

PYE IS OUT OF TO-NIGHT'S TEAM

LIGHT STRAIN, BUT HE SHOULD PLAY ON SATURDAY

Cummins To Lead The New-Style Attack

By Chiltern

BAD luck has not taken long to strike the Town and they could, perhaps, have had no bigger misfortune than that they are forced to travel to Bury for to-night's League match at Gigg-lane without Jesse Pye, to whom they owed so much in their victory over Nottingham Forest on Saturday.

He strained a thigh muscle during the first half, had it strapped at half-time and he was still feeling the trouble yesterday morning when, after medical examination, it was decided that it would be safer to leave him out.

"It is mainly as a precaution," said the Manager, "that I have decided to leave him out. He is a very good chance of Pye covering completely in time for the visit to Ipswich on Saturday. With Peter MacEwan still suffering from knee trouble, and the Manager, and, in view of the running, the Manager is faced with a rare problem out the centre-forward position. His choice has alighted on George Cummins, whose demand for a transfer has still to come before the Board.

Will Be Wearing A Number 9 Shirt"

CUMMINS, of course, is an inside-forward, who has not

muscle trouble, but he was passed as fit. Team:

Stretton; Dunne, Abernethy; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner, Cummins, Groves, Adam.

Ray Smith will be travelling as twelfth man.

With a serious doubt about the fitness of Ron Baynham, who is still feeling the effects of his ankle injury, 16-years-old Alan Collier seems likely to make his debut in the reserves for the Combination Cup match with Coventry City at Kenilworth-road to-morrow night.

The team had not been settled definitely yesterday, but a possible line-up is:

A. Collier; Hawkes, Pemberton; Watkins, Hall, A. McGuffie; Cullen, N. Arnison, Scott, Allen, Mitchell.

Bury Hoping To Be Unchanged

BURY, beaten 3-2 at Lincoln on Saturday, are hopeful that they will be able to call upon an unchanged team, though there is a doubt about the fitness of 21-years-old, local right-back, Wilson, who received a cut over the eye at Sincil Bank.

It is thought that there is a chance that he will be able to appear, but Cyril Fairclough, who has been at Gigg-lane for a number of seasons, stands by to deputise if necessary.

During the close season, Bury have secured some new players, including two from Derby County in Neilson, the South African and former Charlton centre-half and Law, also a South African, who is a speedy outside-left.

Recruited During The Close Season

THEY arrived at Gigg-lane as part of an exchange deal that took Stuart Imlach, the Bury winger, to the Baseball Ground.

Another recruit is left-back, Bill Redman from neighbouring Manchester United, who has joined another former Old Trafford team-mate in Stan Pearson, from whom the main danger to the Town can be expected to-night.

Also in the line-up at outside-right will be McIlvenny, who played against the Town for Oldham last season.

Team: Gorum; Wilson, (or Fairclough), Redman; May, Neilson, Daniel; McIlvenny, Clarke, Kelly, Pearson, Law.

Best League Win Since Boxing Day

BY scoring three goals in a League match for the first time since they did so against West Ham last Boxing Day, the Town gave grounds for real hope that they will be a more free-scoring combination this season.

Even allowing for the undisputed fact that there was a considerable element of luck about two of the goals, there was rich promise about the work of the attack as a line.

There were several movements that might well have brought goals after the Forest defence had been pulled out of position by the crisp, quick passing of which the Town made use.

Heavy Rain Made Conditions Difficult

HAD not a heavy downpour made ground conditions difficult, the Town might well have gained an even more convincing win for, after the rain, with the ball skidding briskly off the greasy surface, a deal of difficulty was found in judging passes to a nicety.

There was no doubt that the return of Pye made all the difference to the Town front line, for he was the brain behind most of the moves with the wandering role that he adopted in the main, upsetting a Forest defence that did not strike one as being as watertight as in previous seasons.

