

Awaiting News Of Injured

OWEN, McJARROW, JONES ARE THOSE DOUBTFUL

After the holiday comes the reckoning of the toll injuries have taken during the hectic Easter period and yesterday's reports showed that the Town are rather more badly hit than their visitors of next Saturday, Nottingham Forest.

Yesterday Manager Dally Duncan could not attempt to name his team because of doubts about the fitness of Sid Owen, Hugh McJarrow and Leslie Jones and will await final reports to-morrow before doing so.

Owen missed Monday's match because of a septic foot, but is making good progress and has a fair chance of returning to the team.

McJarrow strained a thigh muscle on Monday which puts him in the doubtful category, and the prospect of Jones, who did not play in any of the holiday games because of a slightly torn muscle, having recovered are thought to be moderately good.

If both Owen and McJarrow should prove to be unfit, the Town would be faced with something of a problem for, although they could get out of the inside-left difficulty by moving Charlie Watkins there, they would still have the left-half position to fill.

Match That The Town Must Win

OBVIOUS choice would be Wally Shanks, who showed in the Reserves during the week-end that he is on the way back to form, but there is still a query about whether he has recovered sufficiently to return to the hurly-burly of Second Division football.

He could be a possible for Saturday though and the Town are hoping that the injury doubts will clear up, for the meeting with the Forest is likely to be one of the most difficult of the season.

The Town must win to retain any chance at all of overhauling Huddersfield Town, whose 8-2 win over Everton went a long way towards removing any thoughts that they are on the side.

Two Points Needed To Set Up New Record

VICTORY on Saturday will take the number of points the Town have gained this season to 50 and will set up a new club record in the Second Division. Previous best was in the 1938-39 season when they finished with 49.

An ankle injury received against Leeds kept former Town player, Horace Gager, out of the Forest team that drew with Sheffield United on Monday, but he is regarded as certain to return at Kenilworth-road.

In fact, the only doubt the Forest have, and it is a serious one, is about Wally Ardron, who was off the field for the last 20 minutes on Monday after receiving a hard knock in the kidney region.

Ardron Is A Very Doubtful Starter

YESTERDAY, the Forest were not very hopeful about the possibility of him being able to

INJURIES

HIT VAUXHALL

Although the week-end matches brought Vauxhall three valuable League points—its best Wood Green Town drew with Tuffnell Park—it could not be termed completely successful.

Reason for that is that in the match with Wood Green Alf Morgan tore a knee ligament and will not play again this season, while at Tuffnell Park, Roy Brandham damaged a cartilage and will also be out until next season.

Against Wood Green Vauxhall put up a fine performance. They lost Morgan, through injury, in the sixth minute and Brandham was hurt early on and spent most of the game on the left wing, they built up a three goals interval lead through TODD, WARD and BRANDHAM, and although Wood Green scored three times in the second half, TODD scored two more for the Motors to give them 5-3 victory.

Each side scored twice at Tuffnell Park on Monday. Vauxhall took the lead through CHAPPIN but the home side rallied and scored twice and there were only two minutes left when JAMES equalised.

Even so two chances came Vauxhall's way in the last minute and with a little luck they would have collected both points.

THE TITLE IS ALMOST IN SHILLINGTON'S GRASP NOW

Neck-and-Neck Struggle Goes On For Division I Honours

By their sweeping victory over their chief rivals, Stopsley, Shillington made virtually certain of winning the championship of the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League.

Now they require only two more points from their four remaining matches to establish themselves in an unassailable position and, having dropped only three points all season, they have shown remarkably consistent form.

In the vital match on Saturday, Shillington's forwards were too fast and direct for the Stopsley defence and scored eight times. Stopsley recovered their form on Monday at the expense of bottom dogs, Electrolux, whose fate is now sealed.

The neck-and-neck battle for the Division I title goes on with Tottenham still six points in front of Glendale who have three games in hand.

Glendale had all their work cut out to overcome Laporte and Tottenham found it no easy matter to take full points from Hitchin-road. O.B.

Three points from their remaining three matches will assure Chaul End Athletic of the championship of Division II. Caddington gave them a hard fight and two late goals landed Chaul End the points.

