Problems Still Face Town

By Chiltern

"I WANT TO GET A TEAM," SAYS MANAGER

Two or three factors have prevented Manager Dally Duncan from making the choice of his team to visit Notts County on Saturday and not the least of them was that he was waiting to see how Sid Owen got through his first match test against Norwich Reserves last night.

A successful try-out, combined with no reaction afterwards, would put Owen right in line for a quick return to the League side, but it is unlikely that any decision will be made until to-morrow.

WELL as Bob Morton has played at centre-half, and he has been an unqualified success, there is no doubt that his capacity for linking up the middle line and the forwards when at right-half and his driving force in attack, has been missed.

Owen has been out of the team for five weeks, but has made a remarkably quick return to fitness.

The injury position is another thing that has prevented the manager to delay selection, and Gordon Turner, who had his ankle gashed on Saturday, received another kick on it at Watford and it is a case now of waiting to see how he progresses.

Manager Wants To Get A Settled Team

THERE will probably be fitness tests, too, for both Joe Scott and Ron Baynham, who must come in for consideration and, of course, Johnny Downie had the chance last night to stake a claim.

However, the manager said yesterday that his aim now is to try to get a settled team.

"We have been chopping and changing and we have just about tried everything. Now I feel we must give a formation a chance to settle down."

He added that injuries had been a consistent bogy to the club and instanced the knock to Turner, which puts him in the slightly doubtful category.

Main Worry About The Forward Line

THE worry, of course, is not about the defence, which has done his share of work, despite the absence of Owen, but about the forward line.

Evidence of the "settled" policy was given on Tuesday, when an unchanged attack played at Watford, but still without giving a real bite, and it is not a kickmanswork anything like a cohesive force.

Whether or not this formation will now be regarded as the best available and give another opportunity at Nottingham, can only be a matter of guess-work, and it presents a weighty problem.

County Are Very Much In The Doldrums

THE troubles of Notts County, marooned at the bottom of the table, are greater and more varied than those of Town, who appear to hold an outstanding chance of recording their first away win of the season if they can strike anything approaching peak form.

Without a manager since Eric Houghton went to Aston Villa, with their captain, Leon Leuty wanting to go on to the transfer list and with only one point from the last 16 at stake, the County are very much in the doldrums and my Nottingham correspondent tells me that they are playing with no confidence and no plan.

Defence Is Weak, Forwards Goal-shy

THEIR defence has conceded more goals than any other club in the country with the exception of Newport County and their forwards have failed to score in six of the last eight matches.

During the last fortnight, the County have been attempting to remedy their goal-shyness by the signing of "Tot" Leverton from the Forest for £7,000 and of Billy Coole, from Mansfield Town, for £6,000, but their inclusion has made no noticeable difference in the last two matches.

Of their five home matches, they have lost four and four of their six points have been gained away from home.

Five On Short List For Managership

THE vacant managership is expected to be filled within the next fortnight and the list of applicants has now been cut down to five, from whom the final choice will be made.

Not until to-morrow is an announcement of the team to meet the Town expected and there may be changes after their 5-0 defeat by neighbours, Nottingham Forest last Saturday.

The team then was.—Bradley; Southwell, Jones; Deans; Johnston, Baxter, Jarvis; Coole, Wylie, Leverton, Edwards, Crookes.

Five members of that—Southwell, Johnston, Baxter, Leverton and Edwards—are former Forest players.

Reserves' New Career Begins On Saturday

ALTHOUGH they do not complete their Combination Cup programme until their visit to Birmingham next Wednesday, the Town Reserves begin their new career in Division 1 of the Football Combination on Saturday with a home match against Ipswich Town, who have already won at Kenilworth-road this season.

Interesting experiment made last night was the playing of Hugh McLarrow at left-half, brought about by the memory of his display there in an emergency in the League side at Meadowlane last season.

Vauxhall Have To Make Several Changes

VAUXHALL MOTORS, who travel to Hoddesden for a Spartan League match on Saturday, have a doubt at inside left where Brandham does not know if he will be available, although he is hoping to play. D. Soper is standing by.

Other changes from the team beaten 3-2 at Dunstable in the F.A. Cup last week include the centre-half position where Ward is not available.

J. Humphrey moves up and his place at left-back will be taken by Ken Startin who has had considerable Spartan League experience.

