

Full-Back Problem Is Acute

MITCHELL HAS ANKLE INJURY BUT HOPES TO BE FIT

With Seamus Dunne and Bud Abernethy away on international duty for Eire this week-end, the Town are facing an acute full-back problem, not so much for the first team against Fulham, but for the Reserves on their visit to unbeaten Leicester.

So awkward was the position Manager Dally Duncan found himself in, that he had to call on Leslie Jones and Jim Pemberton, who will be in the League side on Saturday, for reserve team duty last night.

"I shall be keeping my fingers crossed because if one of these players is injured, then we shall really be in a mess," was the manager's comment yesterday afternoon.

The position has been complicated by the serious injury to Alan Thompson and the fact that Ken Hawkes is back with his Army unit.

Hawkes will be available for the Reserves on Saturday, but unless a comparatively untried, young full-back is put in at Leicester, there will have to be something in the nature of an experiment to find a partner for him.

Streten Has A Badly Swollen Finger

THAT is only one of the headaches facing the manager at the moment, for his injured list, instead of lessening, grows lengthier.

Latest blow came yesterday morning when Bernard Streten was declared unfit for last night's match because of a finger injury he received in the private trial under the floodlights on Monday evening.

The finger is badly swollen and he was sent for an X-ray examination, the result of which is not expected until to-morrow.

However, the only real doubt about the first team players concerns Bert Mitchell, whose ankle was swollen on Sunday morning after a knock at Stoke.

Mitchell's Ankle Is Yielding To Treatment

CONSTANT treatment has effected a big improvement and there are strong hopes that he will be able to play against Fulham.

Only other casualty at Stoke was Joe Scott, who received a slight ankle injury from which he has now recovered.

Meanwhile, the manager has delayed final choice of the League side. Jones and Pemberton will be standing in for Dunne and Abernethy and the remainder of the defence will be unchanged.

Probably Mitchell's injury is holding up selection of the attack.

CUP SHOCK FROM VAUXHALL

Brilliant Football

Took Them Through

Vauxhall M 6, Eynesbury Rev 2

This was Vauxhall's best performance of the season. Before the start of this F.A. Cup match the odds were very much in favour of Eynesbury, whose manager is the former Charlton Athletic star, Charlie Revell.

What is more, Eynesbury beat Vauxhall convincingly in the same competition last season, but last Saturday the Luton club played brilliant football and after taking the lead in the tenth minute they never appeared to be in much danger.

TODD'S shot was deflected past the visitors' goalkeeper by Housden. Sixteen minutes later, EMERY equalised and there were escapes at both ends—but no more goals—before the interval.

Then Vauxhall's attack really "clicked." BRANDHAM gave them the lead again and after more good work by TODD, HOUSEDEN, while attempting to clear, put through his own goal.

Eynesbury's arrears were reduced by REVELL, whose shot went in at an upright, but further goals came Vauxhall's way through JAMES, BRANDHAM and SMITH (own goal).

There was not a weak link in the Motors' side, with O'Neill and Brandham particularly prominent and Johnstone making several daring saves.

Vauxhall visit Dunstable Town in the next round on Saturday week.

CONFIDENT START NOT MAINTAINED

Amateur Dismissed By Dunstable Town

Luton Amateur 1, Dunstable T. 3

Vauxhall's opponents in the next round of the F.A. Cup, Dunstable Town, deserved their victory over Luton Amateur who, although playing well in the first half, fell away after the interval.

The Amateur opened very confidently, and took the lead in the tenth minute, through CRAWLEY. Watling missed a good chance for Dunstable, and then COHEN missed a simple chance for the Amateur.

A few minutes before the interval, BARKER equalised for the Metropolitan League side, and then BALL gave them the lead.

In the second half Dunstable were on top, and after James had a goal disallowed for offside BARKER scored again to put the issue beyond doubt.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

The League—Division II

SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER

LUTON TOWN

versus

FULHAM

Kick-off 3 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 7/6; Wing Stands 5/-; Enclosure (standing only) 3/6; Boys 2/-; Bobbers' Stand (covered) 2/-; Boys 1/3 (separate entrance); Terraces (not covered) 1/9; Boys 1/-.