Experience Will Iron Out Minor Faults

WHEN this attack has a few more matches together and if they develop on the lines of the promise shown on Saturday, then they should be among the goals with more consistency than was the case for the latter part of last season.

More experience of playing together in serious match conditions will iron out the odd minor faults that crept up against the Forest.

Chief point that struck me in this direction was that there were times when, with Pye out on the wing, or lying deep, there was no one cutting down through the middle to accept the through pass.

Groves Looks Like A Star In The Making

WHEN there was danger developed from this move as when Groves got the ball into the net during the second half, but the linesman's decision went

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 3
Pye, Turner, Davies.
NOTTM. FOREST .. 0
LUTON TOWN.—Stretton; Dunne, Abernethy, Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner (G), Pye, Groves, Adam.
NOTTM. FOREST.—Walker; Thomas, Hutchinson; Orr, Gager, Burdett; Moore, Turner (K), Blackman, Martin, McLaren.
Referee.—A. W. Luty.
Leeds. Attendance.—19,832.

against him, on the grounds of offside.

A large proportion of the crowd disagreed with him, and it must have been a very close thing.

For Groves, this was a big occasion in that it entailed playing before the home supporters in a League match for the first time, but his play contained every hint that here is a great player in the making.

Some things he did, just failed to come off, but he is full of ability, has a shrewd football brain, and his use of the ball was always constructive.

Purpose And Method Behind Their Play

WITH the experience and confidence they will gain by playing together in the League side, this new left wing may well prove to be a winner, for Adam, too, shows speed and resource and the ability to cross the ball accurately.

At the moment, he is a bit lacking in finishing power, but this will come.

What must have pleased everybody, though, was the way in which the line as a whole tried to play constructive football from the start.

There was purpose and method behind everything they did, with Pye directing operations with the skill and authority of a field marshal.

Pye's Influence Is Very Great

PYE'S influence on the younger members of the front line will be great indeed, and it is to be hoped that he has a run of better luck this season which will enable him to keep out of injury troubles.

The right wing was go-ahead and direct with Turner getting smartly off the mark in his first game with a goal that should give him confidence in his finishing and he looks like fitting into the new scheme of things very aptly.

Between him and Davies there was a good understanding and it is certainly good to see the winger among the goals even if it were the in-swing of an effort that was probably aimed as a centre, that beat Walker for the Town's third goal.

Defence Was As Solid As Ever

THAT was after 59 minutes and removed any prospect of a successful rally by the Forest, for it was an addition to goals obtained by Pye (13 minutes) when he blocked a clearance by Gager with his foot and the ball flew past an astonished Walker and by Turner (32 minutes) who accepted a pass by Pye.

If there were fears that the new policy of pinning faith on attack would affect the defence,

there was no sign of anything of the sort happening in this match.

Despite the fact that Morton made several forays through the inside-right position and must have had close on half a dozen shots at goal, no gaps appeared and there was no serious trouble for the defence until late in the game when forward switches made the Forest more formidable in attack.

Owen's Field Day Against Blackman

THEN it was that Stretton came into his own with some brilliant saves that were plainly stamped with his own trademark, and he denied the Forest of even a consolation goal.

Against Blackman, who has a reputation of being a very dangerous leader, especially with his headwork, Owen had a field day, rarely allowing the centre-forward the slightest scope, though his task was eased by the mediocre sort of support provided by the Forest inside men.

Morton was in great form, and with Shanks capably holding the debutant, Turner (K.), the middle line was strong and capable.

Jones Likely To Be Out For Three Weeks

FROM Abernethy there was the polished, high-quality type of display we have come to expect from him, with his positional sense a feature.

Latest news of Leslie Jones is that his groin muscle trouble is likely to keep him out of the game for three or four weeks, and the Town must bless the fact that they have on hand such an experienced and useful player as Lunne.

His speed and quickness in the tackle were big assets in his duel with McLaren who was as dangerous as any of the Forest forwards.

