

Why Cummins Was Left Out

"NEEDS TIME TO SETTLE DOWN, SO WAS RESTED"

The re-shuffle of the Town inside forward trio for last night's match was an attempt to achieve more directness and showed with just how much misgiving Manager Daily Duncan viewed last Saturday's forward display.

To leave out £12,000 George Cummins after only two outings in the League side was a bold move, but one for which the manager had an explanation when he made the announcement yesterday.

He pointed out that it was a lot to expect Cummins to find his best form immediately in strange surroundings and on a pitch that must seem somewhat cramped to him after the wide, open spaces of Goodison Park.

Therefore, it was decided that to have a rest from last night's match, especially in view of the fact that he has collected one or two knocks in the preceding matches.

"You cannot blame him for not striking top form, for he has not settled down yet and the team as a whole has not been playing well," said the manager.

Try-out For Sid Owen To-night

"OTHER players have taken time to get acclimatised when they have first come to Luton and things will sort themselves out soon," he added.

When Cummins will be restored to the team will depend on what happened last night, but that he will be in at Plymouth is a possibility.

Hugh McIlrath, also left out of last night's team, has had a sore throat, which may have affected his play. News of the injured players is a little brighter and Sid Owen is expected to have his first try-out in the "A" team at Hordsham to-night.

Aherne Is Doubtful For Saturday

IF he comes through this successfully, that would put him in line for a return to the League team on Saturday.

Bud Aherne is back in training, but is regarded as a doubtful starter this week-end, and Bert Mitchell, who reported back on Tuesday, is also in full training, and there are hopes that he, too, will make a speedy reappearance. For the Kenilworth-road fans on Saturday there will be a double ration of football, for the Town's youth team is meeting Wybourn and Park Y.C. Sheffield, in a match (kick-off 1.30) before the start of the "A" team's meeting with Tottenham "A".

The Sheffield team toured Holland during the summer and were playing Sheffield United youth team on Tuesday evening.

Argyle Have Recast Their Attack

THE Town's next opponents, Plymouth Argyle, whom they meet at Home Park on Saturday have made a disappointing sort of start to the season, having drawn both their home matches with Bury (1-1), and Birmingham (2-2), and lost 3-0 to Nottingham Forest, away from home.

The attack that did duty on Monday against Birmingham was completely re-cast as compared with the usual one last season and two youngsters who have just completed their national service, Davies and Davis, are holding down places at the moment.

International Is On The Injured List

TO accommodate the latter, Maurice Tadmor, last season's leader, has switched to outside left to take the place of Govan, transferred to Birmingham.

VAUXHALL WERE UNLUCKY

But Form Angurs Well For The Future

Vauxhall Motors 2, Metropolitan Police 3

Giving a display that augurs well for the future, Vauxhall were rather unlucky to lose their first Spartan League fixture of the season.

Until the last minute it looked as if the result would be a draw, but then HERD scored the winner for the Police.

It was HERD who scored the first goal of the match when he took advantage of a defensive error, but JAMES equalised when Dolan was brought down in the penalty area. Teevan, the visitors' goalkeeper, partially saved James's spot-kick, but the left-winger regained possession and shot into the far corner of the net.

Although they were kicking against a strong wind, Vauxhall had rather more of the second-half play.

HEMINGWAY restored the Police's lead, but BRANDHAM equalised with a spectacular goal.

It was all Vauxhall after that, with Teevan making some fine saves. Then came the last-minute breakaway which cost Vauxhall a point.

Angling

LEIGHTON CLUB MATCH

On Sunday, 20 members of Leighton Buzzard Angling Club attended a club match at Claydon Lakes, near Winslow.

Results were: Mr. E. Barnes, 2 lbs. 4 ozs. 1 dr.; Mr. F. Groom, 2 lbs. 3 ozs. 6 drms.; Mr. R. Powell, 2 lbs. 3 ozs. 5 drms. The best fish of the match was a small bream caught by Mr. J. Breddon.

The stewards were Mr. J. Dollimore and Mr. E. Webb.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

Metropolitan and District Football League

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th

LUTON TOWN 'A'

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 'A'

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31st

LUTON TOWN 'A'

DUNSTABLE TOWN

Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

Football Combination Cup WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2nd

LUTON RESERVES

BIRMINGHAM CITY RESERVES

Kick-off 6.15 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 2/-; Wing Stand and Enclosure 1/6; Boys 1/-; Bobby's Stand 1/3; Boys 10s. (separate entrance); Ground (not covered) 1/4; Boys 5d.

