

Town Are Satisfied

UNCHANGED TEAM TO FACE STIFF TEST

Partly because of injuries and partly due to the mid-week floodlit matches, the Town's announcement of their team for Saturday has invariably been delayed until Friday in recent weeks.

However, with neither of these factors to worry about this week, Manager Dally Duncan, with a certain amount of satisfaction yesterday, was able to make his team decision for the visit to Doncaster.

Naturally enough, after last Saturday's home win, there was no disposition to upset a winning team and an unchanged side has been selected for the tough task to be undertaken at Belle Vue on Saturday.

Just how difficult this is likely to be is shown by the fact that of the nine visitors to the Rovers' ground so far this season, seven have left without any reward and only two, Rotherham, who won there 3-1, and Lincoln, who forced a 1-1 draw, have escaped defeat.

Vital Match For Both Teams

WITH the Town now having a settled team, and the forward line, while not scoring so fluently as we would like, but doing enough to keep the unbeaten run going, and promising better things in the scoring line, the Town should go into this match in a confident frame of mind.

A glance at the relative positions of the teams in the League table is all that is needed to show the vital nature of the result of this match.

A win to the Town would draw them a good deal nearer to the promotion fight and narrow the gap between the Town and the Rovers to only three points.

Further Rest Ordered For Leslie Jones

SO the Town will be making the longish trip north hopefully and with the following team: Stretton, Dunne, Abernethy, Morton, Owen, Watkins, Davies, Turner, Pye, Cummins, Mitchell.

Leslie Jones, who might have been considered for a place had he been fit, is still on the injured list with the groin trouble that occurred during the floodlit match with Admira, and he has been ordered further rest until the end of the week.

Only other player who is not available is Alan Thompson, who is well on the way to recovery.

Doncaster Likely To Be Unchanged

AFTER their great rally at Nottingham last Saturday, when they wiped out the Forest's two-goal lead to gain a draw, Doncaster's team is unlikely to be changed much, but they are delaying final choice until tomorrow morning.

In view of the fact that they are untroubled by injuries, it seems fairly safe to assume that this will be the line-up:

Hardwick; Makepeace, Graham; Brown, Paterson, Teasdale; Tindill, Lawlor, Harrison, McMorran, Walker.

BACK IN TOP PLACE AGAIN

Dartford 0, Luton Town "A" 1

Back to the top of the Metropolitan League went the Town "A" as the result of a narrow victory at Dartford, where they had already won and lost on previous visits this season.

Vital goal came five minutes from the end from ALLEN, always a hard worker, and it followed closely on the sending off of Bennett, the Town's outside-right, and German, of Dartford.

Earlier, defences had been on top to a marked degree, but the Town's football was the more constructive, for much of Dartford's attempts to get going savoured of the kick-and-rush variety.

Dallas was outstanding in the Luton defence, and Williams made a number of fine saves.

Although Bennett and Adam made many centres, the attack as a whole could not settle down against the hard, first-time tackling of the home defenders.

Hockey

SIX MORE GOALS FOR THE O.D.s

R.A.F. Halton 3, Old Dunstabians 6.

For the third time this season Old Dunstabians scored six goals—this time at the expense of R.A.F. Halton.

In a dramatic start Halton took the lead within thirty seconds but half a minute later A. B. McKELVIE put the Dunstabians on terms with a fast cross shot. The same player scored an identical goal to give the Old Boys the lead and further chances were wasted before the interval.

The second half saw the Old Boys in complete control and goals came at regular intervals. First BLAKE scored with a brilliant effort, and ANNESS and BROWN made it five.

The home side hit back with a sharp raid in which they reduced their arrears but just before the end LEWIS scored a sixth goal for the visitors.

HOCKEY RESULTS

Enfield 2, Luton 1
Kent 0, Bedford "A" 1
Old Dunstabians II 4, College of Aeronautics 3
Old Dunstabians III 3, Tring 2

Rugby

OPENING SPELL BROUGHT O.B.s DOUBLE

Old Lutonians 11, Loughborough College Vandalis 9

Old Lutonians played well to achieve the "double" over the strong Loughborough side, but their victory was due mainly to an inspired opening spell.

They maintained a terrific pace for the first fifteen minutes and scored twice during that period. Afterward Loughborough revived and the Lutonians had to play hard in order to hang on to their lead.

