has seen the state of the going and, if it is heavy, as the low-lying Meadow-lane ground can be, Moore will probably hold the better chance of playing.

"Both Turner and Moore are goal-minded," said the manager yesterday, and the introduction of McJarrow is obviously an attempt to bring more craft to the line and to take some of the responsibility of doing the scheming off the shoulders of Jesse Pye.

McJarrow's two previous outings this season were at inside-right, and, on his recent form, he may well provide the link that has been missing since the enforced recall of Charlie Watkins to the middle line.

Sixth To Occupy The Position

INSIDE-LEFT has been a real problem position this season and McJarrow is the sixth to be called upon to fill it since the start of the season, the others being Pye, Shanks, Moore, Watkins and Turner.

If McJarrow can settle down there, he will not only assure himself of a first-team place, but remove the anxiety that is being felt about this particular berth.

Last Saturday it was obvious that someone was needed there with the ability to hold the ball and make openings and McJarrow has merited the chance to show what he can do there.

No Promotion Hopes Or Relegation Fears

NOTTS COUNTY are having just an average sort of season and, for them, this match does not take on the vital meaning that it has for the Town.

For the County, there are no promotion hopes and no real ground for fears about relegation. However judging them on their three matches with Bolton Wanderers, they have plenty of fighting spirit.

Their forwards though, should not worry the Town defence unduly and the result may turn on the ability of the Town attack to regain its scoring form.

County Have To Make Two Changes

VICTORY to-day would put the Town in a most formidable position from which to make a challenge to Sheffield United and Huddersfield Town and, if they can beat the County and also take full points from Southampton at Kenilworth-road on Saturday, the prospect will indeed be rosy.

Especially is this the case in view of the fact that their immediate opponents after these two matches are Huddersfield and Sheffield United.

Because their goalkeeper, Linton cannot obtain Armv leave, and outside-left Bob Crookes, who is a school teacher, also cannot be released, the County have to make two changes from the team beaten 1-0 by Bolton in the second replay.

Three Former Forest Players Are In

BACK to goal after an absence of some weeks with an arm injury comes Gordon Bradley, formerly of Leicester City and the stand-in for Crookes is Jack Edwards, with whom the Town are well acquainted for he has played against them for both Nottingham Forest and Southampton.

He is the third former Forest player in the County team this afternoon the others being Southwell and Johnson.

The battle between Leon Leuty and Jesse Pye should be worth seeing and the Town will be all out to exploit the weakness in a

Rugby

CHOSE THE CORRECT TACTICS

Handsomeness Victory

By Vauxhall

Vauxhall Motors 18, Wellington G.S.O.B. 0

Adapting the correct tactics on a heavy, snow-covered pitch, Vauxhall played well and deserved their handsome victory.

Whenever possible, the forwards made ground with the ball at their feet until they were close enough to the Old Boys' line for the backs to force an opening.

It was from such a movement that Critchley touched down and the extra points were added. This was the only score before the interval.

Wellington pressed hard after this, but made little impression against a sound Vauxhall defence and, having shot their bolt, they tired badly.

In the second half, the Motors set up a continuous attack and only some desperate last minute tackling by the Old Boys, and over-eagerness by the home side, kept the score down.

Bland Selwood and Waller scored second half tries and Waller converted two of them.

There was only one weakness in Vauxhall's performance, and that was the forwards' failure in the lines-out.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY

League - Division II

LUTON TOWN

SOUTHAMPTON

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

Admission: Centre Stand 7/6; Wing Stands 5/-; Enclosure (standing only) 3/6; Boys 2/-; Bobby's Stand (covered) 2/-; Boys 1/3 (separate entrance); Terrace (not covered) 1/9; Boys 1/-.

Ken McPherson Will Need Watching

CAUSES of previous heavy defeats at Luton have been the County's liking for using outside tactics and the "squariness" of the defence, with the full-backs not pitting on Leuty.

In the first replay against Bolton



Generally considered to be one of the best centre-halves in the Second Division is LEON LEUTY, who will be playing for Notts County to-day.