The Strollers visit Portland Cement with the following: J. P. Sutherland (capt), E. Feasey, H. Thorpe, H. R. Geller, D. Austin, A. Moyse, J. Gillespie, G. Allen, G. Taylor, C. Fox, B. Simpson.

Visit To Wardown Of Pakistan Eaglets

GIVEN fine weather there should be a big crowd for the visit to Wardown of Pakistan Eaglets, who will include several of the players likely to tour England with the Pakistan official team next summer.

The Eaglets have had a long string of successes against good-class club sides this season and recently completed a successful tour in South Wales.

The Town will be represented by:

J. A. R. Oliver (capt), C. V. A. Colling, T. D. Matthews, R. Brazier, R. D. Gardner, M. L. Kilby, F. Winstanley, D. S. Randall, C. H. Warren, B. G. Satterley, T. Brown.

Stevenage Supply Vauxhall Opposition

HOME and away matches with Stevenage face Vauxhall Motors C.C. on Saturday and the first team travel into Hertfordshire with the following:

R. L. Hills (capt), A. Nelsey, C. Bradbury, E. Parkin, N. Price, S. Ruffett, C. Saunders, D. Soper, C. Short, S. Spary, H. Hayward.

The second team, at home to Stevenage II, will be represented by:

C. Humphries (capt), E. Basterfield, J. Barker, G. Brown, R. Burgess, A. Dickson, B. Jenkins, M. Ralph, R. Tompkins, J. Wheatley, L. Upton.

Luton And Watford Youth Leagues Meet

HOPING for better luck than they had on the last occasion that an inter-league match was arranged, and not a ball could be bowled because of the weather, are Luton and District Youth League, due to visit Watford Five League Rangers' players are included in the Luton team, which will be:

B. N. Johnson, M. J. Barden, M. J. Graves, A. Gregory, — Baxter (Lingby B.C.), P. A. Denton (Beckwood Y.C.), B. Kilacky, J. Parker (Luton Hotspur), G. A. Motto (Vauxhall), A. Kilminster (Old Bedford-road O.B.).

Twelfth man: B. Pickard (Limbury B.C.).

Record Holder Is In Luton-London Walk

ABOUT 24 competitors, including last year's winner, Charlie Megna, who holds the course record with 4hrs. 55mins. 30secs., are expected to take part in the annual Luton to London road walk of 31½ miles, promoted by Hingate Harriers.

The start will be from Park-street at 11 a.m. on Saturday, and the walkers will be started on their long trek by Ald. R. Colin Large.

Another past winner turning out is the organiser of the event, 50-years-old A. D. McSweeney, who has completed the London to drington 32-miles walk on 20 consecutive occasions.

There Are Four Local Competitors

McSWEENEY finished sixth a fortnight ago in the 104-miles walk from Birmingham to Wembley.

Local walkers intending to take part are G. Pilkington (Luton United A.C.), third in the Midland Counties junior mile this year; Alex Galloway, of Luton, a member of Surrey Walking Club and a brother of G. T. Galloway, the 21-miles record holder; Philip Turner, of Luton, who made an unsuccessful bid in this race two years ago; and J. H. Leavold, of Wheatthampstead, a member of St. Albans City A.C.

Finish will be at South-end Green, Hampstead. Assisting at the race will be George Coleman, a member of the British Olympic team at Helsinki and holder of numerous short-distance club records.

Golf

MRS. A. MEAD'S PRIZE DAY

Mrs. A. Mead gave a prize-day for the ladies of South Beds on Tuesday. The competition was 18 holes medal.

Best scores returned were as follows: For the Special Coronation Prize: Mrs. N. Mead 10 (4/-); Mrs. A. J. Bunnage 107 (30/-); Prize for the first 9 holes: Miss N. Crew 47 (9/-); 38.

Other prize winners were: Mrs. C. Thompson 105 (34/-); Mrs. G. H. Cleveley 92 (17/-); Mrs. 9 holes: Mrs. K. Woods 47 (8/-); 39.

VAUXHALL WIN IN A CLOSE FIGHT

After a close fight, Vauxhall Golfing Society beat Dunstable Downs by 4-3 in a four-ball match played off handicaps on Saturday.

Vauxhall G.S. (capt) and G. E. Swain 4-3; Dunstable Downs (capt) and C. D. Stone 4-3.

G. U. Lyle and T. Moore 4-3; A. G. B. Gunn and G. Bailey 0-4; Dr. Melville and E. Edwards 0-4; H. M. Jones and G. E. Bull 1-3; G. G. Glenister and R. J. Simpson 1-3; A. Edwards and W. Walsh 1-3; J. M. Lyon and G. H. Jones 0-4.

