

INJURY NEWS IS MUCH BETTER

PYE AND MITCHELL ARE FIT AGAIN

Both Likely To Return For Visit To Stoke

By Chiltern

Cheering news that has come from Kenilworth-road for a week or two is that Jesse Pye and Bert Mitchell are both likely to be fit enough to return to the Town team for the visit to Stoke on Saturday. Bernard Moore an addition to the injured list after Saturday's match the availability of these two players will ease the problems facing Manager Dally Duncan in choosing his attack.

finishing power of both Pye and Mitchell is badly needed in the attack and, with their return, the team may be open to a further and more successful experiment.

Scott certainly does not desire to be left out and he might be the fifth occupant of the right wing berth this season.

Of course, he is purely concerned at the moment, but there has been a feeling among Town players that Scott could settle in there and his speed and effectiveness would be an asset in a position that has caused a good deal of concern lately.

Speed Worried The Leicester Defence

The pity is that we did not have an opportunity of seeing to what extent just what Bernard Moore can achieve here, but in a short spell at the start before he pulled a thigh muscle, he was doing really well.

Just the right sort of forthright and hard work was being done on the right wing and, with the ball being pushed through quickly, the weaknesses were exposed in the Leicester defence and they should have been exploited more fully.

Moore was getting across a number of centres and struck up a good understanding with Scott.

Deserve A Break From Adversity

HAVING had their share of adversity and shown the way to fight back against odds, the Town now deserve a break from the continual drain that is being caused by injuries.

There is little room for doubt that this moderate looking Leicester side would have been beaten

but for the upset caused by the mishap to Moore.

Even the City manager, Norman Bullock says that his team is not playing well. "We are having the luck," he commented, and with it, results are coming to the extent of eight consecutive matches without defeat.

Town Did Not Take Their Chances

LUCK is something that just has not come the Town's way this season though, be that as it may, there is still room for improvement in the finishing of the forwards.

Had the chances that cropped up early on been taken, the cutting down of Moore's effectiveness would not have been felt quite so much.

Quite conceivably they could have been two goals up inside 20 minutes, but the game swung to such an extent that they were two down by the second minute after the interval.

Theory About The Penalty Incident

ON one of the few occasions when he really did get clear, Griffiths gave the City the lead with a well-placed cross shot and the second Leicester goal came from a penalty.

I do not think for a minute that Shanks intended to bring down Rowley as he raced across at top speed to challenge.

Theory afterwards was that Rowley checked in his run and that Shanks was going too fast to avoid him. Not that there were any quibbles about the award, for Rowley was pushed full length.



CHARLIE WATKINS

was a strong defender for the Town, despite the fact that he had a stitch inserted in a head wound just before the interval.

Two Goals Came In One Minute

IRONICAL part was that he had already run out to an angle which lessened the danger.

However, a penalty it was and Rowley's terrific shot must have been a bit too close to the cross-bar for Leicester's piece of mind.

That looked as if it might settle the issue, but the Town took fresh home in the next minute when Dunne (T.) in attempting to clear a not very good shot from Downie, got really tangled up and put the ball into his own net.

Rally Brought An Equaliser

AFTER that, there was a tremendous rally by the Town, culminating in an equaliser from Downie after 63 minutes, when he swung round quickly and booted the ball past Anderson during a mix-up in front of the City goal.

Of the remaining play, the Town had sufficient to have obtained the winner, and Downie should have done so when Davies put him through, but he failed to make contact with the ball when a deflection would probably have left Anderson helplessly placed.

Cummins Caught The Limelight Again

ONE of the satisfying features about the Town's display was the way in which Cummins worked and schemed, and more should have come from his prompting.

From Scott, there was another tearaway display in which he fought for everything.

He is a 100 per cent trier, but he found Gillies in uncompromising mood.

For some reason or another he had to play something of a lone

hand down the middle for spells in the second half, and there was the feeling that with better support he could have been the match-winner.

Downie Not At His Best Yet

ALTHOUGH he is easily the club's leading scorer with seven goals Downie has not yet struck the form that earned him a regular place with Manchester United.

His midfield play was rather disappointing in this match, and two or three times he was guilty of weak finishing after taking up good position.

