

# A FORWARD CHANGE IS LIKELY

## MORE THRUST MUST BE THE TOWN'S AIM

### Chance To Experiment In The Floodlight Match

By Chiltern

Another display that exposed the shortcomings at inside forward, it is fairly certain that the Town will use the floodlit match with Fener Bahce at Kenilworth-road to-morrow night to make some sort of experiment with a view to gaining added punch in attack.

Lack of it against a moderate Fulham team cost them two home points and the downward trend must be stopped now before it really becomes a serious matter.

Understand that it is unlikely Downie will be called upon to-morrow night's match, because bringing him here would involve yet another journey from Manchester where he is still living and training, and to give him a rest.

It could be, too, that the line thought at present is running the need to bring in a more useful player at inside-right to replace a foil for Pye and Cummings whose style of play is very like that of Downie.

### More Thrust Is An Urgent Necessity

In fact, I would say that the introduction of such a player is an urgent necessity, and there are several ways in which it could be achieved, one of which may be tried out to-morrow night.

When I spoke to Manager Dally before he left for his country with the Reserves yesterday, he admitted that he was looking along this sort of line, and would give no hint of what a final decision may be.

Downie is easily the team's leading scorer, but he did not look much like adding to his quota on Saturday, nor did he at Stoke, and has not really struck his true form yet.

### Too Much Tip-Tap And Close Play

Both he and Cummins held the ball too long against Fulham, and there was too much tip-tapping and short passing that made the task of the visiting defence easier than they had any right to expect.

Cummins did much hard work, tending to run into trouble by keeping the ball too long and did not split the defence in the crossfield pass to the inside wing.

Pye, too, played in much the same style and that was the trouble with the inside trio. They

were much too stereotyped and failed to make use of the directness of the wingers.

### Pye Needs The Ball On The Ground

PYE tried hard to lose Brice who kept a close watch on him, but the number of times the ball came to him high in the air was a big handicap to him, for to be the menace he can be, he needs the ball on the ground.

So there it was, for the most part, a close huddle in the middle of the field and only danger threatening when either Scott or Mitchell got the ball.

Mitchell is playing well and he was most unlucky not to score a goal or two. Once the woodwork stood between him and success and, on another occasion, only a brilliant save by Black kept out his terrific shot.

### Scott Did Not Have Much Support

SCOTT, neglected for long periods, showed speed and fighting spirit when the ball did come his way. So infrequently did this happen that there was ironical applause from the crowd during the second half when the ball did reach him.

I thought that he might have been switched inside with advantage early in the second half, for in a couple of dashes down the middle, he really unsettled a Fulham defence that did not look completely reliable under concerted pressure.

At the moment, Scott is a bit short of ball control, but that will come, and the softer going will help in this direction.

### Town's Lead Did Not Last Very Long

SUFFICIENT chances came the way of the Town in the first half for them to have had a fairly

### FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN ..... 1  
Cummins  
FULHAM ..... 2  
Lowe, Jezzard  
LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Jones, Pemberton; Shanks, Morton, Watkins; Scott, Downie, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell.  
FULHAM: Black; Chenhall, Lawler; Smith, Brice, Lowe; Stevens, Robson, Jezzard, Haynes, Milton.  
Referee: F. L. Overton, Derby. Attendance: 18,619.

comfortable interval lead, but the finishing was just not good enough.

When Cummins did open the score three minutes after the resumption, it seemed that at last the Town had laid a foundation for victory, but there came a speedy reply by Fulham when Lowe went through unexpectedly seven minutes later.

Why he was allowed to run so far without being challenged was something I suspect the manager wanted to know after the match, but allowed to do so he was.

### Defence Expected Lowe To Pass

ADMITTEDLY, he was a "loose" man, for Downie was way back near the centre line and the defence, obviously, expected Lowe to pass. Instead, he kept going and beat Baynham with a beautiful shot.

The Town's best chance of regaining the lead came when Mitchell popped up in front of goal to take a centre by Pye first time, but Black somehow reached the ball when a goal looked certain.

After that, it looked like stalemate with neither forward line really promising goals until there came the fatal 75th minute for the Town.

### Simple Jezzard Goal Was The Winner

A MORE simple goal will scarcely ever come the way of Jezzard, who was allowed to go on, with the Town defence standing still, awaiting what looked to be an obvious offside decision.

It did not come, though, and they looked flabbergasted when the referee pointed to the centre of the field after Jezzard had put the ball into the net.

The Fulham players were pleasantly surprised too, and their manager, Frank Osborne, told me afterwards, that he never expected the goal to be allowed. "But," he said, "it's not before time that we had a bit of a break."

### Unlucky To Lose In Such A Manner

THE referee and linesmen were in complete agreement that Jezzard was put outside by the ball touching a Town player, but who it was, no one knew.

To lose by such a goal was an unlucky turn for the Town and Fulham did not deserve both points from this match in which there was much scrappiness.

Blame for the defeat must rest squarely on the shoulders of the forwards, but the defence was not so assured as it can be.