Wanderers, this was not so marked and it looks as if there has been some tightening up in this direction.

Most dangerous of the County forwards is the red-haired Ken McPherson, a dashing hard-shooting type of centre forward who has scored 11 goals since he came into the team in place of McCormack, but Sid Owen usually handles this type of leader fairly comfortably.

Wing Halves Like To Break Through

ONE thing for which the Town will be on the lookout is the break-through by the County wing halves, Adamson and Johnson, both of whom like coming through with the ball, as is only to be expected from the latter, who played at outside left for a number of seasons.

NOTTS COUNTY.—Bradley; Southwell; Deans; Adamson, Leuty, Johnson; Broome, Evans, McPherson (K), Wylie, Edwards.

LUTON TOWN.—Baynam; Jones, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Cullen, Moore or Turner, Pye, McJarrow, Mitchell.

"Saints" Will Not Be Easy Victims

ALTHOUGH Southampton are next to bottom of the Second Division and are in dire danger of relegation, the Town will not look upon them as easy victims



Southampton, fighting hard to avoid relegation, are planning their hopes on FRANK DUDLEY, sharp-shooting centre-forward they obtained from Leeds United.

on Saturday, especially in view of their past record at Luton.

From their recent results, it is obvious that Southampton are fighting hard and, excluding yesterday's replay, had not suffered defeat in seven consecutive matches.

As five of these were played away and among their better performances was to draw at Everton and Blackpool, they are obviously a more formidable combination than their League record would suggest.

Davies Hopes To Have A Match Test

EARLIER in the season, the Town won by 3-1 at the Dell, and they should complete yet another "double."

Not until tomorrow will Saturday's line-up be known and, apart from their hopes of success at Nottingham this afternoon, the Town will be hoping, too, that the injury bogey will not strike them again.

Ray Davies has been kicking the ball in training this week, without ill-effects and, if the specialist gives the all-clear after an examination to-day, he will have a match test on Saturday.

Another Tussle With Leicester

NATURALLY, this will not be in the first team, but he might appear in the Reserves who pay their second visit of the season to Filbert-street to meet Leicester City, who have been running neck and neck with them in the Combination all this season.

This time, it is a Combination Cup game in which they meet and the Town's team will not be chosen until the needs of the seniors are known.

Two other players due for specialist's examination to-day are Wally Shanks and George Bradley.

No Tickets Left For Huddersfield's Visit

SHANKS is training hard, but has not been allowed to kick the ball yet, while Bradley has

made a remarkably quick recovery after a cartilage operation and is hoping to be able to play this week-end.

Interest in the visit of Huddersfield Town on Saturday week is mounting and the club announced yesterday that all the centre stand seats available for sale to supporters other than season-ticket holders, have been disposed of.

In addition, they are having to send back money by every post and, if results go right for the Town in the next two matches, there will be a near-capacity gate for Huddersfield's visit.

New Date For Senior Cup Semi-Final

NEW date for Vauxhall Motors' Bedfordshire Senior Cup semi-final with Arley Town, postponed from last week because of snow, is Saturday week.

In the meantime, the Motors get back to their struggle to gain most necessary points in the Spartan League when they entertain Harrow on Saturday.

Their opponents are on the half-way mark in the League table and, if the Motors can recapture the form they showed in holding Briggs Sports, their chances are bright. Team:

H. Nutbeam; J. Burgess, P. Gobby; L. Ward, J. Humphrey, E. Lawrence; C. Fienla, A. Morgan, R. Chappin, R. Brandham, E. James.

Amateur Have A Local "Derby"

A RE-ARRANGEMENT of fixtures brings Luton Amateur a local "derby" match in the Spartan League with Leighton United who will be the visitors to Stockingstone-road.

Originally, the Amateur were due to meet Bletchley Town in the League Cup, but this match has been deferred to a later date.

Satisfied with the team which won at Abingdon a fortnight ago, the Amateur are making no changes. Team:

A. Jones; B. Hurst, T. Kilby; P. Smith, B. Spavins, A. Rakowski; K. Crawley, A. Allen, G. Clare, J. Williams, L. Jackson.