There is a good deal of admiration for the way Davies tries, but his finishing is most erratic, and he is doubling back far too often, particularly when he is on the left wing.

Morton Held Yet Another Leader

THE way direct methods paid in the opening stages should have been a pointer to the Town in shaping their tactics for the rest of the match, but the square pass came into use too often afterwards.

That this free-scoring Leicester forward line was so subdued was a tribute to the work of the defence in which Morton kept up his record of not allowing a centre-forward to score against him this season.

He never relaxed the early grip he took on Hines, who suffered from lack of adequate support.

Watkins's Part In Subduing Morris

MORRIS, who has twice been transferred for £20,000 was very subdued, and that was due in no small measure to Watkins, who was very strong in the tackle and who provided a lot of material for his forwards.

A gash over the eye that necessitated a stitch did not cut down his effectiveness and his was a very satisfactory performance.

He was more consistent than was Shanks, who was often troubled by the burly Rowley, who always looked to be the player from whom most threat could be expected.

No Happy Return For Peter Small

DUNNE saw to it that Small did not make a very happy return to the ground on which he began his League career and he never promised to continue his recent goal-scoring activities.

His speed was matched by that of Dunne, who is playing finely. There was a solid display from Aherne who did the right thing by marking Griffiths closely and although his kicking was less immaculate than usual, he played his part well.

Even though Baynham does not

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 2
Dunne (T.) own goal,
Downie

LEICESTER CITY 2
Griffiths, Rowley (pen.)

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Aherne; 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.

give the impression of being quite so full of confidence as he was last season, he got through a reasonably quiet afternoon creditably.

Reserves Have More Mid-Week Matches

ALTHOUGH the hectic rush of two matches a week has ended for the first team, the Reserves still face mid-week games and they are at home to Northampton to-morrow.

It is beginning to look as if Leicester Reserves will take some catching in this section of the Combination Cup, but the Town can continue their challenge if they account for Northampton and Leicester this week.

Selection of the team has been delayed. Neville Brown, the young outside left, is on 14 days leave from the army prior to being posted to Egypt.

Town C.C. Maintained Unbeaten Record

BY winning at Barnet on Saturday, the Town C.C. completed perhaps their most successful post-war season by going through without meeting defeat in a Saturday match.

Although they were not at full strength, the Town gained an easy victory and they owed a good deal to some solid batting by Horace Kippax, John Webley and Doug Randall.

When Barnet's turn came to face a total of 163 for eight, their early batting broke down completely and eight wickets fell for only 48 runs.

An unexpected ninth wicket partnership of 40 held them up for a time. Ron Gardiner finished on the top note with 5 for 33.

Schools' Swimming

LUTON WON SWIMMING GALA

At Oxford on Friday Luton Schools' swimming team beat the home team by 112 points to 103 in a gala organised between teams in Division 7.

The team to represent Division 7 in the Schools National Championship at Bournemouth next month has been chosen, and includes five Luton swimmers.

They are: Girls—P. Saunders, P. Willett, J. Horley. Boys: R. Alley and W. Russell.

GALA RESULTS

100 yds free style (13-15 yrs): 1. P. Saunders. 50 yds free style (under 13.5 yrs): 1. M. King. 50 yds back stroke (under 13.5 yrs): 1. J. Murray. 100 yds back stroke (13-15 yrs): 3. P. Fensome. 100 yds breast stroke (13-15 yrs): 2. A. Tarrant. 100 yds breast stroke (15-18 yrs): 1. J. Horley. 50 yds breast stroke (under 13.5 yrs): 1. M. Bingham. 13-15 yrs medley relay: 1. Oxford; 2. Luton; 3. Reading. Medley relay (15-18 yrs): 1. Oxford; 2. Luton. Team race, free style (13-15 yrs): 1. Luton; 2. Reading; 3. Oxford.

