

Mitchell's Move A Surprise

MIDDLESBRO' AGREED TO LET HIM LIVE AT STOKE

By Chiltern

While George Cummins has been having the limelight recently in the matter of a possible transfer, it came as a surprise that the move of Bert Mitchell to Middlesbrough slipped through so quickly and with so little fuss.

It was not until after last Saturday's match with Birmingham that the matter was first mooted to the Town by a representative of Middlesbrough, who had watched Mitchell play in two previous matches for the Reserves. Upshot was that the details were arranged by telephone on Monday when Mitchell travelled north and eventually signed the following day.

THAT Mitchell should seek fresh fields is not surprising, for he has not retired down again in Luton since the death of his wife just over 12 months ago, and he requested a transfer during last season.

At that time, two or three clubs showed interest in him, and a couple of others made enquiries during the summer, but nothing came of any of it.

Mitchell re-signed, but made it clear that he still wanted to get away, and the Town promised that they would not stand in his way if the opportunity came along.

All last season, he was allowed to live in Stoke and train on Port Vale's ground, an arrangement which the Town felt could not continue this season.

Is Being Allowed To Live In Stoke

ACCORDINGLY, he has been living and training in Luton since the end of July, but, always it has been in his mind to make a move that would enable him to live with his two young children in Stoke.

To this, Middlesbrough have agreed, and, in fact, it was probably the only piece of persuasion that could be used to induce him to go to the north-east.

From the Town Chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, came the comment, "I am very pleased that the matter has been settled so satisfactorily because the player has had such an unhappy time. He has been a good servant to Luton, and we wish him all the best in his new career."

That career, incidentally, began last night when he appeared at outside-left against Nottingham Forest, and he will probably be occupying the same position against the Town at Ayresome Park on Saturday.

Joins Up Again With His Former Manager

THE Chairman said that Mitchell's departure would leave a "hole" but it would mean opportunities for young players, who would now have more chance to show that they can make the grade.

Exact amount of the fee paid for Mitchell has not been disclosed, but I understand that it is in the region of £3,000 or £4,000.

Coincidence is that in throwing in his lot with Middlesbrough, Mitchell joins forces again with Bob Dennison, who was the manager who transferred him from Northampton in a deal that took Jimmy Wilson to the County Ground and which involved quite a big fee for the Town.

During the whole of his three full seasons with the Town, Mitchell was regarded as first choice for the left-wing berth, and he reached double figures in League goals three times.

Davies Likely To Play On Saturday

NOW that the Town have lost their penalty king, it is certain that this responsibility will devolve on Gordon Turner.

Golf

JUBILEE TROPHY AT SOUTH BEDS

Won By A Margin Of Three Points

With a margin of three points, D. B. Miller (4) and M. Pakes (18) won a foursome points bogey for the Jubilee Trophy at South Beds on Saturday.

Other leading scores were: J. E. Miller (3) and J. Cattaneach (3) 32-36=68; L. O. Randall (scratched) and C. M. Lamont (13) 34-33=67; C. Durrant (14) and C. M. Butler (14) 35-30=65; T. Robertson (5) and R. Brumbridge (14) 35-29=64; W. E. Hott (12) and P. Wilson (11) 33-31=64; L. Ward (18) and F. Cain (20) 33-31=64; P. Brownlie (6) and J. A. Clark (13) 32-31=63.

A BAD DAY FOR DUNSTABLE DOWNS

Winning only two of the afternoon four-ball games and 13 of the evening foursomes, Dunstable Downs had a bad day when they visited Leitchworth on Saturday and were beaten 81-34.