Doubt About The Left-Back Position

AT home to their old rivals, AC-Deleco, in the South Midlands League on Saturday, Kent's Athletic have a doubt about the fitness of left-back Reg Noble, who has a badly swollen ankle, and Max Caves is standing by as deputy.

There will be some re-arrangement in attack, where Billy Sing takes over at inside-left and the leadership goes to Eric Bleaney.

Goalkeeper George Thomas, who did well at Baldock, remains in the team against his former club. Team:

G. Thomas; L. Morgan, R. Noble or M. Caves; R. Rutter, H. Naylor, W. Meyrick; K. Watts, P. Berry, E. Bleaney, W. Sing, T. McCurdie.

Old Lutonians Are Playing In Kent

A LONG journey into Kent faces Old Lutonians on Saturday, when they meet Parkhouse. In their first encounter two years ago the Old Boys triumphed, and the playing record of their opponents this season gives them no reason to fear defeat this time. Team:

Reed; Hine, Thurlow, Thorpe, Head; Edmonds, Clemens; Adkins, Knap, Shepherd, Heane, Young, Cato, Fensome, Kelly.

Cross-Country Venue Is Switched

BECAUSE of the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the Leighton Buzzard area, there has had to be a change of venue for the Bedfordshire A.A.A. boys' and youths' cross-country championship arranged for Saturday.

At short notice, Luton Grammar School agreed to stage the events, for which there is a record entry of 200.

Luton Grammar School are the holders of the boys' championship and will have two teams in the field.

The holders of the youths' title, Bedford Modern School, will also be seeking to land the honour again.

ONLY FOUR MATCHES PLAYED

Hold-up Complicates League's Position

Further complicating the situation so far as the number of unplayed games is concerned in Luton and South Beds League was the serious hold-up caused by the snow-covered pitches on Saturday.

Of a fairly full programme arranged, only four matches were played, and the Premier Division fixtures all had to be postponed.

Result was that little change occurred among the leaders in any division, though Tottenham pressed home the claims for the Division I title with an amazing 16-0 win over Skefko Athletic.

Hopes of Leagrave B.L. were dashed by their setback at Shillington, and they are now five points behind Tottenham, and there is Glendale also to be reckoned with.

Glendale, who were due to play Eaton Bray in a Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup Semi-final, found that the weather prevented them making a start.

DIVISION I
SHILLINGTON "A" 4 (Hare 2, Flint, Burns), LEAGRAVE B.L. 0.
SKEFKO ATH 0, TOTTERNOH 16 (Witts 7, Finch 3, Brody 3, Curson 2, Keen).

DIVISION II
CADDINGTON "B" 7 (Pearson 2, Tomblin 2, R. Gieger, Hughes, Chapman), LILLEY RGS 3 (B Carr 2, opponent).

DIVISION IV
TOTTERNOH RES 3 (Hubbards 3), R.A.F.A. RES 0.



HUGH McJARROW, who will be playing at Meadow-lane this afternoon. It will be his first senior team game since August.

South Midlands League

FAILURE BY KENT'S AGAIN

Nearly Out Of Running Now

Only two of the leading teams in the South Midlands League, Premier Division, were able to play on Saturday.

They were Bedford Town "A" who beat Leitchworth Town and Kent's Athletic, who caused something of a shock by losing to Baldock Town.

Kent's have dropped some unexpected points lately and cannot afford any more mistakes. In fact, they now appear to be out of the running, and although they may over-take Bedford "A" before the season's end, they will do well to catch Arley or Shefford.

Another shock was the victory of Stony Stratford Sports over the powerful Peartree Old Boys, while Amphil Town recorded yet another victory to take them into fifth place.

Cranfield, who have become erratic just lately, were well beaten by Arley Town in Division I, while Electrolux drew with Langford to gain a valuable point.

Although they are three points behind Biggleswade, the leaders, and have played a game more, Electrolux cannot be counted out of the promotion race.