BENNING CUP DRAW

Draw for the Benning Cup, a knock-out tournament, to played off handicaps at Dunstable Downs.

First round: A. F. Allen v. N. Maskell, G. H. Jones v. H. H. Birt, R. A. Wilman v. F. J. Allen, M. Adams v. W. R. Rodger, A. Southam v. C. Verdourt, Dr. H. R. J. Ritchie v. J. A. Graham, R. V. Hurler-Robbs v. L. H. Knight, W. D. Dyer v. C. G. Tipper, R. T. Hall v. E. B. Jones, F. Bond v. R. G. Durran, G. Glenister v. J. Facer, N. Smith v. D. Leach, L. J. Haylock v. W. G. Grant, E. J. Buckle v. P. H. Girling, W. Lawson v. S. R. Simpson, E. Canova v. W. Houston, A. V. Buchanan v. C. H. Walsh, E. B. Jones v. H. W. Gibbours, C. D. Stone v. P. T. Woods, Dr. Melville v. W. B. Chambers, L. F. Child v. H. R. Smith, A. G. B. Gunn v. M. M. Henderson.

Ladies' Medal Round

Winners of prizes given by Mr. A. Kemper to ladies of South Beds G.C. were: Miss Bryant, 81-8-73; Mrs. Palmer, 110-35-75.

Other returns: Mrs. D. Cook, 83-8-75; Mrs. Moore, 88-13-73; Mrs. Lyle, 111-7-77; Mrs. Buckle, 101-24-77.



Gordon Turner recalled to the Town's first team last night

DEFEAT BY ODD GOAL

Reserves Had Little Finish

Watford Reserves 2, Luton Town Reserves 1

HAD Luton Town Reserves concentrated more on direct methods rather than pretty but ineffective approach work they could have gained two points in their first Combination Cup match at Watford on Tuesday.

The Town started off in fine style and played slick and clever football until they came within range of goal. Then they faded away.

It was Luton who did most of the attacking in the first half and their more experienced forwards gave a determined Watford defence a great deal of trouble.

Moore, Cullen and Scott were the chief dangermen and had the centre-forward managed to control his rather erratic shooting he could have given them an early lead.

Luton, in fact, did score first when, in the 35th minute, ADAM rounded off a brilliant solo run by Scott when he tapped the ball past Saphin only a few minutes after missing a similar chance.

Three minutes later, Watford equalised. Patterson picked up a poor clearance by Baynham, returned the ball into the goal-mouth and BENNETT scored from close range.

Watford's kick and rush tactics bore fruit in the second half and MEADOWS drew Baynham out of position and pushed the ball past him.

This was virtually the turning point and Watford took the upper hand. Even the ever-persistent Moore was unable to find an opening and Watford's direct methods worried the Town's defence, in which Hall was outstanding. Thompson also played well.

WATFORD RES: Saphin; Shipwright, Jones; Bateman E., Noian, Patterson; P. A. Meadows, Wilson, Bennett, Evans.

LUTON TOWN RES: Baynham; Pemberton, Thompson; Kelly, Hall, Smith; Cullen, Scott, Moore, Allen, Adam.

A SUCCESSFUL WEEK-END FOR TOWN CRICKETERS

Their Unbeaten Record Is Still Intact

Although they were able to include only four regular first team players in their side, Luton Town C.C. maintained their unbeaten record on Saturday when they travelled to Cheshunt.

Heroes of the Town's fine win were captain John Oliver, who passed the half-century mark, and bowlers Doug. Randall and Terry Matthews, who took all the Cheshunt wickets between them.

The Cheshunt batsmen failed completely, and only one of them, H. F. Ruoff, who opened, reached double figures.

A feature of the Luton attack was the fine wicket-keeping of Frank Winstanley, who made two stumpings and caught all of the bowling of Randall. Luton's first wicket fell with only two runs on the board, and three batsmen were back in the pavilion with Luton's total 28.

Oliver stopped the rot, though, and the Town passed Cheshunt's total of 71 with five wickets still standing.

At Wardown the second string had to be content with a draw but, with only four wickets down, they were only 24 runs behind Cheshunt's total of 164.

This was due largely to some aggressive batting by A. J. Webley and Trevor Brown.

For the Town Strollers there was a win at Eaton Bray. After being dismissed for 40 runs the Strollers dismissed the villagers for a mere 30 in a low scoring, but exciting, game.

Vauxhall were well beaten by Harpur Sports. In reply to the Bedford side's total of 202 for 6 they scored only 98.

