

HOPES OF BAYNHAM PLAYING

TEAM CHOICE TO BE MADE LATER TO-DAY

An Unchanged Preston Team Is Expected

By Chiltern

Choice of the Town's team to visit Preston to-morrow evening is being delayed until later to-day and Manager Dally Duncan told me yesterday that he is hopeful that Ron Baynham will be able to play. During the week-end he had treatment, not only on his neck, but to his thigh muscle, which he bruised on Saturday and which was painful on Saturday night. Yesterday he still had a slight headache, was sent for a check-up by the club doctor as a precaution, and then was told to go home and rest.

BAYNHAM received a similar sort of head injury at Derby last season, but played at Plymouth three days later.

Gordon Turner has had further treatment to the ankle that made him doubtful for the first match, but was training yesterday, and John Groves, who suffered slight concussion while playing for the Reserves, was sent home to rest because he was still feeling some of the effects.

Nearly all the players have blistered feet, due to the hard ground and the heat, and Owen came off the field at half-time at Charlton carrying one of his boots, and he changed into another pair at half-time.

Kelly is back in training, and it is hoped that Thompson will be able to start to-day.

There are three teams to be fielded to-morrow, for the reserves are at Cardiff and the "A" team will be at home to Bedford Town Reserves.

Right Wing Will Be A Problem

AFTER their 4-0 win over Everton at Goodison Park, Preston obviously will be on top of the world, and this test may well

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.
TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY)
Metropolitan League

LUTON TOWN 'A'
versus
BEDFORD T.N. 'A'
Kick-off 6.30 p.m.

Admission: Centre Stand 2/-;
Enclosure and Wing Stand 1/6;
Boys 1/-; Bobbers' Stand 1/3;
Boys 10d.; Terrace 1/-, Boys 9d.

"Sorry, Sold out!"

... was the cry that met a lot of people on Saturday when they went to buy the Green 'Un.

The Moral is

ORDER
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and so avoid disappointment

To hold the Kent club on their own ground was an excellent performance, and, what is more, they deserved to do so on the run of the play.

The game was not overburdened with good-quality football, but, at least, the Town were trying to play it all the time, and while they continue to do that they should not go very far wrong.

What is more, they succeeded to a marked extent at times, and their best spell was in the latter part of the first half, when they really had the Charlton defence in trouble.

Charlton A Rugged Lot Of Fighters

IN the second half there was rather a lot of ballooning of the ball, much of it by Charlton, but that was understandable in view of the conditions posed by the lively ball on the iron-hard ground.

That both teams kept going so well as they did in the terrific heat was a credit, and a fast pace was kept up almost to the end.

Charlton, I fancy, will not turn out to be one of the star teams of the season, but they are a rugged lot of fighters, struggling to get out of the rut without a victory which they have been in since mid-February.

They had their chances in this match, and so did the Town for that matter, and, in the circumstances, a draw was as fair a result as could be imagined.

Why The Last Goal Was Disallowed

CERTAINLY it would have been an injustice to the Town had Charlton snatched the winner, as they seemed to have done near the end when Gauld scrambled the ball through.

At the time it was generally thought that the referee disallowed the goal for hands, but afterwards he said that the linesman had signalled offside against Kiernan before the ball reached Gauld.

At any rate, it was an unhappy few seconds for Town supporters until they realised that the goal did not count.

Although they were below full strength numerically for only a couple of minutes, the Town did play under a handicap for two-thirds of the game because of a head injury to Baynham.

Baynham "Forgot" The First Half

IT occurred when he threw himself at Leary's feet to save a certain goal, and received a blow from the centre-forward's knee just below his ear.

Greyhound Racing

SAMMY, IN FORM, WINS AGAIN-AT 5-1

Only outsider to succeed at Luton Stadium on Saturday was Sammy, 5-1 winner in the fourth race.

This was his third win in his last four races.

1. (410yds).—CHEVALIER (1); 2. Twilight (2); 3. Lucky Jim (6); 4. Churchill (4); 5. Good Health (5); reserve, 6. Jany (3). 8, 3, head, 4, 4. 24.48. Non-runner, Rim-ram (5). Off 6.43.

Betting: 5-4 CHEVALIER, 4 Twilight, 5 Lucky Jim, Churchill, Jany, 6 Good Health.

Forecast: 13s. 9d.

11. (470yds).—1. SILVER DOLLAR (4); 2. Julie's Boy (2); 3. Shady Miss (6); 4. Absolute (5); 5. Still Waiting (3); 6. W.T.R. (1). Head, 3, 4, 3. 28.34. Off 7.03.

Betting: 3 SILVER DOLLAR, 7-2 Absolute, 4 Shady Miss, 5 Still Waiting, W.T.R., 6 Julie's Boy.

Forecast: £2 5s. 9d.

111. (410yds).—1. GILLIAN (2); 2. River Bank (5); 3. Calshot (6); 4. Scamp (1); 5. Grand Style (3); 6. Hay Time (4). 4, 1, 1, 3, dist. 24.41. Off 7.13.

Betting: 9-4 River Bank, 5-2 GILLIAN, 5 Grand Style, 6 Scamp, Hay Time, 8 Calshot.

Forecast: £1 1s. 0d.

IV. (410yds).—1. SAMMY (4); 2. Manor Park (1); 3. Tiddy Winks (5); 4. Gordon (2); 5. Troublesome (6); 6. Clearamud (3). Neck, head, 1, 1, 1. 24.43. Off 7.44.

Betting: 2 Tiddy Winks, 4 Gordon, Troublesome, Clearamud, 5 SAMMY, 8 Manor Park.

Forecast: £4 10s. 0d.