First score came when Adkins, a front row forward, gave Thorpe a chance to cut through and score between the posts. Adkins converted and then a grand, orthodox passing movement enabled Thorpe to go over in the corner.

Then came the Loughborough revival and just before the interval one of their forwards broke through the Luton pack and forced himself over an unconverted try.

Loughborough scored again soon after the start of the second half and for a spell the Lutonians were kept on the defensive.

Thorpe went over for another try for the Lutonians after Edmonds dragged a loose ball through the defence but again Loughborough threw everything into attack.

A fine tackle by Heanue prevented them from scoring another try but



EDDIE McMORRAN, Doncaster's bustling Irish international inside-forward, who is one of their danger-men.

ARSENAL GUNS SPIKED

Fine Victory By Reserves

Arsenal Res. 2, Luton T. Res. 3

A resolute, gallant defensive display, in which Baynham and Hall were outstanding, enabled the Town to hold on grimly to their lead against all-out Arsenal pressure in the second half at Highbury on Saturday.

Earlier, they had shocked the Gunners by scoring three times in the first half an hour, during which period their forwards showed both speed and finishing power.

Right from the start the Town forwards found their stride, and they went ahead in six minutes when TAYLOR met a centre from Scott and sent the ball into the roof of the net.

Fourteen minutes later another shot by Taylor rebounded off a post to MOORE, who beat Swindin, and, with exactly half an hour gone, McJARROW headed through after the ball had come back off the crossbar.

With a bit of luck during this period Scott, the most dangerous forward, might have not his name in the marksman's list, too.

Then Arsenal, almost for the first time, began to come into the game as a dangerous attacking force, and they struck back forcibly with goals in quick succession from WALSH and GORING.

These successes brought a distinct change in the situation, with the initiative passing to Arsenal, who did most of the second-half pressing.

It was then that the Town defence had its greatest test, and they did extremely well to prevent the home forwards from equalising.

Taking the game right through, the Town just deserved their narrow success against this strong Arsenal team.

Several times Baynham drew applause from the crowd of 5,393, and his handling of the ball was clean and confident throughout.

Both Hawkes and Pemberton came through creditably, and there was strong backing for Hall from Kelly and McJarrow.

After their early successes the forwards, with much less of the ball, were not nearly so much in the picture, and Scott, too fast for Fotheringham, was the main-spring of the front line.

ARSENAL RES: Swindin; Wade, Smith; Shaw, Fotheringham, Bowen; Walsh, Oakes, Davis, Goring, Ward.

LUTON TOWN RES: Baynham; Pemberton, Hawkes; Kelly, Hall, McJarrow; Cullen, Moore, Scott, Downie, Taylor.

VAUXHALL THROUGH SAFELY

Only Luton club still left in the Bedfordshire Senior Cup are Vauxhall Motors, who beat Leighton United decisively in their first round match on Saturday.

In the next round, to be played in January, Vauxhall will meet Stotfold who caused one of the biggest surprises on Saturday by beating Potters 5-1.

The Cup-holders, Sheffield Town, had an easy win over Electrolux while Arleysey reversed a recent South Midlands League decision when they beat Kent's Athletic.

Arleysey and Sheffield are due to meet in the next round, in what should be one of the hardest-fought games in the competition.

There is plenty of confidence in the Dunstable camp and they stand a good chance of a place in the semi-finals for they entertain Woodton Blue Cross in the next round.

Langford and Waterloow's drew their match and will meet again to see which will travel to meet Houghton Rangers.

Second Round Draw, Dunstable Town v. Woodton B.C.; Houghton Rangers v. Langford or Waterloow's; Stotfold v. Vauxhall Motors; Arleysey Town v. Sheffield Town.

LEADERS FOUND THEIR WINNING FORM AGAIN

100 Per Cent Shaw & Kilburn Shattered Rivals' Record

Apart from the fact that Toddington and Shillington each moved up a place at the expense of Caddington, narrowly beaten by Glendale, there was no change in the leading positions of the Luton and South Beds League's Premier Division.

The leaders, Napier Sports, regained winning form, but not without a struggle at Totternhoe, where the home team did not have much luck with their shooting.

Proof of the struggle that is going on was contained in the difficulty Glendale found in disposing of Caddington, who scored three times against a team that had the best defensive record in the division.