Weather Held Up Town C.C. Again

BAD luck with the weather again came the way of the Town C.C. when they visited Cheshunt.

They managed to make a start, but only eleven overs were bowled before a storm put an end to all thoughts of further play.

In that time, Cheshunt, showing excessive caution, had made only eight runs for the loss of one wicket, claimed by Terry Matthews, and, between them, Matthews and John Oliver bowled five maiden overs.

The second team were far more fortunate at Wardown, for they were able to complete their match with Cheshunt II and gained an easy victory by 79 runs.

More Fine Bowling By Ian Davison

GOING in first the Town were in command from the start, after an opening partnership of 67 by John Muse and Asher Waller.

Then followed bright batting by Bruce Satterley and Charlie Warman, and the Town were able to declare at 174 with only four wickets down.

Against some fine bowling by Ian Davison who had 7 for 29 in 16.5 overs, there was no serious bid for the runs by the visitors, who were out for 95.

Against R.A.F. Henlow on Sunday, in a match in which each team was allotted 25 overs, the feature was the batting of Doug Bull, who made 50 in 39 minutes, and there were also sound contributions from Horace Kippax and Frank Winstanley. In reply, the airmen made 75 for 7.

Chiltern's Forecasts

DIVISION I

Blackpool v Manchester Utd.
Cardiff C. v Leicester C.
Charlton Ath. v Huddersfield T.
Chelsea v Bolton W.
Everton v Preston N.E.
Manchester C. v Burnley
Newcastle Utd. v Sheffield Utd.
Portsmouth v Wolves
Sheffield Wed. v Aston Villa
Tottenham H. v Sunderland
West Brom v Arsenal

DIVISION II

Birmingham C. v Rotherham Utd.
Blackburn R. v Swansea T.
Bury v Fulham
Derby Co. v Liverpool
Doncaster R. v Bristol R.
Ipswich T. v Luton T.
Leeds Utd. v Lincoln C.
Middlesbrough v Stoke C.
Nottm Forest v Hull C.
Port Vale v Plymouth A.
West Ham v Notts Co.

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Aldershot v Southampton Utd.
Bournemouth v Q.P.R.
Brentford v Coventry C.
Brighton v Southampton
Bristol C. v Leyton O.
Crystal Palace v Colchester Utd.
Northampton T. v Exeter C.
Shrewsbury T. v Reading
Swindon T. v Norwich C.
Torquay Utd. v Millwall
Walsall v Gillingham
Watford v Newport Co.

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Barrow v Accrington S.
Bradford v Rochdale
Carlisle Utd. v Hartlepool Utd.

Chester v Stockport Co.
Chesterfield v Darlington
Crewe Alex. v Gateshead
Grimsby T. v Tranmere R.
Halifax T. v Burnley
Oldham Ath. v Bradford C.
Southport v Wrexham
Workington v Mansfield T.
York C. v Scunthorpe Utd.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

DIVISION "A"

Clyde v Partick T.
Dundee v Hearts
Falkirk v Celtic
Hibernian v East Fife
Motherwell v St. Mirren
Queen of South v Aberdeen
Raith Rovers v Kilmarnock
Rangers v Stirling A.

DIVISION "B"

Airdrieonians v Queen's Park
Alloa v Arbroath
Ayr Utd. v Dundee Utd.
Dumfries v Brechin C.
Forfar Ath. v Hamilton
Morton v Albion R.
St. Johnstone v Stenhousemuir
Third Lanark v Cowdenbeath