FOUR-BALL	
Dunstable Downs	Leitchworth
A. F. Allen and J. C. Dallas (capt.)	0
O. F. Bond and J. S. Ball	1
W. R. S. Osborne and F. J. Bird	1
and N. Foston	0
C. Bailey and G. W. Minney	0
A. Southam and N. Day	0
P. T. Woods and R. G. Bonner	0
L. F. Child and H. M. Kink	1
W. G. Ridge and T. W. Chadborn	1
A. Attwood and I. A. Mead	0
C. D. Stone (capt.) and G. W. Houghton	0
G. L. Coulson and G. T. Martin	1

FOURSOMES	
Allen and Bond	Dallas and Ball
Osborne and Foston	Bird and Pease
Bailey and Southam	Minney and Day
Woods and Child	Bonner-Morgan and King
Ridge and Attwood	Chadborn and Mead
Stone and Houghton	Coulson and Martin
Total	34

MRS. WOODS'S PRIZE DAY

Mrs. K. Woods gave a prize day to South Beds Ladies on Tuesday in conjunction with the monthly medal competition. Best returns were: Silver Division: Mrs. Cleveley, 88-16; 72; Mrs. M. Crew, 77-4-73; Bronze Division: Mrs. C. Thompson, 101-31-70; Mrs. E. Crater, 102-30-72.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

SATURDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER
Combination Cup

LUTON RESERVES
versus
WATFORD RES.

Kick-off 3 p.m.
Admission: Centre Stand (Season Tickets only); Wing Stand (unreserved) 5/-; Enclosure 3/6, Boys 1/-; Bobbers' Stand 1/3; Terraces (not covered) 1/-, Boys 9d.

WEDNESDAY, 15th SEPT.
League - Division II

LUTON TOWN
versus
LINCOLN CITY

Kick-off 5.30 p.m.
Admission: Centre Stand (Season Tickets only); Wing Stand (unreserved) 5/-; Enclosure 3/6, Boys 1/-; Bobbers' Stand 2/-, Boys 1/-; Terraces (not covered) 1/9, Boys 1/-.

come in as wing-halves and the forward line has been completely re-cast, partly because Ken Ray, Joe Summers and Reg Noble are unable to play.

Team: R. Tottenham; W. Day, T. Kilby; J. Hull, H. Naylor, H. Jackson; G. Lambeth, J. Bone, K. Peel, A. Dickens, R. Parrott.

Some Experimenting By Old Lutonians

OPENING their season with a match against Old Lutonians at Stockwood Park on Saturday, Old Lutonians have chosen a team that is basically the same as last season's successful side.

However, they are experimenting in one or two positions until it becomes known which players will be available regularly.

Newcomers to this class of rugby are Jack Walters, the county 220 yards sprint champion, and Keith Reynolds, a youngster of much promise.

Team: Reed; Walters, Thorpe, Lyons, Thurlow, Robinson, Reynolds; Adkins, Knapp, Shepherd, Young, Heanue, Kelly, Fensome, Packwood.

Last Cricket Of The Season At Wardown

LAST cricket of the season takes place at Wardown this weekend, and on Saturday the Town will have Tring Park as their visitors.

Although John Oliver will be back to lead the side, it is still below strength, but should be good enough to retain the unbeaten Saturday record.

Team:

J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), C. V. A. Colling, A. F. Waller, H. G. Kippax, T. D. Matthews, F. Winstanley, D. F. Bull, D. S. Randall, A. M. M. E. Davison, D. A. S. Plastow.

With only five members of what is regarded as the regular side, the second team go to Tring Park with the following:

F. W. J. Webb (capt.), A. J. Worboys, A. J. Webley, C. H. Warman, H. Hewson, R. Manby, C. Simpson, B. Glinifer, M. Smith, D. Austin, P. Kippax.

Strong Vauxhall Team For Three Counties

VAUXHALL MOTORS' second team have ended their fixtures, but the first team have two more matches and they are due to visit Three Counties Hospital on Saturday.

They have not been hit quite so badly as have the Town in the matter of players not being available, and they are able to put a very strong team into the field, including their county players of this season, Reg Hills, Glyn Owen and Harold Hayhurst.

Team:

A. Nelsey (capt.), R. L. Hills, C. Bradbury, P. Buckingham, A. Capstick, H. Hayhurst, R. Lloyd, J. G. Owen, S. Ruffett, C. Saunders, D. Stretton.

Three More Matches For County Bowlers

THREE more matches remain to complete the county bowl programme for this season, and the first of them takes place at Chingford on Saturday, when Bedfordshire will be meeting Essex.

