

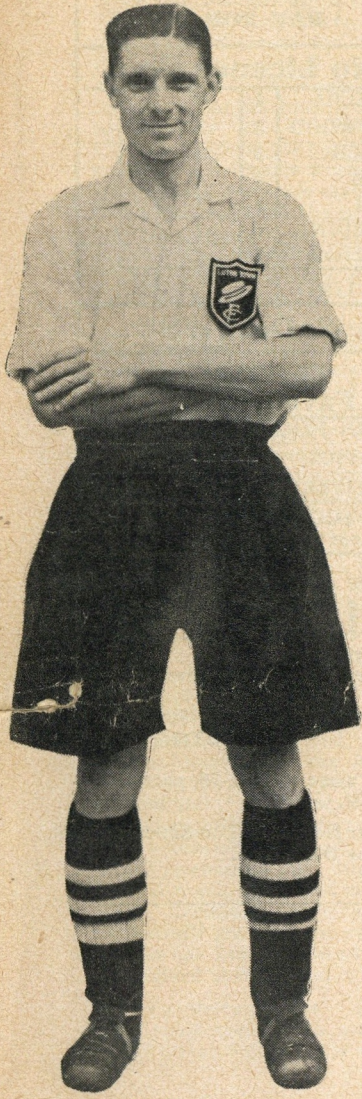
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Marking time and waiting is surely the wrong thing to do

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And you waste every hour in longing for a greater chance

It is all wrong to let dreams obscure the real things of the day

You spoil your work because your thoughts are too far away

Dreams are only ornaments to decorate our leisure

Realities should come first, so that we tackle the job with pleasure

Knotty problems can be solved with simplicity of thought

So often clever moves and complications come to nought

Go straight through the tangle, don't sit and debate

But view the urgent points with a vision hard and straight

Brooding and perplexing makes the position look so black

And after all the lengthy conversations lead you round about and back

How often when we are given a task to do and lots of time to do it

We tend to leave it on one side and then we never get to it

"No Hurry"—so we needn't rush, we've ample time to spend

And so we dilly-dally and are thus too late in the end

For he is great who can do just what he wishes

And he is wise who wishes to do what he can

CLUB NOTES

FOOTBALL is an enigma. There is simply no accounting for form. Take a week last Saturday, for instance, when we were at home to Hull City. In the first half there was only one team in it, and if we had changed ends with a five goal lead the "Tigers" could not have grumbled, so frequently did our lads create for themselves good scoring opportunities. Three of them were very nicely accepted but to offset these were two goals against us which should have been prevented, and were undoubtedly "gifts." Then after half time, for some unknown reason, the position was reversed and only some stout defensive work allied to poor finishing by the Hull forwards saved us from having a point taken from us, if not the two. No one coming in at half time would have been convinced that we were all over the opposition during the first half. A change of ends certainly brought a change in this match.

The two valuable points picked up against Hull brought us well within striking distance of the second from top Club, and we are hoping that our position has been further improved when the teams take the field this afternoon. On paper we have the easiest programme this Easter of the top three Clubs when we all play three matches in the four days, but no match these days is a foregone conclusion and if our lads have brought back with them three points from their visit to Lancashire, then they have done exceedingly well.

The injuries question has again arisen, for we find that our two First Team full backs are out of action for these holiday games at least. Bud Aherne's injury is still preventing him from playing, and then, if that was not enough after our recent heavy spell of injuries, Les Jones pulled a muscle very badly while training last Tuesday morning. Fortunately we have Jim Pemberton filling the left back position very well, and Eire International Seamus Dunne to fill the other. He had a splendid match at Dublin, a week last Wednesday, against Austria and if he can repeat that performance then we have nothing to worry about here. It is an ill wind which blows nobody any good, and we fully expect Seamus to take this opportunity of showing his real worth to try and make the position his own again. Charlie Watkins, we are pleased to say, has successfully got over his attack of 'flu, and Wally Shanks has been reported fully fit from the injury he received at Manchester last January.

We welcome the "Shakers" to Kenilworth Road once again, who unfortunately, are finding things rather difficult this season. They had a very

good win at home to Barnsley last Saturday, when they won by five goals to two, only Fletcher their right winger being the unsuccessful forward in the shooting line. Imlach, their outside left, however made up for this by notching two. In view of that splendid win Bury have selected the same team to play here this afternoon, but that was before their other two games this Easter were played. It is interesting to note that Bury are playing exactly the same defence which did service for them on their last visit here in December 1951, and of the forwards, Daniel and Plant are the same. Another interesting point is that Jack Hart, their centre half, played for Bury when they first visited us on the resumption of football proper in 1946. Only on two occasions since then has he not been in the side opposing us at Kenilworth Road and this, we understand, was because of injury.

