

PROBLEMS FACING TOWN MANAGER

SELECTION OF BOTH TEAMS DELAYED

Leslie Jones Has Passed A Test Of Fitness

By Chiltern

With many team problems, Manager Dally Duncan has delayed the selection of both the Reserve team to visit Watford in their first match of the season to-night, and the League side to meet Nottingham Forest at Kenilworth-road to-morrow.

The Reserve team will be named this morning, but the constitution of the first team may not be known until to-morrow morning.

Position causing a bit of a puzzle to-morrow's match is left-back because Bud Jones is out of action with the rash on his forehead that sustained four double stitches Sunday.

As at the ground yesterday and is recovering, but it is taking too much of a strain to play against the view of the danger of opening the wound.

Leslie Jones, who will be considered as his deputy, came through a fitness test of his groin satisfactorily yesterday, and it is a case now of waiting to see if there is any reaction after it.

Sid Owen Is Not Fit Yet

PROBLEM here is whether to put Jones into the team with a match test with the reserves, and Jim Pemberton come into the reckoning.

It is hoped that Sid Owen might be able to return have not been injured. His back is still giving trouble, and yesterday the manager told me that he would not be considered for the match with the Forest.

However, it is when the attack is considered that the manager's really becomes furrowed, and it is fairly certain that there will be further alterations, and what form these will take, the manager has not decided yet.

Do Not Expect This Sort Of Puzzle

ART MITCHELL is reporting back to the club to-day, and the date of his re-appearance in the team will depend on how long it takes to reach complete fitness. The manager hopes that he will

be able to include him in one of the teams on Saturday, though in which will depend on circumstances.

Altogether, it is a pretty puzzle that faces the manager, and one that he certainly did not expect to have to cope with at this early stage of the season.

Results Point To A Close Struggle

LIKE the Town, the Forest have had two home matches from which they have taken three points and, judging by the results of both teams' meetings with Everton, another close struggle seems to be in prospect.

Although the Forest are without their star centre-forward, Wally Ardron, this does not seem to be affecting their goals output unduly and their 3-0 win over Plymouth on Saturday was a smart performance.

One or two players received minor knocks in this game, but it is not expected that anybody will be prevented from playing.

Forest Expect To Be Unchanged

THEIR manager, Billy Walker, said yesterday that he will not announce the team until later to-day, but he was fairly confident that no changes would be necessary and that the following unchanged side will be on duty: Walker; Whare, Hutchinson; French, Gager, Burkhitt; Moore, Martin, Leverton, Capel, Collinsbridge.

This is much the same combination as did duty last season and Forest are not one of the clubs that went in for big money signings during the summer.

Have Not Made The Most Of Their Chance

THE Town are not making the best of their good fortune in beginning the season with three home games from which there seemed to be every chance that they would gain maximum points.

Instead, they have had to be content with half the spoils so far which has brought a considerable amount of disappointment to the fans even after making due allowance for the absence of key-men like Sid Owen, Jesse Pye and Bert Mitchell.

On Wednesday, weakness in defence led to the loss of a point, but the chief reason for Everton gaining one was that the Town forwards were singularly lacking in goalmouth punch.

Inside Men Kept The Ball Too Close

BIG fault was that the ball was kept too close and there was too much tip-tapping by the inside trio who also tended to bunch together so that there was scarcely elbow room in the centre circle at times.

With ball players like Downie, McJarrow and Cummins in the line, some change of style was inevitable but, against a strong, good covering defence such as Everton had, more use of the quick, long pass and more attempts to open up the game would have been valuable.

There was some neat, clever play from the attack during the first half, but they did not look dangerous in front of goal.

Were Not A Smooth Moving Unit

DOWNIE did much that was useful before the interval and made better use of the open spaces than his colleagues, but rather fell away afterwards, while Cummins, although he caught the eye with clever touches at times, was too dainty and not consistent.

A little more directness in the middle was needed, too, but McJarrow obtained the only goal when he snapped up a half-chance and was a bit unlucky on other occasions.

The line as a whole did not impress as a smooth-moving unit, and it took Taylor some time to settle down. After the interval, he showed more confidence and was unlucky with one rasping drive that Leyland saved brilliantly.