SELECTIONS

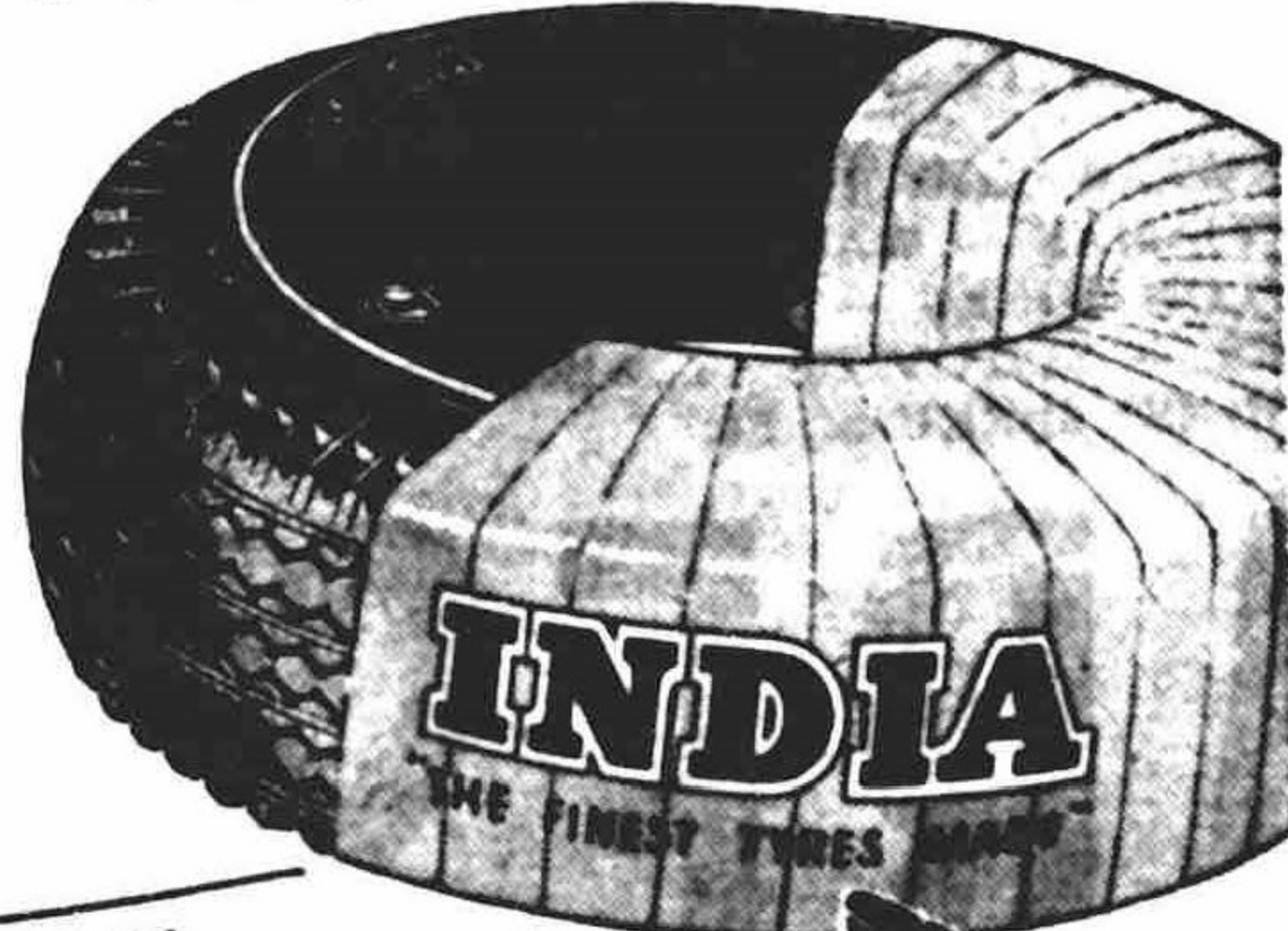
TEN HOME: Blackpool, Newcastle, Birmingham, Blackburn, Leeds, West Ham, Bristol C., Northampton, Barrow, Carlisle.

FOUR AWAY: Burnley, Liverpool, Norwich, Barnsley.

THREE DRAWS: Everton, Preston, Doncaster v Bristol R., Shrewsbury v Reading.

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