

Owen's Return Is Expected

BUT MORTON DOUBTFUL FOR TO-NIGHT'S MATCH

With the floodlit match against Admira, Vienna, due at Kenilworth-road to-night and a visit from Blackburn Rovers on Saturday, the Town face a busy time and it was a matter of some satisfaction yesterday that the injury position was better than it looked earlier in the week.

Prospect is that Sid Owen, who has been back in full training for some days, will return to centre-half to-night for a full-scale match test.

This would enable the manager to rest Bob Morton, who, in any case, is a doubtful starter because of the ankle injury he received at Derby, and which caused him to withdraw from the F.A. XI against Oxford University.

Yesterday, he was able to do some training, but he still felt the effects of the knock, and it is odds-on him not being called upon this evening.

However, it is regarded as fairly certain that he will be able to turn out against the Rovers, which would mark his 100th consecutive League and Cup appearance for the Town.

Final Choice To Be Made From 14

ANOTHER probable move is that Leslie Jones will be given an outing at left-back in place of Bud Aherne against the Austrians and as Aherne has not been quite at his best recently, this could hold out an opportunity for Jones to regain his first-team place.

For the moment, however, 14 names have gone up on the team-sheet, consisting of the team that won at Derby, plus Jones, Owen and Downie.

The manager expects to begin the match with the forward line that did duty last Saturday, for Gordon Turner has fully recovered from his thigh injury.

Substitutes Likely To Be Allowed

ONE reason for having so many players prepared is that the question of substitutes will have to be considered, as it has to be in matches against all Continental teams.

Until the Austrians arrive, the Town will not know whether substitutes will be allowed for the whole of the game, or merely during the first half. Team from: **Strates; Dunne, Aherne, Jones; Shanks, Morton, Owen, Watkins; Davies, Turner, Downie, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell.**

Referee will be Bill Thomas, of Luton.

Austrians Playing Fine Matches Here

ADMIRA, the football club of the Austrian State Railways, are over here on a two-week tour which began last night with a match at Plymouth and, during the stay, they are to visit Manchester City, Bury and Crystal Palace.

They stand eighth in Austria's "A" League, the equivalent of the English First Division and their results this season against the three Austrian clubs best known in this country are, beat Austria F.C. 5-3, lost to Rapid 2-3 and lost to Wacker 1-4.

Since the club was formed 47 years ago, Admira have won the Austrian Cup six times.

Ten Internationals In Their Party

OF the 16 players they have brought on the English tour, ten are internationals and with the average age of the players 28, the team has plenty of experience.

Always they have had a reputation for being a side that plays good football and, taking a line on their form from the fact that they beat Fener Bahce, then we

Hockey RICKMANSWORTH'S GREAT DEFENCE

Rickmansworth 3, Old Dunstables 1

Old Dunstables never recovered from a bad start in which two defensive lapses gave BURTON chances to give the home side a two goals lead.

Few mistakes were made by the Rickmansworth defence which gave a first-class display, and as a result the O.D.'s attack was rarely dangerous.

Defences were on top in the second half, but near the end BURTON broke through to complete a good "hat-trick."

The Old Boys' arrears were reduced by A. B. McKELVIE, but despite an all out attack, the Dunstables could not penetrate the home defence again.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Tring 2, Kent 5
Luton 6, Welwyn G.C. 1
Old Dunstables 12, Rickmansworth 11 0.

Darts

TODDINGTON AND DISTRICT LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	P
Red Lion, Budwell	9	6	2	1	14
Chequer	9	4	2	1	13
Falcon Arms	9	3	1	1	13
Woolston Sports	9	2	2	1	12
Flying Horse	9	2	2	1	12
Dog and Hoagor	9	2	1	1	11
Royal Oak	9	4	1	1	11
Owens, Flitwick	9	4	2	1	10
Angel	10	3	1	1	9
George	9	2	2	1	8
White Hart	9	2	2	1	8
Carpenter's Arms	10	1	1	1	7
Swan, Tingleth	10	1	1	1	7
Wheatheaf	10	1	1	1	7
Rising Sun	10	1	1	1	7

DIVISION "B"