In Division II neither Skefko nor Bletchley B.B.O.B. show any signs of slipping and they remain clear leaders of the field with Skefko four points ahead of the Old Boys.

Both had comfortable wins but Leighton United, who are third, did not have a game and Elstow Abbey, fourth, shared the points with Britannia Works.

In all, eight matches were postponed because of snow.

PREMIER DIVISION

Amphil Tn 6, Kempton Rovers 2
Baldock Tn 2, Kent's Ath 1
Leitchworth Tn 0, Bedford Tn "A" 4
S. Stratford Sps 6, Peartree O.B. 4

DIVISION I

Arley Tn 5, Cranfield Utd 3
Queen's Works 1, Marston Shelton 6
Langford 0, Electrolux 0
St. Neots St. M. 2, Vauxhall Mts 3

DIVISION II

Bletchley B.B.O.B. 10, Bedford N.E. 1
Elstow Abbey 3, Britannia Works 3
Marston Shelton 5, Queen's Works 1
Peartree O.B. 2, Skefko Ath 8

CONGRATULATIONS RAIN ON TOWN B.C.

Although they won the London and Southern Counties' Shield, and four of the five Bedfordshire titles, Luton Town B.C. have not had a completely happy year.

They have recently lost one of their best-loved members, Ald. W. J. Edwards who died in January, and a few months earlier their club pavilion was wrecked by fire.

There was considerable reference to the Town Club at the annual dinner of Bedfordshire C.B.A. at Skefko on Saturday, and Mr. J. Wilson, president of Surrey C.B.A., congratulated them on their fine achievements.

Mr. F. C. Ruff, President of Bedfordshire C.B.A., said that Luton Town might be called the home of the county organisation.

"They are always ready to help us and I congratulate them on their enormous success," he said.

Then Mr. Ruff offered his sympathy to the club on the loss of their pavilion by fire. He also paid tribute to the late Alderman W. J. Edwards and the company stood in silence in his memory.

A WONDERFUL MAN

"Billy Edwards was a wonderful man," said Mr. Ruff. "With his physical disability his life was one long triumph over adversity. We grew to love him and we miss him greatly. Luton and the Association have lost a staunch friend and a gallant supporter."

Senior vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association, Mr. A. E. Chew, said that Bedfordshire has provided the E.B.A. with two presidents in 50 years, and they were proud of that record.

He was proposing a toast to the English Association and said that he thought it strange that bowls one of England's oldest games, did not have a ruling body until 1903.

"But the game has grown in popularity enormously since the turn of the century, and that is due to the fine way in which the

Angling

BITES FOR ONLY SIX MEMBERS

29 Leighton Buzzard club members attended a special invitation match with Biggleswade Angling Club at Beeston Mill, near Biggleswade, on Sunday.

Snow and frost prevailed all day and fish were not on the feed. Only six members caught any fish and the total weighed in was 8lbs. 7ozs 11dms. against Biggleswade's 4lbs. 10z. 6dms.

Individual weights were: J. Biggs 3lbs. 2ozs. 9dms. F. Goring 2lbs. 2ozs. 2dms. H. Cadwell 1lb. 12ozs. The biggest fish was a roach of 14ozs. 6dms, caught by a Mr. C. Moss.

Among the fish caught were some grayling, a species of fish not found in Leighton's water.

NO FLYING START BY TOWN THIS TIME

Forwards' First Blank Sheet For Four Months

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN ... 0 BOLTON WANDERERS 1

What the Town badly needed in this fifth round F.A. Cup-tie at Kenilworth-road was the sort of flying start they gained when they met Blackburn Rovers and Manchester City on the same ground.

A single goal in the early stages would have helped on their cause considerably, but despite the fact that they opened in much the more brighter style, the success that might well have turned the tide in their favour just did not come.

The odd chance came their way such as the one when Moore was sent through beautifully by Pye, but his shot had more strength than accuracy of direction and Hanson, who narrowed the angle, managed to beat the ball away.

Perhaps, when one looks back, that was one of the turning points of a game that lacked the normal amount of thrills usually expected from a Cup-tie.