Outside-right, Cyril Firmin comes in for Dolan, injured last week, and his partner will be M. Jones who is doubtful with a recurrence of his leg injury.

Team: D. Johnston; J. Burgess, K. Startin; R. Humphrey, W. Humphrey, W. Lawrence; C. Firmin, M. Jones, G. Todd, R. Brandham or D. Soper, E. James.

Amateur Return To League Programme

AFTER figuring in four competitive cup-ties, Luton Amateur return to their Spartan League programme on Saturday when they visit Hickmansworth at Stockingstone-road.

Williams is still on the injury list and new player, David Smith (Amateur), is being introduced at left-half.

Team: A. Janes; G. Brown, T. Kilby; B. Jackson, J. Crudden, G. Smith; K. Crawley, A. Cohen, P. Chorley, L. Jackson, P. Panter.

No Change Is The Policy Of Kent's

KENT'S ATHLETIC, who had no match last Saturday because Watford on Blue Cross were engaged in the Amateur Cup, following their mid-week replay win over Luton Amateur, have chosen an unchanged team for their home match with Histon Inst. in the South Midlands League on Saturday.

Histon made a poor start to the season, but have made considerable improvement recently and have beaten Biggleswade team last Saturday.

Team: R. Tottingham; W. Day, R. Noble; R. Router, H. Naylor, C. Wright, W. Parrett, J. Summers, K. Peel, R. Redding, P. Feakes.

With what they expect to be an unchanged team, the reserves visit the Division II leaders, Elstow Abbey.

Schoolboys' First Shield Match

MAKING their debut this season in the English Schools' Shield are Luton Schoolboys, who will have as their opponents on the Town ground on Saturday morning, St. Albans Schoolboys.

This is the jubilee year of the English Schools F.A., and both Luton and St. Albans are foundermembers. They last met in the competition in 1936 when Luton won.

Winners will be at home to S.E. Beds or Hertford in the next round.

Town player, Leslie Hall, once played for St. Albans Boys and Alan Collier, the goalkeeper who is now on the Town's books as an amateur, was with them last season and was capped by England.

Hopes Of A Long Run This Season

AFTER a series of trials, Luton hope they have got together a team that will take them a long way in the competition this season. The Grammar School supplies three members of the forward line.

Team: Kershaw (Tech.); Dillon (Old Bedford-road), Summerfield (Grammar School); Black (Denbigh-road), Hetherington (Stopsley); Westwood, Chance (Hills (Grammar), White (Old Bedford-road), Mardle (Icknield).

Reserves, Tomkins (Icknield), Dean (Old Bedford-road). Childs (Chalney).

Two Return After Injury Lay-off

RETURN of Heanue and Thorpe, who have been absent through injury, strengthens Old Lutonians R.F.C. for their home match with Old Oxford Citizens.

Thorpe goes back to centre-threequarter, and Heanue, making his first appearance of the season in the senior side, will be at lock forward. Team:

Reed; Bracey, Thorpe, Matthews, Thurlow; Edmonds, Bracey; Shepherd, Knapp, Adkins, Fermoune, Young, Cato, Heanue Kelly.

Chance To Avenge A Defeat

WHEN Luton encountered Barking Park M.O.B. last season, they found them to be exceptionally strong, and they suffered quite a heavy defeat.

This time, they are hoping for a better result when they meet Gain Street at Stockwood with the following:

Skinner; Ruddick, Temple, H. Clark, Sunlt; Todd, D. Jones; Swain, Peirson, Hammond, Pearce, Powell, G. Davies, Beechener, P. Oakley.

The "Jack" will be also be at home to the same club, but the "A" XV will travel to Barking Park.

National Road Walk Starts From Vauxhall

ABOUT 12 teams, comprising between 60 and 80 competitors, are expected to take part in the Road-Walking Association's five-miles national junior road walk, which will start from Vauxhall Motors canteen on Saturday afternoon.

The course consists of two lans of 2½ miles and the route will be along Windmill-road, Lea-road, Park-road, Vauxhall-road and back along Kimpton-road.

In J. Devis, the Vauxhall club hope to have one individual winner, for he has been near the leaders in the last two years.

Holders of the team cup are the Northampton Walking Club, who are expected to retain it, but they are likely to find strong competition.