Just as February was a disastrous month for us, March was quite good in that we reduced the lead of five points Huddersfield had over us at the beginning of the month to only two when it closed. With a game still in hand on them we still have a very good chance of overcoming them, although they have a hidden reserve of one point in that they enjoy a better goal average. Huddersfield were fully expecting to beat Notts. County at Meadow Lane last Saturday, but had to return disappointed of any reward through a very nice goal scored by young inside right Ron Wylie, a player of whom great things are expected in Nottingham.

Our goal scorers up to and including Saturday, March 28th, are as follows:

First Team—League II. Total 74.

Pye 23, Moore 13, Turner 12, Mitchell 10, Watkins 3, Cullen 3, Davies 2, McJarrow 2, Scott, Pemberton and Jones 1 each, Opponents 3

F.A. Cup. Total 12

Pye 4, Turner 3, Taylor 2, Moore 1, Mitchell 1, Opponent 1.

Second Team—Football Combination League.

Total 94.

Turner 18, McJarrow 13, Taylor 11, Pemberton 11, Bradley 9, Scott 8, Cullen 6, Moore 4, Sexton 3, Davies, Shanks, Bennett, Watkins, Kelly, Brown, Mitchell and Thompson 1 each, Opponents 3.

Football Combination Cup. Total 10.

Moore 3, Scott 3, Taylor 3, Sexton 1.

We trust you have all had a very nice Easter and that our lads have had some cause in helping to make it a happy one.

THE COVERMAN

Albert James Mitchell

Bert Mitchell was born at Burslam, Stoke-on-Trent, 22nd January, 1922. Played for North Staffs. and Stoke-on-Trent when at school, being chosen in the English Schools' Trial Matches on several occasions. Joined Burslam Albion on leaving school, and while playing for them was spotted by Stoke City, joining them as an Amateur. Was called up in 1940, joining the R.A.F. and being called overseas. While in Ceylon played for the United Services as well as for the R.A.F. Command. On being demobbed signed professional forms for Stoke City, being

transferred to Blackburn in 1947. Transferred to Northampton Town in 1949, from which Club he joined us on 20th July, 1951. Has been chosen to play for an F.A. XI against Cambridge University and for England "B" against Holland. Is a remarkable kicker of a dead ball, having successfully scored 3 goals last season and 4 goals so far this from the "spot." Has not missed a single penalty since he joined us. Received an ankle injury in a friendly match at Penzance last August, which kept him out of the side for some few weeks. As a result has not been so consistently good as he was last season when he scored 19 goals altogether, but is still a very forceful winger with a deadly shot.

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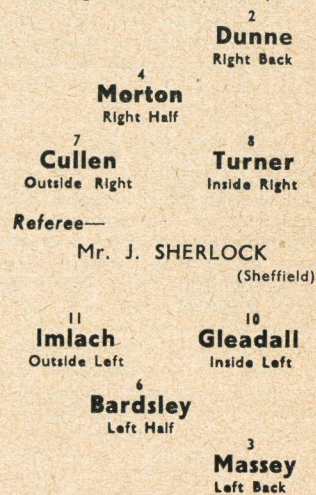
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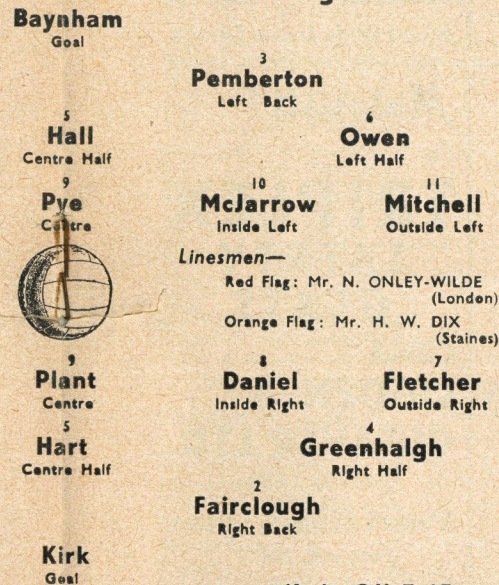
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