LUTON TOWN F.C.

OPENING

FLOODLIT MATCH

WEDNESDAY, 7th OCTOBER

LUTON TOWN

versus

FENER BAHCE (TURKEY)

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 5/- (tickets only); Wing Stands and Enclosure 3/6; Boys 2/-; Bobbers' Stand 2/-; Boys 1/3; Kenilworth Road Terrace 1/9; Boys 1/-.

NOTICE TO

SEASON TICKET

HOLDERS

Applications for usual seats can be made by post or personal call up to and including

SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER

Price 5/-

Postal applicants please enclose s.a.e. and right-hand side of white ticket No. 35 from Season Ticket book. Personal applicants to surrender above white ticket.

One Change Is Forced Upon Vauxhall

AFTER their excellent performance in knocking Eynesbury Rovers out of the F.A. Cup, Vauxhall Motors should approach their visit to Wood Green, in the Spartan League on Saturday, with a degree of confidence.

Wood Green are just two places above Vauxhall in the League table, and the Motors could give themselves a decided lift if they were to win this game.

One change is necessary, because Ward is doing his Army reserve training, and this paves the way for a first appearance of the season by George Allen, the reserve team captain. Allen.

D. Johnstone; J. Burgess, J. Humphrey; J. O'Neill, G. Allen, W. Lawrence; T. Dolan, K. Owens, R. Brandham, G. Todd, E. James.

"Best Ever" Youth Team Is The Verdict

OFFICIALS who saw Bedfordshire's fine win at Cambridge last Saturday, are convinced that they have their best youth team ever and one that should go far in the County Youth competition this season.

Cambridgeshire had a look at over 100 youth players in trial matches before choosing their team, but Bedfordshire benefited greatly from the fact that most of the players had been playing together regularly.

In the next round, Bedfordshire visit Hertfordshire. This is to be played on or before October 24, and the position is complicated by the fact that Luton Town's youth XI, members of which form the greater part of the county team, also have two Cup-ties to fulfil in the same period.

Kent's Retain Their Winning Team

AFTER their rest last Saturday, Kent's Athletic return to the search for South Midlands League points this week, when they visit Amptill Town, who began the season in grand style with three consecutive victories.

However they slipped up last Saturday in losing to the youthful Bedford Corinthians' team, a fact that gives Kent's grounds for hope.

Kent's field the team that beat Peartree O.B. a fortnight ago.

R. Tottingham; W. Day, R. Noble; R. Rouser, H. Naylor, J. Hall; R. Parrott, J. Sumner, K. Peel, R. Redding, F. Feakes.

The Reserves will be entertaining Stopsley at Waller-avenue in the Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup, and will be strongly represented.

Two Rugby Teams Due To Travel

BOTH Old Lutonians and Luton rugby teams are away on Saturday. The former visit Old Northamptonians, who usually provide them with one of their sternest tussles of the season.

Old Lutonians, at full strength, will be represented by:

Reed; Potter, Thorpe, Matthews, Threlow; Edmonds, Robinson; Shepherd, Knapp, Adkins, Fensome, Young, Kelly, Wood Cato.

Luton are away to Wasps "A" and their team will be:

Skinner; L. Jones, H. G. Jones, Temple, Ruddick, Todd, Sault; Hamon, Faison, Pease, Boswell, Moran, Davies, Oakley, Beecher.

The Extra "A" also travel to meet Wasps "B," and the "A" XV meet Wasps Extra "A" at Stockwood.

RUGBY WAS HOT WORK

Old Albanians 3
Old Lutonians 28

Under a hot sun, and on a pitch with a decided incline, Old Lutonians were much too strong for a team which was not at full strength.

The Old Albanians broke up the Lutonians' early attacks, but once the visitors got on top they stayed there.

First score came when Knapp touched down between the posts and Adkins converted.