VAUXHALL OUT OF F.A. CUP

Dunstable Town 3
Vauxhall Motors 2

Dunstable won a hard, keen match on Saturday, and in doing so put an end to Vauxhall's F.A. Cup conditions.

The Motors had their chances, particularly in the second half, but their forwards "bunched" instead of working as a unit, and the result was that although they had more of the play they lacked goalmouth punch.

Dunstable were generalled by PULLEN, their new player-manager, and he gave them the lead in the seventh minute. This was brought in by BAILEY, Dunstable's liveliest forward—but before the interval BRANDHAM reduced Vauxhall's arrears.

BALL put the home side further ahead soon after the restart, but TODD scored again for Vauxhall, and from that point the Spartan League side dominated the game without being able to score the equaliser.

Todd did get the ball into the net after it had been put through by Owens, but the goal was disallowed for offside.

Hockey

FAST-MOVING O.D.'s FORWARD LINE

Old Dunstablians 6,
R.A.F. Henlow 1.

Whenever these two old rivals meet there is always a most enjoyable game, and this was no exception.

After a lay-off because of injury, Alan McKelvie made a welcome return, and with the reintroduction of Watson at insideforward, the Old Boys' line was transformed into a fast-moving, hard-hitting combination which kept the Henlow defence at full stretch throughout.

Goals came from WATSON (2), McKELVIE (P), McKELVIE (A), LEWIS and BLAKE. Only sound play by the visiting goalkeeper kept the score down.

RESULTS

Amersham 0, Luton 4.
Bletchley 3, Old Dunstablians II 1
Luton Ladies 2, St. Albans Old Grammarians 2

Rugby

DID NOT PLAY WELL, BUT O.Ls WON

Gidea Park 0, Old Lutonians 13

Old Lutonians won a very satisfactory game at Romford by two goals and a try to nil.

The standard of forward play was only mediocre and there were too many mishandled passes in the back division.

Despite this, however, the Old Boys were the superior team and their bosh very rarely looked like scoring.

The scoring opened with a fine try by Rayner, and the exceedingly difficult kick was converted by Adkins. The Old Boys looked set to give an exhibition of fine rugby but failed to rise to the occasion, and there were intermittent periods of loose forward play and dribbling, but too polished work by the threequarters.

At one stage, Matthews, backing up his winger, received the ball and crosskicked to between the posts. It was a fine move, however, who were up to take it, but stand-off Edmonds who adroitly neatly and eluded two of the opposition to score, Adkins again kicked the goal.

Rayner shortly half saw a great deal more forward play and the game swung from end to end. The Old Boys were always struggling to develop movements but despite a storming performance by Heanue, who did in fact score during one valiant solo effort, the poor handling of the backs foiled scoring attempts.

During this half the home forwards took control of the game at intervals but were not consistent, and found themselves struggling on their own line for long periods, and only hard defensive play kept the Old Lutonians from increasing their score.

DEFEAT IN FIRST HOME GAME

Luton 0, Welwyn 11

Luton gave a rather disappointing display in this, their first home match of the season.

They were unable to penetrate a resolute defence, even though they maintained a continual attack for the first three minutes and after they had played themselves almost to a standstill, Welwyn came into the game and took the lead through a "fluke" try which was obtained by a lucky bounce after a cross-kick.

Soon after, opened with a rush after the interval but were foiled by Luton's good covering and tackling. In the closing minutes Luton tired and Welwyn scored a goal and a try.

SCORE NOT A TRUE PICTURE

Wellingborough G.S.O.B. 0,
Vauxhall Motors 5.

The score does not reflect Vauxhall's superiority—particularly in the first half, when, apart from occasional spurts, Wellingborough rarely entered the Motors "25."

Yet, despite their undoubted superiority, Vauxhall failed to score until after the interval.

Attacks were often nipped in the bud by the quick-tackling Wellingborough wing forwards, and the home three-quarters seemed desperately keen to score. Vauxhall came to scoring before the interval was when Bland was prominent in the line. Two penalties dropped just short of their target

Soon after the restart Mastin touched down after full-back Critchley had started a movement, and Hobbs converted.

Wellingborough fought back, and their heavier pack began to dominate the game, but Vauxhall's defence held out, despite the home side's all-out attacks.