BOYS

100 yds free style (13-15 yrs): 2. R. Alley; 3. L. Law (Stewartby). 100 yds free style (15-18 yrs): 1. Morris (Bedford). 50 yds free style (under 13.5 yrs): 2. Martin. 50 yds back stroke (under 13.5 yrs): 1. Davister. 100 yds back stroke (13-15 yrs): 2. W. Russell. 100 yds breast stroke (13-15 yrs): 1. W. Russell. 100 yds breast stroke (15-18 yrs): 1. Morris (Bedford). 50 yds breast stroke (under 13.5 yrs): 2. Hill. Medley relay (13-15 yrs): 1. Luton; 2. Reading; 3. Oxford. Team race, free style (13-15 yrs): 1. Slough; 2. Oxford; 3. Luton.

CRICKET IN BRIEF

LUTON TOWN 163 for 8 declared (H. G. Kippax 35, D. S. Randall 28, A. J. Webley 28, G. Spavins not out 17, I. Watson 2 for 26). BARNET 88 (G. F. O'Connor 25, D. R. Perry 26; R. D. Gardiner 5 for 33, D. S. Randall 2 for 21, T. D. Matthews 2 for 25).

DUNSTABLE TOWN 159 (B. Brewin 41, C. Bourne 33, D. Grady 26; H. Hayhurst 5 for 63, E. Parkin 4 for 36). VAUXHALL MOTORS 97 (A. Nelsey 24, H. Hayhurst 17; D. Gladdish 5 for 22).

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DIVISION I

Aston Villa v Sheffield Utd.
Burnley v Newcastle Utd.
Cardiff C. v Arsenal
Charlton Ath. v Liverpool
Huddersfield T. v Middlesbrough
Manchester C. v Portsmouth
Preston N.E. v Bolton W.
Sheffield Wed. v West Brom
Sunderland v Blackpool
Tottenham H. v Manchester Utd.
Wolves v Chelsea

DIVISION II

Bury v Doncaster R.
Everton v Derby Co.
Fulham v Nottm Forest
Hull C. v Brentford
Leicester C. v Plymouth A.
Lincoln C. v Leeds Utd.
Notts Co. v Bristol R.
Oldham Ath. v Blackburn R.
Rotherham Utd. v Swansea T.
Stoke C. v Luton T.
West Ham v Birmingham C.

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Brighton v Ipswich T.
Bristol C. v Aldershot
Colchester Utd. v Walsall
Crystal Palace v Swindon T.
Northampton T. v Gillingham
Norwich C. v Newport Co.
Q.P.R. v Exeter C.
Reading v Leyton O.
Southampton v Shrewsbury T.
Southend Utd. v Millwall
Torquay Utd. v Coventry C.
Watford v Bournemouth

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Barrow v Grimsby T.
Bradford C. v Accrington S.
Chesterfield v Carlisle Utd.
Gateshead v Barnsley
Hartlepool Utd. v Darlington
Mansfield T. v Stockport Co.
Scunthorpe Utd. v Port Vale
Southport v Chester
Tranmere R. v Halifax T.
Workington v Bradford
Wrexham v Rochdale
York C. v Crewe Alex.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION "A"

Airdrieonians v Hearts
Celtic v Aberdeen
Dundee v Clyde
East Fife v Falkirk
Hibernian v Hamilton
Partick T. v Queen of South
St. Mirren v Raith R.
Stirling "A" v Rangers

DIVISION "B"

Arbroath v Morton
Cowdenbeath v Alloa
Dumbarton v Dunfermline
Kilmarnock v Albion R.
Motherwell v Ayr Utd.
St. Johnstone v Forfar Ath.
Stenhousemuir v Queen's Park
Third Lanark v Dundee Utd.

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME: Charlton, Huddersfield, Wolves, Everton, Leicester, Rotherham, Norwich, Northampton, Tranmere, Wrexham.

FOUR AWAY.—West Brom, Doncaster, Coventry, Port Vale.

THREE DRAWS.—Manchester C. v Portsmouth; Notts Co. v Bristol R.; Southend v Millwall.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.
Football Combination Cup
TO-MORROW
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23rd

LUTON RESERVES

NORTHAMPTON RESERVES

Kick-off 5.30 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 2/-;
Wing Stand and Enclosure 1/6;
Boys 1/-; Bobbers' Stand 1/3;
Boys 10d. (separate entrance);
Ground (not covered) 1/-, Boys 9d.