	P	W	D	L	P
Red Lion, Toddington	10	7	3	0	17
Coach and Horses	10	6	3	1	15
Griffin	10	6	3	1	15
Crown	10	5	4	1	14
Oak, Woolston	10	5	2	1	12
Odellians	10	4	2	1	10
Compasses	10	4	1	1	9
Jolly Coopers	10	4	1	1	9
New Inn	10	4	1	1	9
Bull	10	2	4	1	8
Five Bells	10	2	4	1	8
Red Lion, Everbold	10	2	2	1	8
Nag's Head	10	2	2	1	8
Green Man	10	2	2	1	8
Social and Services	10	1	2	1	7

FOOTBALL FLOODLIGHT MATCH TO-NIGHT LUTON TOWN

VERSUS E.S.V. ADMIRA (VIENNA)

Kick-off 7.00 p.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Centre Stand 5/-

Wing Stand & East 3/6 Boys 2/-

Terraces .. 2/- Boys 1/3

.. 1/9 Boys 1/-

FOOTBALL LUTON TOWN F.C.

The League - Division II SATURDAY, 21st NOVEMBER

LUTON TOWN

BLACKBURN ROVERS

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

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

Bleaney, formerly of Kent's Athletic, who is now playing for Amphyll Town.

Previously a substitute had to be found for the injured Leach, of Biggleswade, and K. Hammond, of Arlesey, takes over at centre-half.

Plenty Of Confidence At Vauxhall

AFTER carrying over a run without defeat a stage further by winning at Harrow last Saturday, Vauxhall Motors race their home Beauvoisine Senior Cup-tie against Leighton United with plenty of confidence.

Now playing in the new Hellenic League, Leighton were not very impressive in the previous round when they needed two attempts to account for Bedford Corinthians.

With all their players fit, Vauxhall have again chosen an unchanged team:

D. Johnstone; J. Burgess, K. Sturtin; J. O'Neill, J. Humphrey, F. Manning; C. Firmin, G. Todd, W. Lawrence, R. Braudmann, E. James.

Repeat Performance Will Do The Trick

A REPEITION of the form they showed against the South Midlands League champions, Arlesey Town, a 10-0 goal when they won 4-2, will take Vauxhall a stage further in the Senior Cup when the teams meet again at Water-avenue on Saturday.

From the team beaten at Histon, Kent's expect to make only one change, at outside-left, where Pat Reakes returns.

Both Bill Meyrick and Jim Hull met with slight injuries at Histon, but are hoping to be able to play.

Team: R. Tottenham; W. Day, R. Noble; W. Meyrick, H. Naylor, J. Hull; R. Parrott, J. Summers, K. Peel, P. Berry, P. Feakes.

The Reserves visit Dunstable to meet AC-Delco Reserves.

Old Boys' Chance Of A Double

HOPING to complete a double on Saturday are Old Lutonians R.F.C. when they encounter Loughborough College Vandals, whom they beat 9-3 earlier in the season.

The following will represent the Old Boys:

Reed; Rayner, Thorpe, Matthews, Turlow; Edmunds, Bracey; Adkins, Vaughan, Shepherd, Young, Heasue, Cato, Fensome, Kelly.

Luton receive Old Fullarians and have chosen the following team:

Canon; J. Jones, H. G. Jones, Swain, Burton; Temple, Heaman; A. Jones, Peirson, Powell, Howell, Beechener, Davies, Simpson, P. Oakley.

The Extra "A" are also at home, and the "A" team visit Old Fullarians at Watford.

Golf FORMER CUSTOM RE-INTRODUCED

A former custom was re-introduced following the annual meeting the ladies' section of South Beds Golf Club when a dinner was held.

Mrs M. J. Aitkin was elected captain with Mrs. A. F. Dyson, vice-captain. The new secretary will be Mrs. M. Crew and Mrs. L. F. Hill was re-elected treasurer.

Mrs P. Browning, Mrs. G. H. Brown, Mrs. L. Ward, Mrs. G. H. Cleveley and Mrs. E. H. V. Jorey will serve on the committee.

At the close of the meeting replicas were presented by the captain to trophy winners: Warren Trophy, Mrs. G. H. Cleveley; Silver Trophy, Mrs. K. Woods; Bronze Trophy, Mrs. N. Mead; Godfrey Cup, Mrs. A. F. Dyson; Keens Cup, Mrs. K. Woods; Woods Foursomes, Mrs. H. I. Godfrey and Mrs. C. Thompson; Cook Trophy, Church Trophy, Clark Trophy, Lye Trophy, Mrs. W. F. Thomas.