V. (470yds).—1. WILF (1); 2. Lion's Head (3); 3. Alice (4); 4. The Lodger (6); 5. Mot Man (5). 1, 6, 3, 3. 27.72. Non-runner Lard (2). Off 8.04.

Betting: Evens WILF, 5-2 Lion's Head, Alice, 100-8 others.

Forecast: 11s. 9d.

VI. (410yds).—1. KING SOL (5); 2. Mariner (6); 3. New Light (1); 4. Shady Lane (4); 5. Santa Maria (2); 6. Aladdin (3). 4, 2, head, 8, 2. 24.20. Off 8.24.

Betting: 4-6 KING SOL, 5 Santa Maria, Aladdin, 6 Shady Lane, 8 New Light, 10 Mariner.

Forecast: £2 11s. 0d.

Dunne took over the green jersey for a couple of minutes, but before he could show his skill in this department, Baynham had insisted on returning.

He said afterwards that he could not remember anything that happened in the first half and he looked none too fit when he returned for the second.

So far as was possible, the defence kept the ball away from him and back passing, the easiest way of getting out of trouble when a defender is facing his own goal, was cut out.

Charlton's First Came In Added Time

THEY could not, of course, prevent some direct shots reaching Baynham, but with these he coped manfully, though he could not do anything about the goal scored by Gauld early in the second half which put Charlton ahead for the first time.

Their other goal, from Leary, actually came in time added to the normal 45 minutes for that lost through Baynham's mishap and the first half lasted over 49 minutes.

Earlier, after half an hour, Turner had caused great enthusiasm among the big Luton contingent present by opening the scoring with a first-time shot taken with his left foot from a pass by Ahern who had come right upfield into the outside-left position.

MacEwan Took His Chance Finely

BEFORE the Town were on level terms again, the game was 72 minutes old, and the goal was a product of a movement which began near the Town's penalty area.

It eventually reached Turner, who made a down-the-middle pass on to which MacEwan fastened.

He made Ufton go the wrong way, left himself with a clear route for goal and beat Bartram with a fine drive.

And that was that, apart from the shock caused when Gauld got the ball into the net and when, in the last minute Ayre broke through and was inches wide of the far post with his cross shot.

This was an excellent start to the Town's new career, and will give the team confidence in facing the tests that are to come.

Strength Of Town's Middle Line

MUCH of the Town's strength was vested in a hard-working, hard-tackling half-back line, in which Morton and Shanks were tireless wing halves and Owen as reliable as ever in the middle.

They did not allow themselves to be confused by the way in which the Charlton inside-forwards switched about.

For quite a long time, Gauld, to all intents and purposes, was playing at centre-forward, with Leary hanging back, a move that the Town countered by Morton taking over the marking of the centre-forward.

Hurst can be a flier who causes a lot of trouble to defences, but he did not have much opportunity against Ahern, who, in top form, positioned himself cleverly, was firm in the tackle, and the winger received little change from him.

Kiernan A Worry To Dunne

FOR Dunne there was a worrying sort of time in the second half when Kiernan came smug into the picture, and the full-back is often rather unhappy against a winger who takes the ball on the outside of him.

His task was made difficult, too, by the fact that Kiernan was going right back to collect the ball, but he kept gamely at it, despite the upsetting circumstance of him making the bad pass that led to Charlton's second goal.

As for Baynham, he deserves a special medal for his pluck in remaining in the match, a fact that the crowd amply recognised by the three separate ovations they gave him.

Cummins Will Enjoy The First Division

OUTSTANDING in the forward-line was Cummins, who suggested that he, for one, is going to enjoy life in the First Division.

His was an immaculate display of polished footwork, in which he beat opponents with consummate ease, and the only blemish was that his passes did not always go exactly where they were intended, though in some instances they were made to look worse through colleagues not anticipating and taking up position.

Cummins was the most accomplished forward on the field, and in this form he will be the key-stone of the attack this season.

Turner was always there or thereabouts when there was a chance of a goal accruing, showing keen goal sense, though he himself admitted that he should have obtained a second goal when he just missed the far post from fairly close range.

MacEwan Can Settle Down As Leader

ALTHOUGH Ufton did not give him much room, MacEwan was always bustling about, and his forays down the wings were dangerous moves.

His best spell came in the latter part of the game and that, plus the cool manner in which he took his goal, suggested that he will settle down as the regular occupant of the centre-forward position.

Few can be entirely satisfied with the extreme wing positions by the showing in this match and there was not sufficient raiding.

Davies looked quite dangerous when he was in possession, but often was not in position when he had not the ball, and the experienced Campbell, marking Taylor closely and tackling robustly, gave little scope for this winger to achieve anything sensational after his long absence from the team.

However, he tried hard and he will probably be given time in which to settle down.

Reserves Went Down With A Bump

LEAST said about the Reserves' performance on Saturday the better, writes "Phoenix". To be beaten 8-2 on their own ground is not a happy start to the season, and that is what happened to them when they met Birmingham Reserves on a hot, sultry afternoon more suited to cricket than football.

They were well beaten by a faster, more methodical side, but although they did not play well, they scarcely deserved to be defeated so heavily.

For the first twenty minutes or so there was little to choose between the sides. Then Cox scored for Birmingham after a defensive lapse, and Lane added a second a few minutes later.

Groves reduced Luton's arrears with a long-range shot, but Bradbury beat Stretton again before the interval. After this it was nearly all one-way traffic.

Luton were further handicapped when they lost John Groves—suffering from concussion—and the visitors got on top to such an extent that they added five more goals—from Cox, Bradbury (2), Lane, and Linacre.

Pearce got another "consolation" goal for Luton during a mix-up on the Birmingham line.