Davies was a willing and not unsuccessful worker, though he was inclined to be patchy in his finishing.

Defensive Measures Were Successful

WHETHER the front line will gain added punch when Pye and Mitchell return remains to be seen, but it may well be another fortnight before the centre-forward is able to play.

Measures taken to strengthen the defence could be said to be successful and, as on previous occasions, Morton made an excellent job at centre-half.

His instructions were to mark Hickson closely and he did so to such effect that the centre-forward had few opportunities and those that did come his way were spoilt for him by the strength of Morton's tackling.

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN		1
McJarrow		
EVERTON		1
Buckle		
LUTON TOWN: Streten;		
Dunne, Aberne; Watkins;		
Morton, Shanks; Davies;		
Downie, McJarrow, Cum-		
mins, Taylor.		
EVERTON: Leyland;		
Clinton, Donovan; Farrell;		
Jones, Lello; Buckle, Field-		
ing, Hickson, Parker, Egling-		
ton.		
Referee: A. W. Luty,		
Leeds. Attendance: 20,217.		

Recall Of Watkins A Happy Move

RECALL of Watkins was a happy move, too, and he was a good deal more impressive than Shanks, who has not struck his best form yet, and is not using the ball as well as he can, and the forwards did not have the best of support.

Watkins was going strongly all through the game, and it was due to him that Parker was so little in the picture, and Fielding, the player the Town fancied, was the best of the Everton inside trio.

There was a solid display from Aberne, and Buckle was only really dangerous when he switched into the middle, as he did when he obtained the equaliser from Eglington's centre midway through the second half.

When Streten Raced To The Corner Flag

THIS was one of the occasions when the left-winger slipped past Dunne, who had quite a full afternoon in coping with his Eire colleague. However, he stuck to his task and put up quite a useful performance.

Apart from one lapse when he punched a ball he could have caught, and then chased it to near the corner flag before kicking it direct to an opponent, there was no fault to find with Streten, who made two or three brilliant saves, and has a real chance now to re-establish himself in the team.

There was little sparkle about the second-half play and afterwards the players were complaining that the gusty, fitful wind played quite a lot of tricks with the light ball during this period.

Folwell Has A Fractured Toe

CASUALTY in the "A" team during the match at Southwick on Saturday was Jim Folwell, the young full-back, who injured a toe after half an hour.

He returned after being off the field, but the toe gave him such pain afterwards that he was sent for X-ray examination on Sunday morning, and this revealed a fracture which will keep him out for some weeks.

The Town had the chances to get away with a win, but, as it was, had to be content with a 2-2 draw.

Sixteen-years-old Scot, Alwyn McGuffie, made a very promising debut at inside-left and scored a

goal from an oblique angle. The other came when a shot by Neville Brown was deflected into the net.

Randall And Matthews Shared The Wickets

FINE bowling by Doug. Randall and Terry Matthews, followed by a determined innings by the captain, John Oliver, when runs were badly needed, carried the Town C.C. to victory in their match at Cheshunt.

Randall, who has been a big success since he was promoted to the first team, had six for 21 in 8.2 overs, and was helped by wicketkeeper Frank Winstanley in three of the dismissals. Matthews's four for 24 in 16 overs was a remarkably consistent piece of bowling.

Cheshunt were out for 71, but the Town did not find runs easy to come by and half the side was out for only 51. Then Oliver and Randall carried the total to 91. Oliver reached 52 out of the final total of 116.

Second Team Were Strongly Placed

ALTHOUGH they could not force a win, the second team finished in a very strong position in their home match with Cheshunt II, being 24 runs behind with six wickets still to fall.

For this they were mainly indebted to John Webley, playing his best innings of the season for an unbeaten 67.

Trevor Brown also batted brightly for 36, made out of 56, and Motto aided Webley in an unbroken fifth-wicket partnership of 53.

Play in Sunday's match with Sid Spary's XI at Wardown was curtailed to a short spell before tea before heavy rain washed out any prospect of further play. The visitors made 66 for one, with Spary not out with 42.