Morton was again outstanding by the way in which he held Jezzard, who was obviously the focal point of the Fulham attacking plan, for the ball was hit down the middle to him at every opportunity.

### Morton Being Missed At Right-Half

WHILE Morton has made a great success of his spell at centre-half, there is no doubt that his strength is being missed at right-half, where Shanks is having only a moderate time.

He is working as hard as ever, but did not really get a grip on things in this match and his distribution was often faulty. Watkins was much more effective and his strong, accurate tackling had much to do with Robson having a quiet time.

While it could not be said that the absence of Dunn and Aherne contributed in any way directly to this defeat, the other full-back partnership was not so solid as the one the Eire players have been forming.

### Did Not Make The Most Of Their Chances

JONES was the better of the two, but I thought that Milton might have made more of the fact that he was consistently allowed to get the ball under control.

As things turned out, Jones's



Len Black, Fulham's Scottish international goalkeeper, was in fine form on Saturday. Here he is making a spectacular save — one of many he made at Luton's expense.

tactics of jockeying the winger achieved success, but one could not help thinking that his task would have been easier had he been closer to his opponent.

Although Pemberton never really mastered Stevens, the right winger, too, did not make the most of the room he was allowed.

Too many times, Pemberton's clearance kicks spooned the ball into the air. So, too, did those of Baynham, but there was not much fault to find with him otherwise on an afternoon when he did not have a lot to do.

### Reserves Deserved To Gain A Point

THE Reserves came away from Leicester feeling that they were unlucky to lose and that they had deserved a point on the run of play.

They were unlucky not to do so in the closing stages when they nearly ran the home team off their feet and during this spell, Moore hit the bar.

Yet, they had their chances and simple ones fell to Allen and McJarrow. Allen, it was who gained their only goal and he was also the best of a forward line that played some good football at times.

McJarrow was a whole-hearted trier, but cannot get among the goals and Moore did a lot of useful work.

### Hall Shone In The Town Defence

BENNETT'S turn of speed made him quite a threat to the City defence, but Davies could not get going on the other wing.

Best of the defence was Hall, and Hawkes did much better against the clever Hogg than he did on their first meeting a week earlier.

Experiment of playing Kelly at right-back was not a success, but Turner had quite a good game in his old position of right-half, and Smith did quite well.

Except that the second goal came after Stretton had punched a ball he should have caught, the goalkeeper put up a confident display.

### "A" Team's First Win On Tonbridge Ground

THE score 2-1 seemed to haunt the Town teams on Saturday, but at least they can point to one victory, gained by the "A" team at Tonbridge, where they have been trounced consistently in the past.

Two goals from Bradley did the trick, and the Town were kept in the lead when Williams made a fine save from a penalty kick awarded when Don Archell went full length to punch out a shot that had beaten the goalkeeper.

Everybody pulled their weight in an effective display before 2,360 on the Angel ground.

## Chiltern's Forecasts

INTERNATIONAL MATCH  
Wales v England

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

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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)  
Aldershot v Millwall  
Bristol C. v Ipswich T.  
Colchester Utd. v Coventry C.  
Crystal Palace v Bournemouth

FLOODLIT MATCH  
LUTON TOWN F.C.

OPENING  
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 2/4, Boys 1/3; Kenilworth Road Terrace 1/9, Boys 1/4.

Exeter C. v Brighton  
Newport Co. v Watford  
Norwich C. v Torquay Utd.  
Q.P.R. v Northampton T.  
Sheff. Wednesday T. v Southend Utd.  
Southampton v Gillingham  
Swindon T. v Leyton O.  
Walsall v Reading

DIVISION III (NORTH)  
Accrington S. v Hartlepool Utd.  
Barnsley v Chester  
Bradford C. v Crewe Alex.  
Crawley Utd. v Darlington  
Chesterfield v Port Vale  
Grimsby T. v Gateshead  
Halifax T. v Burnley  
Mansfield T. v Southport  
Rochdale v Scunthorpe Utd.  
Sheff. Wednesday T. v Bradford  
Tottenham H. v York C.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP  
SEMI-FINALS  
Hibernian v East Fife  
Rangers v Partick T.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE  
DIVISION "A"  
Aberdeen v Hamilton  
Coltville v Raith R.  
Dundee v Queen of South  
St. Mirren v Hearts  
Stirling A. v Clyde  
Falkirk v Airdrieonians

DIVISION "B"  
Ayr United v Alloa  
Cowdenbeath v Albion R.  
Dumbarton v Ayr Utd.  
Kilmarnock v Dundee Utd.  
Motherwell v Queen's Park  
St. Johnstone v Morton  
Stirling Albion v Forfar Ath.  
Third Lanark v Dunfermline

SELECTIONS  
TEN HOME: Bolton, Charlton, Preston, Birmingham, Nottm Forest, West Ham, Norwich, Southampton, Carlisle, Wrexham.  
FOUR AWAY: Wolves, Everton, Reading, Port Vale.  
THREE DRAWS: Middlesbrough v Sheffield Utd.; Newport v Watford; Bradford C. v Crewe.

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