Old Lutonians continued to attack and there followed two penalty kicks within range of the posts, one of which was converted. Both teams, subdued by the heat, seemed content to cut and thrust in midfield until Thorpe pounced on a dropped ball to run through easily and score. Adkins again converted.

Continuing after the interval with the advantage of the slope, the Lutonians did most of the attacking. From one forward rush, Cato crossed, with Adkins converting, and later Thorpe dribbled a loose ball through with the same result.

The Old Albanians, although beaten, were not overwhelmed, and during one of their raids a fine penalty goal was kicked.

Play ended with the Old Lutonians on top and a further score resulted from a good solo run by Robinson, who found space when he was stopped right on the goal-line. The goal again was kicked by Adkins.

GOOD VICTORY FOR GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Luton Grammar School 28
St. Albans C.G.S. 3

Luton beat St. Albans County Grammar School by a goal, a penalty goal and four tries to one try at Bradgers-hill on Saturday.

St. Albans scored first, after some weak tackling by the home defence, but Devey forced himself over in the corner to equalise, and a try from Stevens and a penalty, kicked by Gurney, gave Luton the lead.

The Luton pack was too strong for their opponents in the second half, and tries from Nash, Bond and Stevens, and a conversion by Gurney, gave Luton a comfortable victory.

VAUXHALL PUT UP GREAT FIGHT

Bedford Athletic 27
Vauxhall Motors 15

Playing with only 14 men, Vauxhall were well beaten but not disgraced at Bedford.

The Athletic opened the scoring when their scrum-half dived over the Motors' defence, and they went further ahead when they converted a penalty.

Vauxhall hit back through Critchley and Hobbs added the extra points.

A month before the game, the Luton side went further ahead with a try scored after a kick ahead.

The tempo increased in the second half and the Athletic scored two more tries before Vauxhall replied through Critchley.

Bedford scored two more tries before the end, but in between Brown touched down for Vauxhall.

A month short throughout the game, Vauxhall's back-up was tremendous fight. Oty hooked the ball well, only for the stronger Bedford pack to push them off it and start an attack. At full-back Hobbs was sound and he converted all three tries.

OLD BOYS' PACK WAS STRONG

Old Lutonians "A" 14
Old Albanians Extra "A" 6

In the first half the Old Lutonians kept play in their opponents' half, scored tries through Fitch, Joblin and Potter, Smith converting one. The Old Albanians scored a breakaway try from an interception.

After half-time play was more even. Smith scored a good try for the Old Lutonians and the visitors replied with a try in the closing minutes.

The Lutonians' pack played well together and, among the backs, the experience of Smith proved too much for the opposing defence.



GORDON BRICE, Fulham centre-half, who was once on Luton's books.

DRAMA IN LATE STAGES

Town Lost After Rallying Well

Luton Town Res. 3, Leicester City Res. 4

When Hall ran up to support his forwards who were waiting for Adam to take a corner kick, and then headed home the winger's cross to put Luton on terms a few minutes from the end of this Combination Cup match at Kenilworth-road on Saturday, it looked as if the Reserves would collect a point from the section leaders.

But Leicester had different ideas, and almost straight from the re-start they broke away and LITTLE found himself left with a clear run to goal.

The centre-forward took the ball on before banging it past Streten to give them both points.

The reason Leicester are likely candidates for a place in the Cup semi-finals is because they know how to snap up their chances.

On Saturday they opened shakily and Luton did everything but score. Then, in practically their first serious raid, Leicester took the lead through CRAWFORD. Thirteen minutes before the interval, Hogg, the best player on the field, ran down the wing, beating two Luton defenders on the way, and sent over a perfect cross for WORTHINGTON to score their second goal.

Luton came out fighting in the second half. TURNER converted a penalty after Milburn had fisted a shot over the bar and then, m-a-u through the half, scored again with a first-time shot.

LITTLE gave them the lead again—three minutes later, and they watched the winner after HALL had put Luton on terms again just before the end.

INTEREST WAS MAINTAINED

It was not a great game but, with seven goals and a penalty, there was enough to keep the spectators' interest right up to the final whistle, which is more than can be said about some previous reserve team games at Luton this season.