CRICKET IN BRIEF

CHESHUNT 71 (H. F. Ruoff 21, D. Randall 6 for 21, T. D. Matthews 4 for 24); LUTON TOWN 116 (J. A. R. Oliver 52, G. W. Hammond 19, J. Freeman 4 for 11, A. W. Lawrence 3 for 36).

CHESHUNT II 164 (C. Read 45, B. Newman 26, A. J. Worboys 5 for 62, P. J. Elliman 3 for 25); LUTON TOWN II 140 for 4 (A. J. Webley not out 67, T. Brown 36, G. Swannell 2 for 54).

HARPUR SPORTS 202 for 6 (J. Newman 73, R. Webster 68, P. Buckingham 2 for 44, E. Parkin 2 for 51); VAUXHALL MOTORS 98 (A. Nelson 59, P. Buckingham 21, M. Allen 6 for 27).

LEAGRAVE 85 (A. Dunbar 32, T. Bowen 6 for 39); KING'S WALDEN 177 for 6 (J. Bottoms 51, R. Field 41, W. Harley 31, S. Smith 3 for 51).

LUTON TOWN STROLLERS 40 (J. Sutherland not out 11, A. Davis 8 for 13); EATON BRAY 30 (E. Feasey 6 for 6, J. Sutherland 4 for 19).

OLD LUTONIANS 98 (G. Prentice 34, F. Davis 20, F. Fokett 5 for 36); STUDDHAM 119 for 7 (W. Fokett 39, C. Bailey 28, R. Cadger 3 for 46, R. Clark 2 for 17, A. Hill 2 for 19).

L.B.C., STEWARTBY 158 for 5 (K. Ashpole not out 55, E. Cain 2 for 45); ROOTES 56 for 7 (H. Banes 28, J. Tayles 4 for 22).

LUTON SPECIALS 122 (H. Leggett 33, W. Davis 18, R. Brammer 4 for 40); LUTON HOO 71 (L. Pitcheson 21, T. Clarke 3 for 20, H. Leggett 2 for 6, C. Burgess 2 for 11).

PERCIVAL 126 for 3 dec. (R. Bell not out 31, K. Abrahams 29, K. Cook 29, J. Reid not out 22, A. Pacey 2 for 20); ELECTROLUX 83 for 7 (C. Asbury 28, J. Darby 25, K. Newton 3 for 34).

PERCIVAL 116 for 4 dec. (V. Ward 35, P. Roberts 28, T. Twigden not out 20, Odell 2 for 15); CAMPTON 5 for 0 (rain stopped play).

LAPORTE 119 for 9 dec. (R. Boyd 63, S. Lockyer 6 for 21); BRITISH LEGION 64 for 9 (S. Lockyer 17, R. Boyd 5 for 26).

EVERSHOLT 125 (K. Cousins 45, R. Oakley 23, M. Carr 20, C. White 5 for 33); LEIGHTON ROVERS 87 (T. Walker not out 20, M. Carr 7 for 40).

STOCKWOOD 56 (J. Chillington not out 23, A. Burgess 20; A. Bird 5 for 17; W. Pearson 4 for 20); HOUGHTON REGIS 156 for 6 (A. Bird 54, R. Pemberton 26, T. Clarke not out 22; E. Kendall 4 for 33).

WOODSIDE 132 (W. Roe 54, R. Day 22, W. Clark 21; T. Clayton 5 for 38); FLITWICK 96 (B. Williamson 35; W. Clark 6 for 37).

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Preston N.E. v. West Brom.
Sheffield Utd. v. Blackpool
Sunderland v. Manchester City
Tottenham H. v. Middlesbrough
Wolves v. Cardiff C.

DIVISION II
Brentford v. Fulham
Bristol R. v. Derby C.
Everton v. Oldham Ath.
Hull C. v. Bury
Leicester C. v. Leeds Utd.
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TEN HOME.—Bolton, Sunder-
land, Tottenham, Everton, Stoke,
Millwall, Norwich, Southend,
Gateshead, Mansfield.

FOUR AWAY.—Arsenal, Bir-
mingham, Bournemouth, Port
Vale.

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port.