Team: A. E. Chew (Dunstable Town), W. J. Fessey, C. Halsey, A. J. Hinton (Luton Town), N. Millard (Bedford Borough), F. Rogers (Electrolux), G. Goodman, V. Conn, T. W. Cowland, E. Waller, H. Brown (Vauxhall Motors), A. Hetherington, W. Zastrow (Rootes), H. Cundance (Bedford), R. Bonfield, A. Stewart (Davies), F. Reed, J. Emery (Kent's), S. Ekins (A.P.C.M.), D. Barker (Leaside), D. Bignell (Leighton Buzzard), C. Mills (Igranice), F. Gentile (Stofford), F. Stockton (W.M.C.I.).

Final One Is At Home To Leicestershire

THE President's team is due to meet London Parks at Northwood on Wednesday, and the following have been invited:

A. E. Chew, P. Clarke, F. Green (Dunstable Town), H. Farmer, E. Runckles, H. Dean (Bedford Borough), G. Goodman, S. Beck (Vauxhall Motors), J. W. Bird, J. Proudfoot (Bedford), T. L. Arger (St. Andrew's), A. C. King (Bedford), A. Jackson (Beech Hill), A. S. Hill, A. G. White (Leaside), H. T. Burlo (Erickers), J. J. Stallan (Stratton House), L. Davidge, E. C. Tompkins (Russell Park), A. Watson, J. K. Mellor (Luton Co-op), C. Mills, W. Pain, C. Chamberlain (Igranice).

For their final match Bedfordshire will have Leicestershire as their visitors at Russell Park.

Team: A. E. Chew (Dunstable Town), F. S. Paddiphat, L. J. R. Greener (Luton Town), P. Borrett, H. W. Harum, D. D. MacIntyre (Bedford Borough), J. Fursman (Electrolux), G. Goodman, A. Dimmock, E. Lea, L. Lempriere (Vauxhall Motors), A. Schraeder, E. Dimmock, W. Woodham, Jr. (Rootes), A. P. Turtle (Bedford), A. C. Cooper (Kent's), J. W. Goodner, N. Wightman (Beech Hill), O. Ogden (Skeffo), B. Care (Waterloo's), J. Pheasant, E. Howe (Russell Park), R. Farnham (Luton Co-op), W. Snowden (Igranice).

Sweeping Changes Made By Kent's

AFTER their defeat at Marston Shelton, Kent's Athletic are making sweeping changes for their home South Midlands League game with Peartree O.B. on Saturday.

Team: D. Johnstone; J. Burgess, W. Lawrence; J. O'Neill, J. Humphrey, D. Soper, T. Dolan, G. Todd, W. Startin, R. Brandham, E. James.

Luton Greyhounds

TRAP 6 STARTED FIVE WINNERS ON TUESDAY

Trap 6 was right in the limelight at Luton Stadium on Tuesday when it started five of the eight winners.

Favourites had better luck than of late, for six of the popular choices were successful.

1-(410 yards): 1. DINKY-DO (6); 2. Skip It (4); 3. Max Future (5); 4. Bally Ann (2); 5. Charlie B (1); 6. Dora's Pet (1); 7. 2, 1, 1, 3, 24.84, Off 7.41.

Betting: 9-4 Sally Ann, 4-1 Charlie B, 10-1 Skip It, 5-1 DINKY-DO, Max Future, 6-1 Dora's Pet.

11-(470 yards): 1. RUM CHICKEN (6); 2. Kye (4); 3. Artful Harry (2); 4. Pearl's Pet (1); 5. Swan Song (3); 6. Mark Time (1); Head 5, 2, 7, 3, 28.12, Off 8.0.

Betting: 5-1 RUM CHICKEN; 7-2 Mark Time; 4-1 Kye; 5-1 Pearl's Pet; 6-1 Artful Harry; 8-1 Swan Song.

Forecast: 19s 6d.
11-(410 yards): 1. CHEVALIER (4); 2. Gay Boy (3); 3. Rodney (2); 4. Halfway (5); 5. Harvest King (1); 6. 10, Boston Browne (6) did not finish, 24.44, Off 8.29.

