

Return Of Pye And Mitchell

TOWN ARE SWITCHING SCOTT TO OUTSIDE-RIGHT

Brighter news for the Town, who will be paying their first visit on Saturday to the Victoria Ground of Stoke City, is that their attack is to be reinforced by the return of Jesse Pye and Bert Mitchell. For the latter, this will be an auspicious occasion for it was with the Stoke club that he began his League football career before going on to Blackburn Rovers.

The muscle trouble that kept Pye out of the last three matches has cleared up and he has given complete satisfaction in training this week. His ability to play provides an easy solution of what has been becoming quite a ticklish problem — that of filling adequately the outside-right position.

As was anticipated, Joe Scott is switched there from centre-forward and becomes the fifth player to sample it and the fourth different one to do so in consecutive matches.

He had experience there whilst with Tottenham and his speed, dash and his capacity for challenging for everything could make him a big success on the right wing.

Unusual To Be In Such A Happy Position

ONLY on two previous occasions this season have the Town been in the position of being able to field what they regarded as a first choice attack and, as a result, hopes of some success at Stoke have soared.

No alteration has been made in the defence and the team will be: Baynam; Dunne, Abner; Shanks, Morton, Watkins; Scott, Cummins, Pye, Downie, Mitchell.

Stoke, relegated from the First Division last season, have made a useful but not awe-inspiring start to their attempt to make a quick return.

Their Seven Draws In Eleven Matches

YET, although they have lost only two of their first 11 matches, they have won only two.

Cricket TOWN KEEP THEIR RECORD

First Team Unbeaten This Season

Not many club cricket teams can boast an unbeaten record at the end of the season. One that can is Luton Town, who finished their season in a blaze of glory by defeating Barnet by 75 runs on Saturday.

Nearest they have come to defeat in a Saturday match was when they met Tring Park at Watlington on September 12. On that occasion the match ended in a tie. Against Barnet, though, there was never much doubt about the ultimate result.

Luton lost their first wicket—Winstanley's—cheaply, but, thanks to some good batting by Horace Kippax, Doug, Randall and a Webby, they were able to declare at 163 for 8.

The Hertfordshire side never settled down, and only two batsmen O'Connor and Perry, made more than 20 runs.

Their first eight wickets fell for 48, and only a ninth-wicket partnership of 40 gave a semblance of respectability about their final total.

FIVE WICKETS FOR GARDINER

Chief villain of the piece, from Barnet's point of view, was Ron Gardiner, who took five for 33 in 17 overs. Gardiner was well supported by Matthews and Randall, who each claimed two wickets.

Luton's other principal club, Vauxhall Motors, have not enjoyed a particularly successful season, and they finished with a heavy defeat at the hands of Dunstable Town. In the Motors' case, too much has been left to their bowlers.

The Town's captain, John Oliver, played for Dr. H. W. John XI at Flimstead on Saturday, but, after being not out with 64, he took 7 Flimstead wickets for 20 in 10 overs.

From 75 for two, Flimstead collapsed, and were all out for 89. D. Caswell claimed his 100th wicket of the season by dismissing his brother.

Barnet v. Luton Town
LUTON TOWN: H. G. Kippax 4; T. W. Watson 35; F. Winstanley 4; C. Maclean 36; P. Perry 4; C. H. Warman 4; W. Randall 10; D. S. Randall 17; Watson 28; J. A. Mace 0; O'Connor 0; P. Perma 2; A. J. Webby 4; Webster 2; T. D. Gardner 4; Spavin 10; not out 17; R. D. Gardner 4; Wright 8; Perry 2; T. D. Matthews 10; extras 13; Total 163.
Bowling: Watson 2 for 26; Perma 2 for 37; Perry 2 for 38.

BARNET: G. Pearson 5; Gardiner 5; D. Timbley 4; Matthews 0; G. O'Connor 0; Mace 6; Gardiner 25; J. Watson 6; Randall 10; A. P. Webster 4; Winstanley 4; Matthews 0; C. B. Wright 4; Gardiner 1; C. F. Enderby 4; Randall 10; D. S. Randall 17; Watson 28; J. A. Mace 0; O'Connor 0; P. Perma 2; A. J. Webby 4; Webster 2; T. D. Gardner 4; Spavin 10; not out 17; R. D. Gardner 4; Wright 8; Perry 2; T. D. Matthews 10; extras 13; Total 88.

Bowling: Gardiner 5 for 33; Randall 2 for 21; Matthews 2 for 25.