Turner and Allen were the most dangerous Luton forwards, although Adam put a good deal of useful material across. Davies, on the other wing, did not see much of the ball while McJarrow's finishing was not up to standard.

Hall was the best defender, but it was unfortunate that the comparatively inexperienced Hawkes should find himself marking the best forward on the field.

LUTON TOWN RESERVES: Streten; Jones, Hawkes; Kelly, Hall, Smith; Davies, Turner, McJarrow, Allen, Adam.

LEICESTER CITY RESERVES: Dickson; Milburn, Webb; Warner, Fincham, Jakeman; Hogg, Worthington, Littler, Crawford, Burbeck.

NAPIER NOW THE ONLY UNBEATEN PREMIER TEAM

Splendid Win Over Champions: Stopsley Lose For First Time

Out in front with a clear lead of two points in the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League as the result of last Saturday's matches are Napier Sports.

They had a fine win over the champions, Shillington, whose first defeat of the season it was, and were helped considerably by the fact that Caddington smashed Stopsley's 100 per cent record.

STOPSLEY 0, CADDINGTON 3 (Pain 2, Banks).

DIVISION I
WEST PARK 3, LEAGRAVE B.L. 4 (Richards 3, Conlon).

SHILLINGTON "A" 5 (Brudenell 2, Butts, Robinson, Cole, LEAGRAVE ATH. 6).

CHAUL END ATH. 6 (Beasley 6), ELECTROLUX 3 (Bartan 2, Golding).

R.A.F.A. 1 (Blaxill), LUTON O.B. 6 (Rafterfield 3, Evans 2, Gray, Fowler, opponent).

BELLS PARK 3 (Bunyan 2, King), WOBURN ATH. 4 (Glinney 3, Large).

DIVISION II
LUTON SOCIAL RES. 7 (B. Jackson 6, Geary), OLD LUTONIANS 2.

DIVISION IV
COCKERNHOE 4 (Crick 3, Embury), WILSDEN R.S. 4 (Tomkins, Hull, Bennell, opponent).

Golf

NEARLY MADE IT A MEDAL "DOUBLE"

Two medal competitions were held at Dunstable Downs during the week-end and M. M. Henderson was well to the fore in both.

He won the first division competition on Saturday with a net score of 69 and was second on Sunday with 73.

Best returns:

1st DIVISION: M. M. Henderson, 73-69; W. S. Osborne, 79-47; O. F. Bond, 83-8-75; T. Moore, 84-8-76.

2nd DIVISION: G. L. Foxall, 90-21-69; G. E. Moore, 92-20-73; H. M. Melville, 97-24-73; W. Lawson, 87-14-73; A. W. Kemper, 90-14-76; A. Edwards, 95-18-77; N. Smith, 99-22-77.

1st DIVISION: G. Utridge, 81-9-72; M. M. Henderson, 79-47; 2nd DIVISION: A. G. Wignar, 87-16-71; A. W. Kemper, 86-14-77; H. R. Smith, 94-22-72; C. Brookes, 88-14-74.

KEENS CUP WON BY MRS. WOODS

In the 36-holes final of the Keens Cup at South Beds, Mrs. K. Woods and Mrs. T. W. L. Roberts, Mrs. Woods was five up at the end of the first 18 holes, and eventually won by a margin of 4 and 3.

Played over 36 holes, the Clark Trophy, which Mrs. L. Hill by W. F. 5 and 5 after being four up after the first round.

COUNTY LADIES' EXTRA DAY
South Beds Ladies' Golf Club held an extra day County meeting on Thursday when the winners were—

Silver Division: Best gross score, Mrs. Seale (53), 80; best net score, Mrs. T. Brown (17), 76.

Bronze Division: Best gross score, Mrs. Williams (22), 93; best net score, Mrs. Marchant (26), 69.

FLAG COMPETITION

In a flag competition, held by Dunstable ladies, the winners of prizes given by Mr. R. Oris were:

SILVER DIVISION: Miss S. Durrant, on the 18th green.

Bronze Division: Mrs. C. G. Tipper, three strokes up at the 19th hole, 92-21-71.