Curiously enough, the most convincing win of the day was recorded by the bottom dogs, Dag-nall, who relinquished that unenviable position to their victims of last Saturday, Hitchin-road O.B.

No sign yet of ny cracking by the Division I leaders, Woburn Athletic, who strengthened their hand by beating Luton O.B., who were in second place.

They will do well, though, to keep an eye on Leagrave B.L., unbeaten so far, and on Bells Park, highly creditable winners at Shillington.

Change of leadership came in Division II where Hockliffe, after building up a three goal lead, could not stave off a gallant rally by Lilley, who rescued a point after being in an apparently hopeless position.

The loss of that point, combined with Davis Athletic's easy win took Davis to the top, but their lead amounts to only a single point and they have played two matches more than Hockliffe and Luton Social Reserves, who are level on points.

In fact, Social share with Hockliffe, the distinction of being unbeaten in this division.

Quite a battle is going on in Division III where Caddington "B" increased their slight lead as the result of a heavy win over Sundon O.B. and English Electric jumped from fifth to second position.

Surprise here was the home defeat of Walcot by Hayward Tyler. After a terrific struggle, Shaw and Kilburn won their top-of-the-table meeting with Percival Apprentices and recorded their eighth consecutive victory.

PREMIER DIVISION

LUTON SOCIAL 1 (Jackson), SHILLINGTON ATH. 4 (Dilley, Millard, Bradenell, Flint), TOTTERNHOE 0, NAPIER SPORTS 2 (Weston 2), TODDINGTON ROVERS 5 (Conquest 2, Buckingham, Cress, James), LIM-BURY O.B. 3.

DAGNALL 7 (D. Osborn 3, B. G. Munn), HITCHIN-ROAD O.B. 1 (Bird).

GLENDALE 4 (James 2, Jones, Knapp), CADDINGTON 3 (Pain, Fullerton, Mead).

DIVISION I

LEAGRAVE ATH. 2, STOPSLEY RES. 3 (Clarke 2, Bowles), LUTON O.B. 3, WOBURN ATH. 5 (Dudley 2, Neale 2, Ealing), R.A.F.A. 1, WEST PARK 2 (Wesley, Betts).

ELECTROLUX 1 (Walters), LEAGRAVE B.L. 2 (Condon, Brimble), SHILLINGTON "A" 1 (Hare), BELLS PARK 2 (Bunyan 2).

DIVISION II

LILLEY RANGERS 3 (Carr, Payne, Coles), HOCKLIFFE 3 (Millburn, Burrows, Kitchum).

NAPIER SPORTS "A" 2 (Eaton, Snelgrove), OLD LUTONIANS 2 (Tildesley, Northcott), DAVIS ATH. 6 (Upson 2, Honser, Simpson, Barford, Henderson), SKEPPO ATH. 0.

ROBIN HOODS 5 (Mead 2, Pitt 2, Bunyan), EATON BRAY 1 (Smith), PERCIVAL ATH. 0, GLENDALE RES. 4 (Mead 3, Ward).

LUTON UNITED 2 (Walker, Martin), LUTON SOCIAL RES. 4 (Ward 2, Watson, Garry).

DIVISION III

CADDINGTON "B" 6 (Morgan 2, R. Ginger, W. Ginger, Austin, Upson), SUNDON O.B. 1.

WALCOT ATH. 1 (Gingey), HAYWARD-TYLER 5 (Dorrington 3, Francis 3, Whitbread 2, BIDWELL 1 (Pyper)).

CRESCENT 1 (Opponent), LEAGRAVE B.L. RESERVES 3, LEAGRAVE B.L. RES. 2 (Bishop,

TOWN HAD JUST TWO MINUTES TO SPARE

Opportunist Mitchell Did The Trick Again

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN ... 2 BLACKBURN ROVERS 1

Two minutes to go and the Town look likely to lose yet another home point that should have been safely in the bag long ago. Still hammering away for the winner, they gain a free kick when Cummins is brought down heavily—not for the first time in the match.

Although he is almost in the inside-right position, Cummins takes the kick himself, cleverly "chipping" the ball over the heads of defenders into an open space where MITCHELL, also out of position, hurls himself at the ball and heads it into the net.

Down goes Mitchell under a flurry of bodies and, for many people on the ground, there is a wait until the heap has sorted itself out before they are certain who it was that has snatched that dramatic winner.