Vauxhall Motors v. Dunstable Town
DUNSTABLE TOWN: D. Grady 26; B. Mather 10; Godfrey 1; C. Bourne 33; G. Mills 14; D. Gladish 0; B. Brewin 41; D. Bird 9; J. Conway 10; not out 6; I. Davidson 8; R. Heley 3; extras 19; Total 159.
Bowling: Hayhurst 5 for 63; Parkin 4 for 36.

Vauxhall Motors: A. Nelson 24; A. Capstick 5; C. Bradbury 6; R. Tomkins 16; C. Short 9; G. Brown 1; M. Crystal 0; H. Hayhurst 17; E. Parkin 10; not out 0; extras 7; Total 97.
Bowling: Gladish 5 for 22.

Flamstead v. Dr. H. W. John's XI
DR. JOHN'S XI: A. Bates 23; J. Colton 18; D. Humphrey 10; not out 43; J. Oliver 10; not out 64; extras 1. Total (for 2 wickets) 149.
Bowling: Lee 2 for 30; J. Welch 28; H. Antice 9; C. Caswell 18; G. Payne 17; P. Lee 3; F. Coote 0; W. Askew 0; A. Leighton 1; L. Powell 1; D. Simmons 2; H. Ferguson 10; not out 1; extras 9; Total 159.
Bowling: Oliver 7 for 20; Caswell 4 for 7.

FOOTBALL LUTON TOWN F.C.

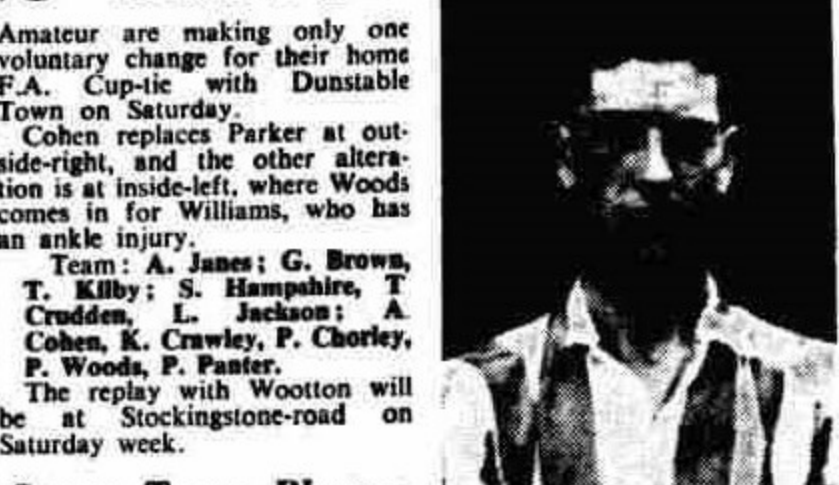
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KEN THOMSON, expensive centre-half signing from Aberdeenshire, is a strong man in the Stoke City defence.

WON FOR FIRST TIME

Three More Are Off The Mark

The first five teams in the South Midlands League (Premier Division) were involved in Cup matches on Saturday, so the position at the top of the table is unchanged.

At the other end of the table, Kent's Athletic gained their first points of the season when they beat the useful Peartree Old Boys.

Biggleswade Town, too, recorded their first win and this leaves Histon at the foot of the table with one point from five matches.

Stony Stratford Sports, who were pointless after three games, have withdrawn from the League.

Bombshell in Division I was the 9-2 defeat of Tickford Sports by Houghton Rangers. Tickford were third in the table and Houghton bottom without a point to their credit after four matches. If they can maintain this form, though, they should rise rapidly.

Stotfold also came a cropper but they were beaten by Langford who are setting a hot pace at the top of this division. Langford, along with Vauxhall Motors, are the only teams with unbeaten records here.

Team to watch in Division II is Javis Athletic who overcame Marston Shelton and take over the leadership. With 20 goals to their credit they have now scored more than any other team in their division.

RESULTS PREMIER DIVISION

AC-Deleco 2, Leichworth Town 4
Cratfield Utd. 7, Histon 1
Biggleswade Tn. 5, Dunstable Tn. 1
Kent's Ath. 2, Peartree Old Boys 1

DIVISION I

Arlesey Town 7, Skeffo Ath. 3
Queens Works 1, Percival Ath. 2
Eaton Bray Utd. 1, Vauxhall Mtrs 7
Electrolux 2, Blechley LMS 2
Langford 3, Stotfold 0
Tickford Sports 2, Houghton Rngs. 9

DIVISION II

AC-Deleco 1, Baldock Town 3
Lynton Works 3, Wootton Blue Cross 3
Bedford St. Culbert's 7, Cranfield 2
Marston Shelton 2, Davis Ath. 3
Peartree Old Boys 5, Kent's Ath. 3
Routes Sports 5, Flitwick Ath. 3
Stewartby Works 4, Bedford North End 0

THE EX-CHAMPIONS ARE SETTING A HOT PACE

Other Title Aspirants Should Keep An Eye On Napier Sports

Teams with championship aspirations in the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League will do well to keep an eye on Napier Sports, title-holders the season before last.