Betting: 5-1 Gay Boy; 4-1 Harvest King; 4-1 Rodney; 5-1 CHEVALIER; 6-1 Halfway; 8-1 Boston Browne.

Forecast: 22s 9d.
1V-(470 yards): 1. TINY'S TINY (1); 2. Rez (4); 3. Gerald (2); 4. Leth Tide (1); 5. Do-Do (2); 6. Black Cloud (5); 2, dist. dist. dist. dist. 27.54, Off 8.39.

Betting: 5-4 TINY'S TINY; 3-1 Leth Tide; 5-1 Gerald; Res: 100-8 Do-Do, Black Cloud.

Forecast: £1 12s. 9d.
V-(470 yards): 1. LEGION (6); 2. Edie's Baby (1); 3. Porolito (3); 4. Plasterer (4); 5. Just Jake (2); 4, head, 1, 2, 27.55, Non-runner 1 Sippose (5), Off 8.39.

Betting: 5-2 LEGION; 3-1 Edie's Baby; Plasterer; 4-1 Porolito; 8-1 Just Jake.

Forecast: 14s 6d.
VI-(410 yards): 1. RAYBURN (6); 2. Bachel Lad (3); 3. Ida (4); 4. Dale (5); 5. Ruffles (3); 5, 1, 4, 6, 24.11, Non-runner West Mead (1), Off 9.17.

Betting: 4-5 RAYBURN; 3-1 Bachel Lad; 5-1 Ida; 6-1 Dale; 100-8 Ruffles.

Forecast: 7s 9d.
VII-(470 yards): 1. RIBBON (6); 2. The Builder (5); 3. Manor Park (4); 4. Gay Lord (1); 5, 3, 6, dist. (5); 5, 1, 2, 27.55, Off 9.37.

Betting: 7-4 RIBBON; 3-1 The Builder; Manor Park; 7-1 Queen; 10-1 Gay Lord; Tie-Tac.

VIII-(410 yards): 1. WHITELEA (4); 2. Kath (5); 3. Flood Tide (1); 4. Mae West (2); 5. Crackers (3); 6. Knocker (6); 4, 3, 5, 4, dist. 24.30, Off 8.57.

Betting: 3-1 WHITELEA; Kath; 7-2 Flood Tide; Knocker; 7-1 Mae West; 8-1 Crackers.

Forecast: 18s 6d.
RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON ON SATURDAY

6.30 (410yds)-522 Care Not, 432 Harvey, 553 Nigger, 254 River Side, 44 Shamrock Sept. 4, to 1, 25.06, 614 Whipped Cream, reserve 654 Sporting Express.

6.50 (410yds)-624 Dark Jane, 5 Lindy, 534 Lullaby, 344 Red Sheen, 432 Sunlight, 5, Violet, reserve 232 Princess.

7.10 (470yds)-521 Chamberlain, 515 Firefly, 133 Philbin's Pet, 124 Pouchie, 614 Stella, 341 Wallflower, reserve 526 Key.

7.30 (410yds)-453 Black Queen, Glum Boy (Aug. 12, to 4, 24.35; Sept. 4, to 1, 24.37), 351 Plasterer, 214 Red Head, 454 River Bank, 25 Sugar Ray, reserve 411 Crooner.

7.50 (470yds)-264 Dark Clouds, 2 Envious, 252 Lil's Basket, 521 Betty D, 341 Scamp, 341 Sunnyside.

8.10 (410yds)-233 Arm in Arm, 431 Black Imp, 311 George, 113, Hymie, 214 Hypon, 22 Signal Box, reserve 122 Santa Maria.

8.30 (470yds)-125 Black and White, 145 Mitzil, 133 Royal Glen, 646 Snowflake, 53 The Porpoise, 115 Tot, reserve 411 Crooner.

8.50 (410yds)-253 Absolute, 165 Cliff's Pal, 645 MacNab, 56 Petty Officer, 426 Piece Down, 64 Still Waiting (Sept. 4, to 2, 24.64), reserve F. Jim Peters.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Care Not (Whipped Cream, River Side), 6.50 Violet (Red Sheen, Lindy), 7.10: Wallflower (Pouchie, Stella), 7.30: Red Head (map) (Plasterer, Sugar Ray), 7.50: Envious (Sunnyside), Scamp, 8.10: Hypon (Hymie, Black Imp), 8.30: Tot Royal Glen, Black and White, 8.50: MacNab (Absolute), Cliff's Pal.