Conditions after the heavy snowfall undoubtedly had much to do with this, but there was a lot of negative football on both sides that led only to stalemate against two strong defences.

To a large extent, the Town were far too preoccupied in getting the ball to Pye which, combined with the hope that he would be able to take Barras away from the middle, was an essential part of the Town's plan of campaign.

Certainly Pye took Barras away from his sentry-box in the middle of the field, but there were occasions when it was perfectly obvious that the centre-forward had not done so with the intention of receiving the ball.

By moving out of the middle, he had left a space for his inside forward partners, but almost invariably the ball followed him even though he was covered.

One of the old football adages is that it is not the man with the ball who is the danger, and this was something that the Town's inside forwards and others forgot in this game.

In the end the Bolton defence, and Barras in particular, won the tactical battle and that accounts in large measure for the Town's first failure to score for four months.

With Pye largely held, the inside men should have been able to prosper, but Turner's midfield play was poor and it seems that, in most matches, unless he is getting goals, he cannot be counted as a success.

Moore, too, was a good deal below what we know to be his best form and there were few examples of the quick breaks-through which his speed and strength enable him to make.

Neither did he, in the second half especially, make ground down the wing, ready for the pass from Cullen, which, if it had brought no concrete effect, would, at least, have had the virtue of taking Bell away from the middle of the field.

Tactically, the play of the Town forwards in this match was wrong, and they paid the penalty of breaking down continually when they reached the region of the penalty area.

Certainly, let us give credit to the staunch defensive work of the Wanderers, but do not let us forget that the wing-halves were

officers of the Association have carried out their duties," declared Mr. Chew.

Responding to this toast, Mr. F. Burton, senior vice-president of the E.B.A., said that, apart from archery, bowls was England's oldest game. "The story of our game is the story of our island," he said.

Toast to "Guests and Kindred Associations" was proposed by Mr. J. W. Bird, a former President, and the Mayor of Luton, Cllr. T. Skelton, Dr. Charles Hill, M.P., and Mrs. E. M. Bonnett, honorary secretary of Beds. W.C.B.A. responded.

Mrs. Bonnett said that the Women's Association was waiting for any women who wanted to join. "We had the impulse to start and we have the determination to succeed," she said.

Mr. George Goodman, junior vice-president of Bedfordshire, thanked the management of Skefko for their kindness in allowing the canteen to be used, and for the help they have given.

Mr. J. L. Dickinson, secretary of the company, replied.

In the absence through illness of Mrs. W. J. Edwards, prizes were presented by Mrs. F. C. Ruff.

Singles championship: Winner, S Jackson (Luton Town); runner-up, S Morgan (Luton Town).

Pairs championship: H J C Dean and W J Neal (Bedford Borough); runners-up, R Dukes and E C Holdstock (Luton Town).

Triples championship: O H Manser, E C Holdstock, S Jackson (Luton Town); runners-up, C W Barden, L King, H Cawdell (Luton Town).

Rink championship: F S Puddenhart, A McCurt, W Richardson, C Halsey (Luton Town); runners-up, F Oliver, H Burdon, C Jones, C Tomlin (Skefko).

Runners-up, Skefko.

Benevolent Fund Triples: B Walker, A Carter, W J Easleton (St. Andrew's); runners-up, R Howlett, W Mead, J Emery (George Kent).

Luton Greyhounds

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

6.30 (410yds)—565 Biddy, 513 Embury, 56 First Lady, 5 Gokins Harvest, 316 W. Mollian, 235 The Bride, reserve 252 Clancy.

6.50 (470yds)—551 Chevalier, 252 Cumbrin, 322 Hair Clip, 324 Hair-Pint, 15 Klaxton, 333 Larry Blackie, reserve 622 Sauri Chris.

7.10 (410yds)—342 Carr, 114 Charlie H, 333 Gracie, 431 Lone Eagle, Paim Brash Jan, 22, to 1, 24.88; Feb. 4, to 3, 24.99; 635 Young Tony.