From the way they have begun, it looks as if they have regained that successful form and they claimed their third consecutive win on Saturday.

This was over the hitherto unbeaten Glendale and, along with Strickley, Napier have six points out of six.

Caddington, prominent last season, are still looking for their first point, but they put up a strong fight at Shillington where they went down by 5-3 in an exciting struggle.

Shillington's form showed that their recent lapse against Lambury O.B. was only temporary.

Two newcomers to the Premier Division, Totterhoe and Pioneer Cornthorpes, both registered their first victories.

In Division I, Woburn Athletic and Luton Old Boys are setting the pace, but from the manner in which Luton Town "B" disposed of Laporte, they could well prove to be a considerable force here.

A first defeat came the way of Percival Athletic in Division II and Hockliffe surprisingly dropped a home point to Luton Social, despite the fact that they scored four times.

Davis Ath., however, kept up their successful run, though they had something of a struggle against Warden Hill.

Luckless Luton Brewery had double figures run up against them by Walcot Ath. and two other matches produced a crop of goals.

Caddington "B" have won all their three matches and others who have six points, though they have been beaten once are Sundon Park and Boys' Brigade O.B.

Top-scorers of the day were Totterhoe Reserves, ten of whose 13 goals against Hexton were shared equally by two players.

Like their seniors, Luton O.B. Reserves have not dropped a point so far.

PREMIER DIVISION

GLENDAL 2 (James 2), NAPIER SPORTS 3 (Tomkins 2, Weston)
HITCHIN-ROAD O.B. 2 (Parrott, Strapp), PIONEER CORINTHIANS 3 (Warboys 2, Summerfield)
LUTON O.B. 2 (Jeffs, Basterfield), SHILLINGTON "A" 1 (Robinson)
TOTTERHOE 3 (Gordon, Martin)
STOPLEY RES 1 (Bowles), BELLS PARK 3
LAPORTE 0, LUTON TOWN "B" 8 (Clare 3, Wheelhouse 3, Fitzpatrick, Hill)
WOBURN ATH 7 (Turney 3, Burgess 3, Lunnay), WEST PARK 2 (Parker, Rowlands)

DIVISION II

OLD LUTONIANS 1, ROBIN HOODS 9 (Harding 3, Burton 2, Gale 2, Hawker, Fitt)
SKEFFO ATH 2, HARTINGTON 4 (Thompson 2, Gordon, Martin)
PERCIVAL ATH 0, EATON BRAY 3 (James 2, Pigott)
NAPIER SPORTS "A" 3 (Cubberley 2, Munachon), LUTON UTD 5 (Aubury 3, Cox, Lovelock)
DAVIS ATH 2 (Simmon, Kirby)
WARDEN HILL ATH 1
HOCKLIFFE 4 (Minnall 2, Kingham, Scott), LUTON SOCIAL RES 4 (B Jackson 3, Geary)
DIVISION III
WALCOT ATH 10 (Hayward 4, Parrott 2, Triney 2, White 2), LUTON BREWERY 2
SUNDON O.B. 2 (Adams 2), BILDWELL 2 (Bird, Gower)
CADDINGTON "B" 2 (R. Ginger, Morgan), LEAGRAVE B.L. RES 1 (Brimmer)
SUNDON PARK 5 (Dixon 3, Meehan, Watson), BOYS' BRIGADE O.B. 4 (Evans, Ellis, Smith, opponent)
LEAGRAVE ATH RES 3 (Williamson 2, Lovelock), ALLIANCE FOUNDRY 1
HAYWARD-TYLER 4, BARTON ROVERS RES 5 (Herron, Harris, Nicholls, opponents 2)
DIVISION IV
VILLA ROVERS 1 (Harry), LUTON O.B. RES 2 (Gordon, Field)
TOTTERHOE 13 (Gordon 5, Wits 5, Collins 2, James), HEXTON 1 (Shaw)
PERCIVAL APPRENTICES 9 (Beasley 3, Irons 2, Norcott 2, Slade, opponent)
LUTON CO-OP 2 (Whitney, Smith)
LUMOCO SPORTS 4 (Wilkins 2, Plummer, Smith), ROOTES SPORTS RES 2 (Bevan, opponent)
LAPORTE RES 0, R.A.F.A. RES 3 (Jefferys 2, Whiteley)