Cricket

Vauxhall Sunday XI v. Hendon

VAUXHALL: A. Canstick 36, N. Price 0, P. Buckingham 1, G. Croveto 2, C. Saunders 5, D. Soyer 13, E. Lloyd 13, G. Moto 11, G. Brown 2, R. Sargant 4, E. Parkin not out 1; extras 6, Total 116.

HENDON 110 (Buckingham 6 for 46, Parkin 3 for 34).

BAYNHAM GAVE A BRILLIANT DISPLAY

Had A Big Part In Town's Draw With Stoke City

By Chiltern

STOKE CITY 1 LUTON TOWN 1

Highlight of this match at the Victoria Ground, Stoke, was a brilliant display of goalkeeping by Baynham and it was largely due to his work and the stubborn resistance of the Town defence as a whole that a point was earned.

Capping a grand afternoon's work by Baynham was a save from the penalty spot when a successful shot by Mountford would have given Stoke the lead.

Tearaway Stoke relied much on speed and dash in attack, but although these factors worried the Town defence at times, they had not sufficient guile or craft to make a real impression and their shooting was sub-standard.

The more polished football came from the Town who, if they did not always accomplish what they set out to do, at least showed that they had constructive ideas in attack.

In fact, had the line really worked as a line consistently, Stoke would have been in real trouble.

What stopped the Town taking a grip was a failing at inside forward, where Cummins spoilt much clever footwork by making inaccurate passes and Downie had one of those unhappy afternoons when nothing goes right.

So much out of touch was he that he was switched to outside-right during the second half, with Scott coming across to inside-left.

Despite this, the line carried much potential threat in the first half, and the threat became reality in the 35th minute when Mitchell, who had just returned after a few minutes' absence through injury, suddenly popped up in the inside-right position.

Quickly he pushed the ball through for SCOTT to run on to, and he brushed off a challenge by McCue before beating Robertson with a perfectly placed cross-shot into the far corner of the net.

Earlier there had been a good deal of activity in front of the Town goal, with Baynham shining, particularly in the way he pulled down high centres from either wing.

One or two more chances cropped up for the Town after they had scored, but they could not add to their lead, which disappeared four minutes after half-time.

Bowyer beat Shanks in a race for the ball and pushed it through to KING, who had no difficulty in placing it wide of Baynham from fairly close range.

Shortly after this came the penalty incident in which Watkins was judged to have fouled Bowyer, but Mountford shot only slightly wide of Baynham's right hand and the goalkeeper pounced on the ball.

After that it was mainly a case of the Town hanging on grimly to keep on level terms, with Stoke handicapped by over-eagerness among their young forwards.

For a long spell not much was seen of the Town attack, but they made a few all-out raids that seldom looked likely to produce an opening that would enable them to regain their lead.

MORTON'S GRIP ON FINNEY

Apart from Baynham, there was another fine showing by Morton, who again had such a grip on the opposing centre-forward that Finney was left with no room in which to work.

No initial anxiety for Dunne and Abernethy provided by the speed of Malkin and Osofrot, was soon overcome, and both settled down to give sound displays.

Both Shanks and Watkins were kept at full stretch throughout the

match and while there were periods when they had not got the mastery in the middle of the field, they never flagged and did a terrific amount of work.

Pye made a happy return which would have been happily still had there been an adequate measure of support for him. Always, when he had possession of the ball, he looked dangerous and he distributed it well, but little came his way after the interval.

To a certain extent, the same applied to Scott and Mitchell, who did not receive the best of material, but the latter was as dangerous a forward as the Town had, and Scott looked promising in his new position.

STOKE CITY: Robertson; Bourne, McCue; Mountford, Thomson, Martin; Malkin, Bowyer, Finney, King, Osofrot.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Abernethy; Shanks, Morton, Watkins; Scott, Cummins, Pye, Downie, Mitchell.

Referee: A. Holland, Barnsley. Attendance: 24,082.

S. Midlands League

A FINE RUN IS ENDED

Arlesley Upset Baldock Record

Baldock