ALLIANCE MEETING AT DUNSTABLE

In difficult weather conditions at Dunstable Downs on Thursday, the Northants and Bedfordshire Alliance held a meeting.

The morning round was over 18 holes, four-ball bogey, and in the afternoon a 15-holes foursome bogey was played.

Leading returns were - Morning, F. J. Tubb (14) & S. C. Field (Score) (Dunstable Downs) 3 up; D. Stone (9) & E. B. Mead (7) (Dunstable Downs) 2 up; A. Atwood (5) & A. G. Winger (16) (Dunstable Downs) 2 up; F. Barnett (8) & H. Brantom (16) (Leighton Buzzard) 2 up.

Afternoon, E. S. Watson (5) & F. Rawlins (7) (Bedfordshire) 2 down; J. Hutcherson (7) & F. Craig (13) (Kettering) 2 down.

Angling LEIGHTON CLUB MATCH RESULT

On Sunday, 29 members of Leighton Buzzard A.C. attended a club match held in the River Ousel at Orchard Mill.

Results were: E. Barnes, 5lbs. 4ozs. 10drms.; H. Austin, 3lbs. 2ozs. 10drms.; E. Read, 3lbs. 10ozs. 4drms.; A. Hall, 2lbs. 11ozs. 8drms.

The biggest fish prize was won by A. Lane with a roach 5ozs. 13drms. E. Wells and E. Read were the stewards.

SLICE OF LUCK ABOUT O.B.s' WIN

Old Lutonians 5, Old Cantabrigians 3

Old Cantabrigians can always be relied upon to provide stiff opposition for the Old Boys, and the Lutonians were lucky to win by a goal to a try when these teams met on Saturday.

Dominating the lines-out and set scrums, the Lutonians were able to give their threequarters more than a fair share of the ball, but, due partly to a resolute defence and lack of thrust, their attack failed to bring results.

Once Thorpe did break through by rounding his man, but the full-back hauled him down a few feet short of the line.

The visitors were a different team after the interval. Forward they began to hold their own and thus curtailed the activity in the home back division.

Old Lutonians were the first to score, however, when Thurlow, on the left wing, cross kicked for Heape to gather and drive over. Adkins kicked the goal.

Roused to greater efforts, the visitors pressed hard and their attack found holes in the home defence.

The Cantabrigians' winger eventually touched down after breaking through several half-hearted tackles, but the kick from a fairly easy position, failed.

OVER-RUN IN THE EARLY STAGES

Bedford Athletic 28, Luton 0

This was Luton's heaviest defeat of the season, but they had no excuses, for the home side was superior in every department.

Their forwards, although much heavier, were quicker on the ball, they won nearly all the tight scrums, and their backs had plenty of opportunities.

Luton were over-run in the first ten minutes and the Athletic scored 13 points in that time.

When they settled down the Luton defence put up a better show, although the Athletic always looked more dangerous.



BILL ECKERSLEY Blackburn Rovers' English International left-back.

SKILL FROM THE FRENCH

But England Had The Finish

England 4, France 2

Although they won by two goals when they entertained the French amateurs at Kenilworth-road on Saturday, this was a disappointing England team and the Frenchmen did not deserve to be beaten so convincingly.

Only England players to approach international form were Bennett, Topp, Slater and when he moved into the middle, Lewis.

For the most part the English defence was sluggish and inefficient, and it was due only to the hard-working wing-halves that it was not completely over-run.

The Frenchmen were entertaining ball-players, and their approach work was excellent. Time and again they cut holes in the England defence, only to finish with a weak, or misdirected shot.

Chief culprit here was their outside-left, Vileyn, who missed several chances, but they did not have a forward who could shoot consistently.

On the other hand, the England forwards' shooting was accurate, but their approach work was weak.

KING gave England the lead in the 11th minute, but 20 minutes later MERCIER equalised and it was no surprise when, four minutes before the interval, CHEYSSAC, the cleverest forward on the field, gave the Frenchmen the lead.

The few minutes between that goal and the interval were the most hectic in the game.

Straight from the kick-off SUTCLIFFE put England on terms again with a long-range shot which Astresse could have saved, and then LEWIS was pulled down in the penalty area. He converted the penalty himself, to give England a lucky level lead.