14-15

LUTON CO-OP 2 (H Laws 2), OLD BEDFORD-ROAD O.B. 4 (S North 3, K Youngs)
SKEFFO JUNIORS 3 (D Brown 2, J Halliwell), VAUXHALL JUNIORS 3 (C Field, G Miller, C Crake)
LUTON TOWN YOUTH XI 16 (Jenkins 5, Lovelady 3, Southam 3, Berry 2, Hamard, Collins, opponent), BIS-COT MILL 1 (D O'Neill)
14-16
BISCOT MILL 5 (P Fennome 2, G John 2, T Ball), BOYS' BRIGADE 1 (opponent)
VAUXHALL MINORS 7 (Bettsworth 2, Hill, Williamson, Franklin, Kidd, Mace), BOYS' CLUB 1
OLD BEDFORD-ROAD O.B. 2 (Robson, Pridmore), LIMBURY O.B. 7 (Kling 3, Pals 2, Grange, Thomas)

OTHER RESULTS

Vauxhall 71, Isranic 75
Kent's 88, Vauxhall 102
Vauxhall 141, Smith's 131
Rootes Sports 74, Davis 77
Dickinson's 92, Electrolux 84

INJURY CUT SHORT TOWN EXPERIMENT

Mishap To Moore Cost Town Victory Chance

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN 2 LEICESTER CITY 2

Experiment that looked likely to prove a success was cut short at Kenilworth-road on Saturday by one of the series of unfortunate injuries that has cost the Town invaluable points this season.

In the opening stages, with Moore, the subject of the experiment at outside-right, being pried with passes in front of him and getting the ball across regularly, Leicester's run of consecutive matches without defeat seemed booked to end in no uncertain manner.

Then, with less than 20 minutes gone, Moore pulled a thigh muscle and, although he returned to the field after having it strapped up, he could not show the same turn of speed that had made his earlier thrusts so dangerous.

For a spell Moore went to outside-left, but the original formation was returned to for the second half.

Two or three chances went astray during the spell the Town were so thoroughly on top, but it merely seemed a question of time before the goals came.

The handicap made all the difference and Leicester gradually came more into the game. With 14 minutes of the first half left, GRIFFITHS made a quick dash down the right and beat Baynam with a well-placed cross-shot.

Two minutes after the interval the City's lead was increased when Rowley was pulled down in the penalty area by Shanks, running across, trying to tackle the inside-left.

ROWLEY shot from the spot was hard, but high, and the ball only just got in under the bar. QUICK REPLY BY TOWN

A minute later and the Town had narrowed the margin in a breakaway straight from the re-start.

The ball was pushed through quickly to Downie who should have made certain of scoring, but his shot was weak and although it passed Anderson, would not have gone in had DUNNE (T.) not helped it over the line in his attempt to clear.

After this encouragement the Town forwards found some of their earlier fervour again and after 61 minutes DOWNE equalised from close in after he had a header saved.

For a time it looked as if the Town would go on to a gallant victory, and, indeed, they had the chances to do so, but inaccurate finishing, combined with stubborn work by Lever, Gillies and Jackson, brought their efforts to naught.

The pressure slackened and the City had a turn; then two or three desperate raids in the closing minutes failed to bring the Town a decider.

A PLUCKY RECOVERY
Praise there should be for a plucky recovery after being two goals down, but this matter of lack of finishing power is still a troublesome factor.

While Downie is proving the most consistent marksman, he is also missing chances that should be accepted, and his general play was not impressive.

Cummins was the Town's cleverest and most able forward, but Scott again showed plenty of fight and life in the middle and

could have expected better support than came his way for much of the second half.

Quite a lot of material was not utilised by Davies, whose finishing was weak.

The defence presented a well-knit look, with Morton giving another fine display in his adopted position and seeing to it that Hines had little chance.

Despite a cut over an eye that necessitated a stitch, Watkins kept going strongly throughout, largely put Morris out of the game and was more consistent than Shanks, who had a patchy sort of match.

Consistent Dunne (S.) served up yet another splendid performance, and Abner was sound, too. The good marking of the men in front of him meant that Baynam had a reasonably quiet afternoon.