Their rivals, Bells Park and Bechwood Y.C. had much easier tasks in their matches, but their prospects now seem to be remote. Although Stopsley Reserves dropped a point at Barton, only the third they have lost this season, they are strongly placed in Division II unless they have a sudden slump.

Level on points with Hockliffe, they have two matches in hand which gives them a considerable advantage at this stage of the season.

In Division IV, Bidwell's win over Laporte Reserves means that they take runners-up medals.

PREMIER DIVISION

SATURDAY

EATON BRAY 6 (Gillrow 4, Ruffell, opponent), BARTON ROVERS 4 (W. Howler 2, Burr 2)

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

SATURDAY, 11th APRIL

League - Division II

LUTON TOWN

v.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Kick-off 3 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 7/6; Wing Stand 5/-; Enclosure (standing only) 3/6; Boys 2/-; Blackout (covered) 2/-; Boys 1/3 (uncovered) 1/9; Boys 1/4.

and is keeping out of the team Martin, the player for whom the Forest paid a five-figure fee to Doncaster Rovers earlier this season.

The Town's promotion chance now hinges more than ever on awaiting mistakes by Huddersfield whose lead of three points is virtually four because of their superior goal average, but they have played a match more than the Town.

Conceivably, the Yorkshire side could be beaten at West Ham who will not be able to include David Sexton because they signed him after the dead-line date.

Reserves Collected Injuries, Too

THE Reserves are due at Northampton in the Combination Cup and choice of their team has been delayed, too, partly because of injuries to first team players.

The Reserves' casualties during the week-end were Arthur Taylor, who has a heel injury and is doubtful for this week, and Derek Allen, who damaged an ankle on Saturday, but who is likely to be available.

Revival of the Reserves has come too late to move them a real chance of accomplishing anything in the Cup competition this season and, as Northampton have already drawn at Luton this season, the Town seem to be facing a formidable task.

Two Youngsters Report To-day

REPORTING to-day are two youngsters from the North-East who have been signed on professional forms by the Town.

They are Raymond Bell, a tall centre-half, and James Fowell, the left-back who impressed a great deal on his two outings with the "A" team this season. Both come from Langley Park Juniors and are 18 years of age.

They have been signed as part-time professionals and will continue their trades in Luton.

Another youngster signed by the Town on amateur forms is 16-years-old Alan Loasby, an inside-forward from the Wellingborough area. He is joining the ground staff at Kenilworth-road, and is a nephew of Harry Loasby, who played at centre-forward for the Town in the early 1930's.

Vauxhall Have To Replace Two Forwards

BAD blow to Vauxhall Motors in view of the crowded programme they face during the next three weeks are the injuries to Brandham and Morgan.

The clever play of Brandham at inside-left has had much to do with the improvement made by the team during the last few weeks, and as Morgan has been doing well, too, there is bound to be some effect on the team as a whole.

On Saturday the Motors visit Metropolitan Police at Imber Court, and bring Dolan and James into the forward line. The defence remains the same.

Team: D. Johnston; J. Burgess, P. Gobby; L. Ward, J. Humphrey, E. Lawrence; R. Chappin, T. Dolan, G. Todd, J. O'Neill, E. James.

Kent's Expecting A Hard Battle

EXPECTING a hard battle when Peartree Old Boys visit them in the South Midlands League on Saturday, Kent's Athletic are hoping to be at full strength, though they have not yet been able to settle their forward line.

R. Peel, who led the line splendidly last week, will remain at centre-forward, but final choice of the attack will be made from six players.

Team (from): C. Middleton, L. Morgan, R. Noble, D. Slough, H. Naylor, R. Roster, A. Watts, W. Sing, R. Peel, W. Merrick, R. Redding, T. McCurdie.

Greyhounds

THRILLS AT LUTON STADIUM

Bill Badger Won Sweepstake Final

The Easter Sweepstake Final at Luton Stadium on Monday night produced one of the most thrilling races seen for many a long day.

Winner was 7-2 chance Bill Badger who beat Just Janet by 1 1/2 lengths.