BERT MITCHELL transferred from Luton to Middlesbrough on Tuesday, he is expected to turn out against his old club on Saturday.

RESERVES UNLUCKY

Groves Injured At Watford

Watford Reserves 4, Luton Town Reserves 2

Just how strange a game football can be was proved on Saturday when the Town Reserves were beaten after playing neat, attractive football while at Kenilworth-road the seniors claimed both points from Birmingham although they did not approach their best form.

But there was a hard luck story behind the Reserves' defeat for they were reduced to ten men a couple of minutes after the interval when Groves suffered concussion.

Before the inside-forward was injured, Luton had been having slightly the better of the argument, and although Watford took the lead in the tenth minute through PATON, WATKINS equalised eight minutes later.

This goal was scored under rather unusual circumstances. The Town had been awarded a free-kick a yard outside the penalty area and Watkins, running up quickly, banged the ball past Gooch but the goal was disallowed for the referee had not signalled the kick to be taken when the Luton half-back kicked the ball.

Watkins took the kick again and with precisely the same sort of shot beat Gooch again, and this time the goal was allowed to stand.

Two minutes after the interval Groves collided with Bateman and the ball ran loose to MacEwan who shot into the corner of the net without hesitation. Soon after this goal Groves left the field and did not return.

After 65 minutes WILSON put Watford on terms and in a grandstand finish Watford added two more goals in the last five minutes, through WALKER.

Luton's attack played attractive football until the injury to Groves upset their rhythm and Groves had been playing particularly well. MacEwan, too, had a good game and Allen, as usual, did any amount of foraging.

On the wings, Cullen and Taylor used the ball well and the forward line was well supported by the half-backs. In this department Dallas was a strong centre-half.

The full-backs were sometimes worried by the speed and directness of Watford's wingers but Baynam, playing his first game of the season with the Reserves, did well and had no chance with any of the shots that beat him.

WATFORD RES.: Gooch; Bateman; par. Jones; Meadows; Bateman; E. Patterson; Walker; Bennett; Wilson; Smith; Paton.

LUTON TOWN RES.: Baynam; Pemberton; Hawkes; Watkins; Dallas, A. McGuffie; Cullen, Allen, MacEwan, Groves, Taylor.

CHAMPIONS WERE JOLTED BY LEAGUE'S NEWCOMERS

Sundon Park Are Blazing A High-Scoring Trail Again

Last season's Luton and South Beds League champions, Napier Sports, received a shock when they were convincingly beaten by newcomers to the Premier Division, West Park.

This team have made a fine start to the season by winning both their matches, a position which is also enjoyed by Stopsley, whose all-round strength is emphasised by the fact that, in collecting four points, they have scored 16 goals against one.

At the other end of the scale, Toddingdon Rovers and Eaton Bray have lost both their games and the latter have only one goal to show against 15.

Most exciting match took place at Dagnall where the home side wiped out a substantial lead which Luton Social had gained to win by the odd goal in eleven.

West Park are also doing well in Division I, where they have full points and have Lilley Rangers, Bells Park and Leagrave B.L. in this Division, Luton Town "C" got off the mark with an easy win over Electrolux.

Best goal average of all is that of last season's most prolific scorers, Sundon Park, in Division II, for they have scored 21 goals in two matches and have yet to concede one. Their 13 against R.A.F.A. made them top-scorers of the day. Here, Caddington, Warden Hill and Glendale have also won both their games.

Double figures were reached in Division III by newcomers, Hunting Percival Apprentices, with two players, Norcott and Wills, contributing nine of the goals between them.

In Division IV, there were plenty of goals for all, with Sundon Park Reserves emulating their seniors in that they have picked up four points without having had a goal against them.

PREMIER DIVISION

WEST PARK 6 (Reid 3, Wealey, Hunt, Clements), NAPIER SPORTS 1 (Hutchins).