Such was the dramatic ending at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

When the excitement died down, it was Mitchell who was carried to the touch-line, out to the world, and who was eventually taken to the dressing-room with the cheers of the excited crowd still ringing in his ears.

So did the Town's left-winger again prove himself to be the winner of a match that if it had had any other result would have been sheer injustice.

Indeed, had the Town really had the run of the ball, or had they taken the fullest advantage of the chances that came their way, they would have whipped Blackburn just as completely as they did last season.

This time, however, things did not go quite so smoothly in front of goal and they did not make the most of the weakness of the Blackburn defence early on.

EARLY SIGNS OF PANIC

Then, there were definite signs of panic, especially when Pye was in possession of the ball, and the only wonder is that they managed to keep the score as low as two.

From a somewhat unexpected quarter came the first, though the marksman, WATKINS, has given previous examples this season of his shooting powers.

This time, he received the ball from a quickly-taken throw-in by Mitchell, swung in towards goal, and beat Elvy with a shot that found its way into the top corner of the net and which was leaving the goalkeeper all the way.

For half an hour the Town produced high-powered football that looked certain to produce further goals, but, somehow, did not, and they had to be content at the interval with this slender lead.

Only bad luck prevented Turner from increasing it with a shot that struck the foot of a post with Elvy beaten, and then came the shock of the match.

Blackburn's forwards had looked a completely innocuous lot, apart from one or two forays by Briggs, and then, suddenly, they were on level terms.

McLean picked up the ball just inside the Town half and hit it hard down the middle. Owen and BRIGGS went for it together, and it was the latter who gained possession to go on and drive the ball past Stretton as he left his goal in a desperate attempt to narrow the angle.

In the minutes following that, Blackburn were more dangerous than at any other stage in the match, and the bustling Briggs twice came near to setting the Town struggling against arrears.

THEN, ALL WAS WELL AGAIN

Then, suddenly, all was well again, and the Town began seeking the winner that proved so elusive and which seemed further away than ever after Cummins had had a goal disallowed for off-side.

If the margin had been a little more convincing everybody would have been satisfied with this display but, even so, it would have been difficult to pick out any weak spot in the team.

There was a workmanlike look about it, with the forwards moving well, though they could perhaps have done a little more in the shooting line.

From Davies and Turner there was a lot of go-ahead, thrushful work, with Pye and Cummins, although tending to hold the ball overlong at times, doing most of the scheming, much of it successfully.

To the wide-awake opportunism of Mitchell, full credit must be given, and at times he showed Stuart a clean pair of heels. This would have happened more frequently had he received more through passes.

Apart from that unsettled 10 minutes when Blackburn got on top, Owen made a fine job of holding his old opponent, Briggs, and there was solid work from

Moore, BARTON ROVERS RES. 4 (Hosler 4), LUTON BREWERY 2 (F. Grummet 2), ALLIANCE FOUNDRY 3 (Bowler, Smith, Cewes).

DIVISION IV

BARTON WOODWORKING 3 (Hyde, Coyle, Adams), R.A.F.A. RES. 3 (Harden, Clark, Whiteley).

LUTON O.B. RES. 3, ROOTES SPORTS RES. 4.

LUMOCO SPORTS 4 (Chamberlain, Worsley, Armstrong, Smith), TOTTERNHOE RES. 1 (Gore).

COCKERNHOE 3 (Ayres, Tring, Winch), VILLA ROVERS 2 (Harry, Collett).

WILSDEN ATH. 3 (Pearson, Culling, Huib), HEXTON 2 (Cole, Fossey).

PERCIVAL APPRENTICES 1 (Norcott), SHAW AND KILBURN 2 (Hillier, Gibbs).

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versus

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"DOUBLE" OVER DUNSTABLE

Dunstable Grammar School 0, Luton Grammar School 6.

Luton completed a fine "double" over Dunstable Grammar School when they beat them by a try and a penalty to nil at Dunstable.

Although the home side stacked for most of the first half Luton were three points ahead at the interval for Gurney touched down after he kicked over the full-back's head and followed up. His kick hit the post and went wide.

Gurney kicked a penalty for Luton in the second half to complete the scoring.

The Luton pack was reduced to seven players in the closing stages, but played very well and the three-quarters defended strongly, especially Doodson whose covering was excellent.

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