It was a good win for Vauxhall, who including four reserves. Long, at centre-three-quarter, appears to be a useful acquisition.

TIGHTENING-UP IN DEFENCE NEEDED

Biggleswade 14,
Old Lutonians 1st 5

This was the Old Boys' Extra 1st XV's first game of the season. The forwards were not up to par, although they were capably led by Pat Heanue and the backs have been non-stopping in defence. Packwood, making a welcome return, was the pick of the department and made several good breakaway.

The Lutonians' try came in the second half through Head, Heanue converting.

Biggleswade deserved their victory and the Old Boys must tighten their defence if they are to regain the winning path.

Satisfying Win For Grammar School

Luton Grammar School 36,
Wellingborough Old Grammarians 8

Luton Grammar School gained their fourth successive and satisfying victory of the season when they beat old rivals, Dunstable.

After a period of even play Luton took command and at half-time they held a 19 points lead through tries by Cundick (2), Odam, Osborne and Gurney. Two of these were converted by Gurney.

Cundick and Tout scored further tries soon after the re-start, but Dunstable replied with two good efforts, one of which was converted.

Luton's superior fitness told in the end and in the closing minutes they added three more tries through Devey, Gurney and Stevens. Stevens added the extra points to one of them.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.
Combination League
SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER
LUTON RESERVES
versus
IPSWICH TOWN
RESERVES
Kick-off 3 p.m.

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

LITTLE ENTHUSIASM GREETED THIS WIN

Unexciting Game Had A "Friendly" Atmosphere

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN ..... 3 HULL CITY 1

Rarely at Kenilworth-road has a victory for the Town been greeted with less show of enthusiasm, and the gloomy atmosphere at the end was more reminiscent of a home defeat.

Reason for it was contained in the dull game, the poor quality football and the recurring mistakes by both teams which all added up to an encounter that was more like a "friendly" than a struggle for points

That the Town gained both points was, as a matter of satisfaction, for they were badly needed to check the recent downward trend, but although there was not much to indicate anything of the sort, the optimists will be hoping that this will be the start of better things.

One comforting feature was that the team scored more goals that in any League match since the first of the season, and that this happened was mainly due to Turner.

Brought back to the exclusion of expensive capture, Downie, TURNER set the Town towards victory with a well-taken goal from his favourite angled position 13 minutes after the start, when he ran on to a headed pass by Moore after Mitchell had hit the ball across the field.

A goal at that point was needed, because Hull had been looking the more dangerous, and they continued to do so, but only in midfield, for their finishing was weak in the extreme.

SLICE OF LUCK FOR TOWN

Fortune smiled on the Town when, after half an hour, WAKINS made a speculative shot from fairly long range, and Forgan failed to get hold of the ball which spun away from him over the line to put the Town two up.

Probably, that was more than they were worth on the run of the play, but there was little potential danger from Hull, and they did not manage to reply until ninety seconds had gone, when PORTEOUS caused a mild fluttering by banging the ball in off the inside of the post following a scrum by Fagan.

There was no determined bid for an equaliser and, a minute later, Bowie, who had took a pass from Moore to bang the ball high into the net. Immediately afterwards, a shot from the same player rebounded off the bar and post and the ball still came back into play.

Mainly because they had an opportunity, the Town deserved the points, but they were far from impressive as a team. The forwards rarely settled down to cohesive working and, again, there was too much reliance on the short pass.

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Perhaps because of his ankle injury, Turner was little seen in the second half, after doing quite well previously, and the finishing of the wingers was not of the best, though Mitchell looked as likely to score as anybody.

WATFORD: Underwood; Bewley, Jones; Kelly, Nolan, Mitchell (F.); Cook, Bowie, Brown (R.), Brown (T.), Paton.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Shanks, Morton, Watkins; Moore, Turner, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell (B).

Luton Greyhounds

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

6.30.—410yds: 634 Kyre; 6 Lobby Lodi; 331 Lord Luck; 4 Marvex; 523 Gaston Boy; 4 Charlie H. Nancy; 7-10: Guttersnipe (Chance Mas Future); 7-30: Nicholas Silver; 8 Malthouse Tom; 8-0: Cynic (Mischief, Mandeville); 8.10: Red Head (Agile, Easy); 8-30: Bess Tweed (Mr Mischief, Wonder); Heath; 8.50: Jazz (MacNab, Sunlight).