LUTON TOWN: Baynam; Dunne (S.), Abner; Shanks; Morton, Watkins; Moore; Cummins, Scott, Downie, Davies. LEICESTER CITY: Anderson; Lever, Jackson; Baldwin, Gillies, Dunne (T.); Griffiths, Morris; Hines, Rowley, Small.

Referee: J. C. Pollard, Cambridge. Attendance: 19,136.

Golf NEW COURSE RECORD SET UP

Remarkable Return At Dunstable Downs

The outstanding feature of Dunstable Downs' Autumn Cup, an 18-holes bogey competition, was the remarkable score returned by G. E. Bull (7) 6 up.

Fortunately, his complete score was recorded on the score-card which totalled 71 gross, and constitutes a record for the course as it now stands. The competition was played from the back tees everywhere.

BEST RETURNS

G E Bull (7) 6 up
H M Melville (24) 2 ..
E W Lister (48) 1 ..
F W Wood (3) 1 ..
K H Woods (9) 1 ..
L H Knight (16) all aq.
G F Burnside (3) 1 down
M Henderson (6) 1 ..
C Bailey (8) 1 ..

CHARITY COMPETITION

In a special charity competition in aid of the Three Roses School for Children, on Sunday, best returns in the afternoon mixed foursome medal over 18 holes were:

Mrs R G Durrant & M M Henderson 88-181 694
Fossall 84-10 74
Mrs M Durrant & W Houstons 95-20 75
G F Burnside & Mrs C Stimson 84-9 75
Miss D Allen & G E Bull 84-8 76
Mrs Bussell & Mrs D Gurney 94-171 764
Miss W Ward & C Stimson 97-19 78
Miss C Walsh & E Edwards 85-7 78
Mrs Palmer & A Edwards 104-26 78
Frie & G E Bull 84; Consolation prize: Mr and Mrs J C Kershaw. Evening, three holes, one club medal: Mr and Mrs Kershaw, 11 nett.

COMPETITION WAS VERY KEEN

Large Entry For South Beds Meeting

A large entry was attracted for the President's and Vice-Presidents' meeting at South Beds on Saturday.

In the final of the President's Putter, P. Browning and C. M. Butler beat W. Illott and W. Scarle one up, and G. W. M. Carter won the President's Trophy by beating Mrs. M. Martin at the 37th.

POINTS BOGEY

In the points bogey at the Vice-Presidents' meeting results were:

Ladies' Event: winner, Mrs B Robinson (18), 38pts; runner-up, Mrs M Crows (44), 35pts; other scores, Mrs T Brown (47), Mrs D Mead (52), Mrs A Thomas (18), each 31pts; Miss N Crew (18), 30pts; Mrs P Hill (18), Mrs C Thompson (32), each 29pts; Mrs V Dyson (26), G G Randall (17), each 28pts; Mrs P Woods (16), 25pts; Mrs E Anderson (31), 20pts.
Men's Event: winner, B. Adams (18), 41pts; runner-up, C G Rossion (15), 40pts.
Other scores: T Clark (18), Dr T W L Roberts (8), each 38pts; B C Godfrey (4), C M Lampert (16), each 37pts; E Swain (18), Dr M O'Donnell (45), each 36pts; L W Gordon (16), F Short (49), each 35pts; J Miller (4), J Cattanach (3), each 32pts; R Brumbridge (13), H E Browning (18), L W Lake (16), R Broadbent (12), F Oliver (11), each 31pts; T T Brown (7), F Cain (20), M Clark (11), each 30pts.

DUNSTABLE LADIES PRIZE-WINNERS

Winners of prizes given by Mr. R. Hickman for a medal round by Dunstable Ladies ladies were: Mrs Moore, 87-13-74; Mrs. Tipper, 100-21-79.
Other returns: Miss Bryant 87-8-49; Mrs. Deane, 100-19-81; Mrs. Allen, 92-9-43; Mrs. Oakins, 94-11-83.

Flag Competition At South Beds

Mrs. A. J. Jones held her annual prize day for South Beds ladies on Friday. The competition was flag winners were as follows: Silver division, Mrs. K. Woods, on the 18th green, 93 (160-77); Mrs. A. J. Burnage, on the 18th green, 107 (30-77).

Silver Trophy Winner

In last week's issue, the winner of the silver trophy competed for by South Beds ladies was incorrectly said to be Mrs. K. Woods. The competition was won by Mrs. K. Woods 89 (160-73), with Mrs. M. Crew 78 (4)-74 runner-up.

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