It was all France in the second half, yet they frittered away chances by poor shooting.

In a desperate attempt to turn more life into the England attack, Lewis and King changed places in the closing stages and LEWIS justified the switch two minutes from the end when he dashed half the length of the field to beat Astresse and score the best goal of the match.

Attendance: 10,952.

PREMIER TEAMS IN HARD STRUGGLES FOR POINTS

Leaders Held, So Glendale Were Able To Make Up Some Leeway

Only Glendale of the the first four teams in the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League picked up both points on Saturday, when there were some hard-fought struggles.

Napier, beaten in their previous match, were held to a draw by Stopsley, and their lead over Glendale, who have two matches in hand, now amounts to four points.

By gaining a point from their hard fight at Shillington, Barton Rovers kept well in the reckoning, while Caddington, now scoring freely, and Toddington Rovers, advanced as the result of their victories.

The tussle for honours in this Division looks like being both close and exciting, and the situation has become far more open since Napier began to slip.

Although Woburn Athletic maintained both their lead and their unbeaten record in Division I by their comfortable win over Electrolux, they cannot afford to view the situation with any complacency at all.

From five teams, there is the hint of a real challenge, and it would not be surprising if the strongest came from Luton Town "B", obviously a formidable combination, and who have now taken over third place.

Others well to the fore here are Luton O.B., Shillington "A", Leagrave B.L. and Bells Park, whose calculations were surprisingly upset by Leagrave Athletic.

At the other end of the scale, R.A.F.A. gained their first victory at the expense of another lowly team, Laporte.

So that in the Premier Division and Division I there is now not a single team without a win to their credit.

Junior Cup-ties caused curtailment of the list in Divisions II and III, and Davis Athletic took advantage of this to draw level with the leaders of the former, Hockliffe. However, their position is scarcely tenable, for they have played two matches more than their rivals.

No material change occurred either in Division III where the teams in third, fourth and fifth places each had to be content with a single point, which had the effect of making stronger the position of Caddington "B" and Sundon Park.

With the two outstanding teams in Division IV, Percival Apprentices and Shaw and Kilburn, disposing of their chief challengers, Wilden Athletic and R.A.F.A. Reserves, the race here is fast developing into a two-team affair.

Percival had quite a struggle to win, but Shaw and Kilburn gained their seventh consecutive success in comfortable enough style.

PREMIER DIVISION
PIONEER CORINTHIANS 7 (Summerfield 2), TODDINGTON ROVERS 3 (Cress 2, Spoble).

STOPLEY 1 (Cotley).
SHILLINGTON 1 (Brudenell).

BARTON ROVERS 1 (Neilson).
LIMBURY O.B. 0, GLENDALE 3 (Knapton, James, Curson).

CADDINGTON 2 (Mead 3, Pain 2).
Eaton 2 (Ginger), TOTTERHOVE 1 (Hubbuck).

DIVISION II
LAPORTE 2 (Davies 2, R.A.F.A. 3 (Whinner, Maggs, Glenister).

BELLS PARK 0, LEAGRAVE ATH. 2 (Guy, Skinner).
WEST PARK 0, SHILLINGTON 3 (Flem 3).

STOPLEY RES. 4 (Clarke 2, Field, Waller, LUTON O.B. 5).
LUTON TOWN "A" 7 (Lossby 4, Fitzpatrick 2, Whelhouse) CHILLY END ATH. 3 (Beasley 2, Anderson).

WOBURN ATH. 4 (Burgess 2, Dudley, Ealing) ELECTROLUX 1 (Chambers).

DIVISION III
NAPIER SPORTS RES. 2 (Blaizey 2, Robin Hoods 4 (Fitt 2, Burton, Clements).

LUTON 4 (Horsler 2, Blair, DODDINGTON 7 (Abbott 4, East, Tildesley, Northcott) PERCIVAL ATH. 5 (Williams 3, Miller 2).

DIVISION IV
SUNDON O.B. 5 (Carrington 2, Roy, Black, Baker, LUTON BREWERY 2 (Dobson, Sander), 4:10; Asle (Nur Brown, Black Shadow); 8:30; Marven (Nap) (Derk's Pal, Violet); 8:50; Nancy (Quick Answer, Just Jasec).