Cheshunt v. Luton Town

CHESHUNT
F. P. Ruoff b Matthews 7
H. F. Ruoff b Randall 21
F. E. Poole c Warman b Matthews 3
A. W. Lawrence st Winstanley 5
Randall 0
D. Cornwall st Winstanley b Randall 0
D. S. Randall c Tarlton b Freeman 5
J. Freeman c Kibby b Randall 1
A. W. May c Kibby b Randall 8
R. Sargis lbw b Randall 4
S. Tarlton c Winstanley b Randall 2
P. Taylor not out 4
Extras 4
Total 71

Bowling: Randall 6 for 21, Matthews 4 for 24.

LUTON TOWN
F. Winstanley b Lawrence 0
M. L. Kibby c Sargis b Poole 17
G. W. Hammond c Maye b Sargis 19
C. H. Warman c H. Ruoff b Lawrence 0
J. A. R. Oliver c Maye b Freeman 52
J. Gurney c Taylor b Lawrence 2
D. S. Randall c Tarlton b Freeman 14
D. Piastow c F. Ruoff b Tarlton 2
C. Sargis b Freeman 1
R. Manly not out 6
T. D. Matthews c Cornwall b Freeman 1
Extras 2
Total 116

Bowling: Freeman 4 for 11, Lawrence 3 for 36.

Luton Town II v. Cheshunt II

CHESHUNT II: P. Blake 16, B. Renney 19, W. Bunce 20, C. Read 45, G. Swanell 4, B. Newman 7, D. Heat 6, C. Cooke not out 9, S. Gardner 6, R. Jones run out 2, extras 11. Total 164.

Bowling: Ellison 3 for 25, Watboys 5 for 62.

LUTON TOWN II: T. Brown 36, B. Satterley 2, R. Taylor 10, A. J. Webley not out 67, A. J. Worboys 8, G. Momo not out 10, extras 7. Total (for 4 wks) 140.

Bowling: Swannell 2 for 54.

Luton Town Strollers v. Eaton Bray

LUTON TOWN STROLLERS: D. Austin 0, H. Thorpe 7, A. Moyse 7, J. Gillespie 3, B. Thompson 0, C. Fox 0, G. Taylor 3, J. Sutherland not out 11; extras 5. Total 40.

Bowling: Davis 4 for 31.

EATON BRAY: B. Maunders 2, D. Maunders 2, J. Pratt 0, A. Davis 4, E. Holmes 2, A. Hing 0, K. Bilton 0, H. Knight, W. D. Dyer v. C. G. Tipper, R. T. Hall v. E. B. Jones, F. Bond v. R. G. Durran, G. Glenister v. J. Facer, N. Smith v. D. Leach, L. J. Haylock v. W. G. Grant, E. J. Buckle v. P. H. Girling, W. Lawson v. S. R. Simpson, E. Canova v. W. Houston, A. V. Buchanan v. C. H. Walsh, E. B. Jones v. H. W. Gibbours, C. D. Stone v. P. T. Woods, Dr. Melville v. W. B. Chambers, L. F. Child v. H. R. Smith, A. G. B. Gunn v. M. M. Henderson.

Bowling: Buckingham 2 for 44, Pashin 2 for 51.

VAUXHALL MOTORS: A. Nelsey 59, N. Price 8, S. Spary 1, S. Ruffett 0, P. Buckingham 12, D. Soper 0, G. Brown 4, J. Baker 1, C. Saunders 2, W. Marshall 0, E. Parkin not out 1; extras 1. Total 98.

Bowling: M. Allen 6 for 27.

Close Passing Played Into Everton's Hands

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN 1 EVERTON 1

From these two teams widely tipped in before-the-season forecasts as likely promotion candidates and potentially prolific goal-scorers, there was little of the free-scoring look in this match at Kenilworth-road.

Both forward lines were frankly disappointing and it must have come as something of a shock to 20,217 spectators to see the Town attack so lacking in punch.

At half-time we were saying that the changes had brought about an improvement, with the reservation that the finishing was not impressive, but, in the first half, the Town looked a better balanced lot than they had on Wednesday.

Taking the lead when McJarrow fastened on to a through pass from Watkins and swept it into the net as Leyland dived at his feet, the Town seemed to be steering for their first victory.

After some early activity at the Everton end when Taylor had a great shot fisted over by Leyland, Clinton headed off the goal-line from Downie and McJarrow went close to scoring, the Town forwards became more and more in the grip of the resolute, hard-tackling visiting defence.

More than that, they played into the hands of the opposition by continuing to keep the ball close and employing short passes that sent it only a few yards.

Too many passes were made square and even backwards and we seldom saw the cut-and-thrust movements and any real attempt to open out the play.

THE UNDERLYING QUERY

During the first half there was some neat work but there was always that underlying query about who was likely to figure as an outstanding marksman.