The Consolation Final was also a close thing. Canny and Rosie's Boy drew-beating for first place.

1. (410yds) - 1 WATCH STRAP (5), 2 Foxlaw (1), 3 City Lights (3), 4 Turn Right (6), 5 Janey (4), 7, 4, 4, 4, 25.33. Non-runner Billy's Boy (2). Off 6.38.

2. (410yds) - 1 WATCH STRAP, City Lights, 4-1 Foxlaw, 5-1 Turn Right, 6-1 Janey. Forecast: £16/3.

3. (470yds) - 1 DESTINY (1), 2 Father's Glory (4), 3 Waincoat (6), 4 Bally Low (3), 5 Lindy (2), 6 Smarmy Girl (5), 1, 1, 1, 1, 28.60. Off 7.57.

4. (470yds) - 1 DESTINY, Waincoat, Bally Low, 4-1 Lindy, 8-1 Father's Glory, 10-1 Smarmy Girl. Forecast: £16/10.

5. (470yds) - 1 CLIPPER (3), 2 Lucky Dome (2), 3 Cynic (5), 4 Black Sain (1), 2, 3, 5, 24.78. Non-runners Friday (4), Kent Day, Off 7.17.

6. (470yds) - 1 CLIPPER, 8-1 Black Sain, Forecast: £19/6.

7. (470yds) - 1 ALL WHITE (2), 2 Black Jack (3), 3 Aggie (1), 4 Gerald (3), Short bid, 4, 3, 28.59. Non-runners Wainy (4), P. Lick (6). Off 7.37.

8. (470yds) - 4-6 Black Jack, 5-2 Gerald, 4-1 ALL WHITE, 7-1 Aggie. Forecast: £16/10.

9. (470yds) - 1 BILL BADGER (1), 2 Janey (5), 3 Old Lamp (3), 4 Manor Park (6), 5 Jasper (2), 6 River Side (4), 11, neck, 1, 1, 1, 28.60. Off 7.57.

10. (470yds) - 3-1 Manor Park, 7-2 BILL BADGER, Old Lamp, 4-1 Janey, 6-1 Jasper, 8-1 River Side. Forecast: £22/9.

11. (470yds) - 1 CANNY (4), ROSIE'S BOY (5) (dead-heat), 3-1 Merv (3), 4-1 Prem On Wainy (4), 5-1 Philip's Pet (1), 1, 1, 1, 28.41. Non-runner Mary's Son (2). Off 8.19.

12. (470yds) - 2-1 CANNY, 11-4 ROSIE'S BOY, 3-1 Merv, 6-1 Prem On, 7-1 Philip's Pet. Forecast: 10/6, 14/9.

13. (470yds) - 1 GRAND STYLE (5), 2 Tracer (1), 3 Singer (6), 4 King's Par (4), 5 Gambler (2), Short bid, 3, 3, 24.50. Non-runner Jerry (3). Off 8.43.

14. (470yds) - 4-5 GRAND STYLE, 3-1 King's Par, 5-1 Tracer, 7-1 Gambler, 8-1 Singer. Forecast: 15/10.

15. (470yds) - 1 DETERMINATION (3), 2 Muriel (2), 3 Lizard (5), 4 Embury (4), 5 Rockafella (1), 6 Bally Low (3), 1, 4, 4, 1, 28.26. Off 9.02.

16. (470yds) - 3-1 DETERMINATION, 7-2 Muriel, 4-1 Embury, Lizard, 5-1 Rockafella, 100-8 Baby Girl. Forecast: £21/8.

17. (470yds) - 214 Grats, 43 It's Easy, 413 Just Janet, 114 Manor Park, 516 River Side, 321 Rosie's Boy, reserve Cecil.

18. (470yds) - 52 Black Jack, 245 Churchill, 523 Quick Answer, 413 Singer, 212 Tom Boy, 114 Whiskers, 8.10 (410yds) - 2 Arm in Arm, 223 Aggie, 51 Rockafella, 256 Flying Officer, 144 Cynic, 435 Lord Luck, reserve 313 Sporting Express.

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