BEING BEHIND DOES NOT WORRY TOWN

Mitchell's Goals Gained Two Points At Derby

By Chiltern

DERBY COUNTY ... 1 LUTON TOWN ... 2

To be in the position of having to hit back after conceding the first goal is no novelty for the Town, nor is it a matter of much concern, judging by the results they have achieved recently.

In six of the last seven games, including those floodlit friendlies with Watford and Grimsby, this has happened to the Town but, in each case, they have avoided defeat.

They did more than merely save the day at Derby on Saturday: they coasted to a victory that was more comfortable than the bare score would indicate and it could have ended with a far more convincing score in their favour.

That this did not happen was due to a mixture of bad luck and a failure to round off some cleverly planned raids in the second half.

Any team that has four goals disallowed for offside has reasonable grounds for complaining that the luck was against them, especially as each of the four called for what must have been a hairbreadth decision.

None of these was one of those cases we often see of a player planting the ball into the back of the net after the whistle has gone.

Against each decision, the Town players thought they had justifiable cause for complaint and it must have been a considerable relief to them when they at last obtained a goal that was allowed to stand.

MITCHELL'S CLEVERLY TAKEN GOAL

That came after 48 minutes when MITCHELL cleverly got down to his foot a chest high cross from Pye and carefully placed the ball into the far corner of the net well out of the reach of Paul.

It was a timely success in that it put the Town on level terms, for WILKINS had given Derby the lead after 20 minutes when the ball went off his shin into the net from a centre by Parry after McLaren had jumped for it and missed.

After reaching equality, the Town never looked back and they exposed weaknesses in the Derby defence and in their general plan of laying the off-side trap.

Not that the latter did not have its successes afterwards, for Turner again turned to see the linesman's flag raised after having firmly driven the ball into the back of the net. He had previously had a goal disallowed as had Pye and Mitchell.

In the end, the Town triumphed even though things did not really run at all kindly for them. For the latter stages of the second half, they had Turner limping on the right wing after a knock in the thigh, but despite this they secured the deciding goal.

For this, 15 minutes from the end, they were indebted again to the marksmanship of MITCHELL, who made a bee-line for goal and crashed the ball past Paul with terrific force.

On a balance of play, the Town were deserved winners. Derby had their chances in the first half when they showed quite commendable directness but few came their way afterwards when the Town defence was very sound.

Keystone of it was the rugged, hard-tackling Morton, always ready to stem a dangerous situation, and he injured an ankle

during the first half in making a desperate, last-ditch tackle.

That the home left wing came into the picture only spasmodically was due to some close marking by Dunne and Shanks, both of whom came through with full credit, and Straten, in goal, was in top form.

Some trouble was caused by the County tight-wing pair because the interval, mainly because McLaren was given too much scope and because Aherne could not take a grip on Parry.

Later, Watkins changed his tactics and largely blotted McLaren out of the game, with the result that Aherne had a happier second half against Parry.

Best of the forwards' work came after the interval, when they moved the ball more quickly, and Pye was the man who caused the Derby defence most trouble.

Always he was seeking to use the ball to advantage, and though he deserved to crown his display with a goal, his finishing was not dead enough on this occasion.

From Davies there was a repetition of his recent much-improved form, and he found quite a lively partner in Turner until injury cut down the effectiveness of the inside man.

The left wing, not thrustful enough in the first half, improved considerably when Cummins began to part with the ball without holding it unnecessarily.

But the match-winner was Mitchell, who worried the young right-back, Patrick, when he began to take the ball up to him.

DERBY COUNTY: Paul; Patrick, Savin; Walker, Oliver, Mays; Parry, McLaren, Wilkins, Dunn, Law.

LUTON TOWN: Straten; Dunne, Aherne; Shanks, Morton, Watkins; Davies, Turner, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell.

Referee: H. L. Broadhurst, Atherstone.

S. Midlands League BECOMING A "TWO-HORSE" RACE

Baldock And Shefford Making All Running

The race for honours in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League is gradually becoming a "two horse" affair. Baldock and Shefford continue to beat all-comers, but Amphyll, who once looked like serious contenders are falling away.

However, on Saturday they put up a very gallant fight against the powerful Baldock, and were beaten only by the odd goal of five. Shefford hit Potton for seven and Arlesey did well to score five against Wootton Blue Cross.

It was a happy day for the bottom three clubs, for Letchworth and Histon both won and AC-Delco