This lack of punch cost them a home point, for in the 63rd minute Eglington made a run down the left wing, rounded Dunne and pulled the ball back into the penalty area.

There, BUCKLE, who had closed from the wing, met it on the drop and sent it streaking into the net.

The tricky, gusty wind undoubtedly robbed the football of some of its quality, but the game simply died and there was never much chance of either team obtaining the deciding goal.

Downie did not display his opportunistic powers of the previous match and Cummins did not show the form that induced the Town to part with a five figures fee.

His play was far too dainty, and with McJarrow also holding on to the ball, far too much time was taken to make ground. Davies had quite a good game, though his finishing was indifferent at times and Taylor improved somewhat in the second half after a very uncertain start.

IMPROVED DEFENCE

It was good to see a decided tightening up in the defensive system with Morton filling the bill at

centre-half and Watkins celebrating his return with a strong, forceful display.

Shanks had not struck his best form yet, especially in his distribution of the ball, but Aherne was sound and Dunne, faced with the difficult task of subduing Eglington, earned more than pass marks for what he accomplished.

From Stretton, there came some excellent and daring saves and only one real error which, fortunately, did not cost a goal.

About 10 minutes from the end, Aherne was taken off the field with a badly gashed head following a collision with Buckle, who was able to resume after leaving the field for a short time.

LUTON TOWN: — Stretton; Dunne, Aherne, Watkins, Morton, Shanks, Davies, Downie, McJarrow, Cummins, Taylor.

EVERTON: — Leyland; Clinton, Donovan, Farrell, Jones, Lello; Buckle, Fielding, Hickson, Parker, Eglington.

Referee: A. W. Luty, Leeds.

ONE POINT FOR 'A' TEAM, TOO

Each Side Debited With An "Own Goal"

Southwick 2, Luton Town "A" 2

Luton Town's Metropolitan League side emulated their seniors by drawing their first match of the season at Southwick.

Although they played the better football they were unable to score the winning goal, due partly to some bad luck in front of goal and an acrobatic display by Lush, the Southwick goalkeeper.

Folwell, Luton's young left-back, injured a toe after half an hour's play and although he resumed after treatment, an X-ray on Sunday disclosed a fracture and he will be unable to play again for some weeks.

There was no score in the first half and soon after the interval Southwick took the lead through BUSHBY.

A few minutes later DALLAS deflected the ball past his own goalkeeper to put the home side two goals up.

Luton fought back strongly, though, and McGUFFIE, a 16-years-old Scot, reduced their arrears with a fine shot from an oblique angle.

Continuing the pressure, the Town attack worried the home defence into making mistakes and JONES, their centre-half, put through his own goal.

Allen was Luton's best forward, and Dallas was strong in defence.

South Midlands League

CHAMPIONS HELD TO A DRAW

The South Midlands League opened the season with four Premier Division matches on Saturday.

Although it is too early to pass judgment, Wootton Blue Cross, who finished fourth last term, look set for another good season. They scored 10 against Histon.

Arley, the champions, were held to a draw by newly-promoted Biggleswade Town.

RESULTS
PREMIER DIVISION
Arley 2, Biggleswade 2
Dunstable 2, Histon 2
Farnborough 0, Baldock 4
Farnham 0, Biggleswade 2
Wootton Blue Cross 10, Histon 3

Luton Greyhounds

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

6.30 (410yds)—423 Ashwood, 21 Black Satin, 111 Har-Pint, 666 Herd's Hopping, 131 Johnny Boy, 611 Solitaire, reserve 655 Admiral's Pup.

6.50 (470yds)—243 Bally Low, 543 Deemster, 363 Fawn Peter, 261 Malcolm, 552 Recorder, 433 Skip It, reserve 363 Chaurmont.

7.10 (410 yds)—333 Daisy Place, 135 Glen Star, 132 Glint, Shamrock July 30, tp 3, 24.84; Aug. 19, tp 3, 24.98; 622 Stardust, The Bashier (Aug. 13, tp 1, 24.71; Aug. 22, tp 4, 24.70), reserve 246 Brichill Land.

7.30 (410yds)—623 Annabelle, Bide-A-While (Apr. 16, tp 6, 24.69; Apr. 18, tp 3, 24.62; Aug. 8, tp 4, 24.56), Nigzar (Aug. 13, tp 2, 24.89; Aug. 15, tp 1, 24.51), 154 Sun Blind, 145 Sunnasham, Trial Spin (June 25, tp 3, 24.59; Aug. 1, tp 1, 24.44), reserve 116 All White.

7.50 (470yds)—213 Bow B