STOPPLEY 10 (Pugh 4, Weston 3, Mantion, Yardley, Brown), EATON BRAY 1 (Scott).

PIONEER CORINTHIANS 2 (Parrot 2, Woburn Ath. 0).

DAGNALL 6 (Shaw 2, K. Munt 2, Carter, Mead), LUTON SOCIAL 5 (Davidson 2, Cook 2, Hampshire).

TODDINGTON ROVERS 0, TOTTERNOH 7 (James 5, Hubbicks, Perkins).

DIVISION I

LUTON TOWN "C" 5 (Chamberlain 2, Leonard 2, Leveday), ELECTROLUX 0.

LAPORTE 2 (Smith, Davies), WEST PARK 3 (Roujando, Devensh, opponent).

LUTON UNITED HOSPITALS 0, STOPPLEY RESERVES 7 (Bell 3, Walker 2, Breslin, opponent).

LILLEY RANGERS 2 (Munichell 3, B Carr 2), LEAGRAVE ATH 2 (Cioke, Cartson).

ENGLISH ELECTRIC 3 (Dorrington 2, Leverett), BELLS PARK 4 (Fennose 2, Childs, Skinner).

LEAGRAVE B.L. 6 (B Jackson 3, D Jackson, Fennose, McLaughlin).

SHILLINGTON 2 (Ellitt 2).

DIVISION II

R.A.F.A. 0 SUNDON PARK 13 (Dixon 5, Merhan 4, Clayton, Watson, Wood, McEvan).

CADDINGTON 3 (Griffin, Wilkinson).

LEAGRAVE PRESS 0, WARDEN HILL ATH 8 (Holt 3, Wilson 2, Milson 2, Thirkettle).

SKEFFO ATH. 4 (Rogers 2, Humphrey, Stronacher, ROBIN HOODS 8 (Muller 3, Jones 2,

FLUKY GOAL GAVE TOWN BOTH POINTS

Much Muddled Forward Play In A Dull Match

(By Chiltern)

LUTON TOWN 1 BIRMINGHAM CITY 0

A goal that was in the same muddled, accidental sort of category as much of the football played by two shot-shy forward lines in this tedious meeting of two teams who rate themselves as promotion candidates, gave the Town two points which they barely deserved.

That the result ended in their favour and served to lay further the bogey that Birmingham have presented in the past, together with the fine work of the defence, was about all the consolation that the home fans could draw from this display.

Right from the start, defences were so much on top that it seemed inevitable that the crowd would see few goals for their money, and it began to look as if they would have no excitement of this sort at all as the second half dragged on with no relaxation of their grip which defenders had taken.

Then, with a bare six minutes remaining, Morton lobbed over a high centre that Merrick, perhaps unsighted by Boyd, misjudged, and the ball bounced off ADAM, who was running in, and rolled into the net.

Appeals for hands against the outside-left were waved aside by the referee, and the Town had not much difficulty in holding on to their narrow lead.

Apart from some solo runs, mostly down the left wing by Pye, the Town forwards were a sluggish, incohesive lot, whose passing at times was almost unbelievably inaccurate, and any hopes that the Town would score were based mainly on Pye's ability to free himself of the close attentions of Smith.

WHEN PYE WAS UNLUCKY

When he did so, he was always dangerous, and he was most unlucky in the first half when a shot from an angle on the left wing struck the crossbar and rebounded to safety.

Almost the only other occasion when Birmingham looked likely to concede a goal during the first half came when Cummins drove the ball first time and Merrick made a great save.

Nor did Birmingham give any more promise of goals, despite some neat midfield work and the speed of Astall on the right wing. In the main, before the interval, the Town were on top, but Birmingham had periods of supremacy in the second half and, during one of them, Kinsey struck a post from Lane's pass with Stretton, for once in a way, beaten.

One of the disappointing features of the Town's forward display was the lack of thrust on the wings where neither Mitchell nor Adam seemed to be able to get going.

Occasionally, in the first half, there was evidence of understanding between Cummins and Adam, but it did not amount to much in the end and the right wing was very much out of joint.

The switching of the wingers early in the second half had no noticeable effect and it was not until