GLENDALE'S SEVEN-GOALS SHOCK FOR STOPSLEY

Emerge As Chief Challengers To 100 Per Cent Napier Sports

Shock result in a Luton and South Beds League programme, curtailed because of Bedfordshire Junior Cup-ties, was the 7—0 home defeat of Stopsley at the hands of Glendale.

Regarded as one of the stronger teams in the Premier Division, Stopsley had lost only once previously and Glendale, with eight points out of a possible 10, now come into line as chief challengers to the still 100-per-cent leaders. Napier Sports.

In gaining their sixth consecutive league victory, Napier had something to spare with Totternhoe, who put up a stubborn resistance and scored three times.

Glendale's centre-forward, S. Jackson, was in deadly marksman with four goals, and they have now scored more goals than any other team in the division.

Blaby are table are Caddington and Limbury O.B., both of whom gained away victories, but Luton Reserves are still awaiting their first win.

They put up a good display against Toddington Rovers, and with a bit of luck and more finishing power, would have gained more than one point.

Newcomers to the League, Woburn Athletic, continue to set a hot pace in Division I, which they lead with maximum points from five matches.

Stopsley Reserves proved fairly easy victims for them and Bells Park hoisted themselves into fourth place as the result of their double-figure success over Electrolite.

Lowly teams, Laporte and R.A.F.A., showed signs of better things in their matches, for the former opened their winning account at the expense of West Park, and the latter went under by the odd goal to Leagrave Athletic.

Only match played in Division II did not affect the top positions but English Electric, by picking up two points comfortably, shot into third place in Division III.

Surprise in Division IV was the home defeat of hitherto unbeaten Totternhoe Reserves by Villa Rovers, as the result of which Percival Apprentices, who have yet to drop a point, take over the leadership.

Team to watch here, obviously, are the latter addition to the division, Shaw and Kilburn, who recorded their second victory and have scored 13 goals against two in two games.

PREMIER DIVISION

STOPSLEY 0, GLENDALE 7 (James 4, Kelly, Crawford, opponent).
BARTON ROVERS 3 (Gaskcoigne 2, Mann), PIONEER CORINTHIANS 2 (Submarine 2).
HITCHIN ROAD O.B. 0, CADDINGTON 2 (Austin, Fullarton).
LUTON SOCIAL 2 (James, Jackson), TODDINGTON ROVERS 2 (Conquest 2).
NAPIER SPORTS 5 (Welham 2, Bachini Napier), WESTON, TOTTERNHOE 1 (Hubbard 2, Brock).
DAGNALL UTD. 2 (D. Osborne 2), LIMBURY O.B. 1.

DIVISION I

WOBURN ATH. 5 (Dudley 2, Large, Nesie, Ealine), STOPSLEY RES. 1 (O'Connell).
LEAGRAVE ATH. 4 (Smylie 2, Skinner, McKay), R.A.F.A. 1.
ELECTROLITE 0, BELLS PARK 10 (King 4, Bunyan 3, Peckham 2, Carter).
LAPORTE 3 (Davies 3), WEST PARK 1 (Wesley).

DIVISION II

EATON BRAY 1 (Gibrow 3), LILLEY RANGERS 3 (Leone, L. Carr, Muddle).

DIVISION III

ENGLISH ELECTRIC 4 (Dorrinson 2, Dolcezza), LEAGRAVE ATH. RES. 2.

DIVISION IV

SHAW & KILBURN 8 (Evans 4, Hillier 2, Hill 2), HEXTON 1 (T. Kent).
TOTTERNHOE RES. 2 (Mead, Gore), VILLA ROVERS 3 (P. King 2, Gaskcoigne).
ROOTES SPORTS RES. 2, PERCIVAL APPRENTICES 3 (Norcott 3).

LUTON STILL WELL REPRESENTED

Few Shocks In The Junior Cup-Ties

Few shocks were produced in the preliminary round of the Bedfordshire Junior Cup (Southern Area), and although several Luton District and South Beds League teams made their exit from the competition, the Luton League is still widely represented.

There was a mild surprise when Harlington, a successful Division II team, went out to Belle Vue Rangers, who operate in the Dunstable Alliance and Leighton Rangers, another Dunstable Alliance club, defeated Napier Sports "A".

Results:

Cockernhoe 7, Luton O.B. 1
Glendale 10, Holiers Ath. 1
Harlington 2, Belle Vue Rangers 4
Hockliffe 2, Davis 2
Houghton Regis 3, Walcot Ath. 2
Johanson 1, Lumico Sports 2
Leagrave B.L. 1, Toddington 1
Leighton Rangers 6, Napier Sports 2
Percival Ath. 3, Siddington 2
R.A.F. Henlow 3, Bell Bowell 0
Spendt Sports 1, Warden Hill Ath. 5
Stanbridge 1, Luton Social 0
Stipers Hill 8, Alliance Foundry 0
Sundon Park 6, Foundry Equipment 2

PRELIMINARY ROUND REPLAY

Luton O.B 0, Leagrave B.L. 2

A CLOSE GAME AT FLITWICK

Talking point after the Flitwick Brotherhood versus Boys' Brigade Juniors match in the 14—16 Section of Luton Youth League was that neither side in the Brigade had a good goal disallowed or not. The referee was Mr. T. C. Potts, the honorary secretary of the league, and he said that although it was a very close thing the ball did not, in his opinion, cross the line. It was a fast game, and Flitwick were rather fortunate to take both points from a useful Boys' Brigade team.

The position in the 14—18 Section remains very open.

FLITWICK BROTHERHOOD 4 (R. Arnold 3, M. Hardy), BOYS' BRIGADE JUNIORS 3 (J. Dodge 2, S. Foster).
VAUXHALL MINORS 3 (W. McGill, J. Kidd, R. Crew), OLD BEDFORD ROAD O.B. 5 (P. Elliman, B. Cooper, J. Cooper, D. Bunyan, Bunyan).
LIMBURY O.B. 10 (K. Pain 4, D. Bunyan 3, Boyce 2), LEAGRAVE BAPTIST 0.
BIRCOT MILL B.C. 1 (H. Scott).
LUTON HOTSPUR 1 (R. Crawley 2, J. Boyce 2), BOYS' BRIGADE 3 (J. Warren, M. Smith, R. Holdstock).

14—18

LUTON CO-OP 0, VAUXHALL JUNIORS 7 (C. Cox 3, T. Burgess 2).
LUTON YOUTH 2 (J. Ward, J. Jenkins), 1 Southend), SKEPKO YOUTH 1 (J. Mallinson) Tomahawk.
OLD BEDFORD ROAD O.B. 1 (C. Fraser 2, T. Herrick, G. Furlong), BANDSTAND RANGERS 3 (D. Norton 2, J. Maxfield, R. Newton, B. Jones).

Old Rivals In A Hard Fight

By Chiltern

WATFORD 1, LUTON TOWN 1

There was little of the light-heartedness that characterised the Town's previous match under Boodlights this season when they visited Vicarage-road on Tuesday night.

Instead, we had a dour sort of struggle, and there was the local "derby" atmosphere that exists traditionally between these clubs, though it has lain dormant now for a good many years.

By that I do not mean to imply that there was anything nasty or player-manager Dally Duncan, there was not, but it was a tussle which could scarcely have been harder fought had there been vital points as a reward.

Watford, obviously, had real ambitions about winning, and any visitor the Town might have had about giving a football lesson had to be quickly re-adjusted.

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Perhaps because of his ankle injury, Turner was little seen in the second half, after doing quite well previously, and the finishing of the wingers was not of the best, though Mitchell looked as likely to score as anybody.

WATFORD: Underwood; Bewley, Jones; Kelly, Nolan, Mitchell (F.); Cook, Bowie, Brown (R.), Brown (T.), Paton.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Shanks, Morton, Watkins; Moore, Turner, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell (B).

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RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

6.30.—410yds: 634 Kyre; 6 Lobby Lodi; 331 Lord Luck; 4 Marvex; 523 Gaston Boy; 4 Charlie H. Nancy; 7-10: Guttersnipe (Chance Mas Future); 7-30: Nicholas Silver; 8 Malthouse Tom; 8-0: Cynic (Mischief, Mandeville); 8.10: Red Head (Agile, Easy); 8-30: Bess Tweed (Mr Mischief, Wonder); Heath; 8.50: Jazz (MacNab, Sunlight).

SELECTIONS

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