

MORTON STARRED IN BEST WIN YET

A Record League Crowd Was There To See It

By Chiltern

If you were a Luton supporter, Kenilworth-road was a thrilling place to be on Saturday, with the Town turning on their finest performance yet in the First Division and thoroughly humbling the Wolves, rated before the season began as the country's star team and of whom great things were expected. Even the more optimistic supporters could scarcely have believed beforehand that the Town would gain their biggest win of the season at the expense of this star-studded side, but so it turned out, and there was a record crowd for a League match to see them do it.

For Wolves supporters, it was a salutary experience, even though there was some measure of an anti-climax for their team in that Swinbourne pulled a muscle almost as soon as the game had started and although he returned to the middle after a spell on the wing, his effectiveness was reduced. But, even taking that into account, Wolves were well beaten and, as their defence could not cope with the fast-moving Town forwards, the result might have shown little difference even if Swinbourne had been completely fit throughout.

The master move from the Luton point of view was to switch the ball through and the taming of the Wolves had begun with a vengeance.

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Morton Could Lead England's Attack

ENGLAND team manager Walter Winterbottom could not have been other than impressed by the way in which Morton led the forwards, and do not forget that England are not completely satisfied about the centre-forward position for which Mordant and Taylor are competing for the match with Spain.

Morton keeps up this sort of form, then it is quite conceivable that his first England cap will come not in what is regarded as his natural position of right-half, but as leader of the forwards. What a versatile player he is. Only a few weeks back, he stood in for Owen at centre-half and helped the Town to two points at Huddersfield.

Obtained An Early Goal Again

WITH his success, the worry of the Town have had about his problem position disappears, and as long as a spell in the attack he had last season seems to be confronting Morton.

Not that this will worry him, for he accepted the move most cheerfully when informed by the chairman and manager of the decision.

Just as he did in his first match in the middle last season, Morton

got off in sensational fashion by scoring in the early minutes.

This time, the game had been on for four minutes, two minutes longer than it took him to open his account at Nottingham last season.

He was entitled to this reward, for he began the move himself with a pass out to Cullen, whose centre Adam tried to drive in, but did not get sufficient force behind it.

Taming Of Wolves Had Begun

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When the goal came, Swinbourne was off the field having his thigh strapped, but he returned soon afterwards.

However, Wolves hit back in commendable style and Hancock equalised after 18 minutes with a crashing cross-drive after a short-passing movement. But it was the Town who were looking more direct and dangerous and they would have regained the lead but for a spectacular save by Williams that just enabled him to reach a shot by Cullen.

A free kick against Showell was the fore-runner of the Town's second goal, and same very lax covering left Turner unmarked in the inside-left position when Cummins took the kick.

Lost Fight After Disallowed Goal

CUMMINS spotted Turner in an open space and the inside-right scored with a shot to which Williams got his hands, but the force behind the ball took it over the line.

For the Town, the half-time situation represented a very satisfactory state of affairs, but there was a shock soon after the resumption when Swinbourne turned the ball into the net from Mullen's centre.

Fortune was with the Town, though, for the linesman signalled offside immediately and the Town breathed again.

That disappointment seemed to take a lot of the fight out of Wolves, and gradually the Town got well on top and proceeded to



Four members of the Moscow Dynamo party were present at the match on Saturday, and helped swell the crowd in the grandstand. They were, Krivobesky, the captain, (hatless), and on his left, with him, were two officials and the interpreter.—M3319M.

give the visitors' defence a hammering. So well was the front line combining that for all Wright's efforts Wolves looked distinctly ill at ease under pressure.

Hectic Burst Of Goal-Scoring

IN view of events immediately beforehand, there was no surprise when the Town increased their lead when Morton secured a peach of an opportunistic goal through quick thinking and intelligent anticipation.

He saw Shorthouse shaping to push the ball back to Williams after intercepting a pass, got off the mark at top speed and was there before Williams could collect to turn the ball wide of the goal-keeper.

That was after 69 minutes and a minute later Turner obtained his second goal with Wolves waiting for an offside decision that did not come.

Apart from a drive by Wilshaw that cannoned against a post, all the pressure came from the Town, and Cullen put the seal on a great day 10 minutes from the end when he flicked through with his head a centre by Shanks, who had collected the ball from a free kick by Cummins.

Wright Could Not Hold Morton

IN difficult conditions, for the muddy turf made quick turning a matter of difficulty, the Town played some brilliant, fast, go-ahead football, especially in the second half.

There was none of the hesitancy in front of goal that we have seen in some matches, and Morton gave England's centre-half a very worrying afternoon.

His speed, strength, ball control and clever distribution of the ball made him a handful with which Wright could not cope, and Morton was always keeping the line moving sweetly and was a constant danger at close quarters.

If Morton can keep up this sort of form and receive the same response from his forward colleagues, then a lot more defences are going to have a rough time.

Adam Found His Best Form Again

IN particular, Turner appreciated the support that came from the middle, and the understanding that he also showed last season with Morton should bring a crop of goals, for Turner found that he had more freedom of movement in this match.

Another most satisfying feature was the return to his best form of Adam, who gave Showell a real run-around beating him almost at will with speed and deft footwork, though his finishing was not always well timed.

Outside-left is another position about which there has been some anxiety, but Adam showed that he can do the job effectively in top-class football.

Cummins's Success As Schemer

IN bright form, too, was Cullen, who got on with the job, worried Shorthouse by his footwork, and, with directness on the wings and punch in the middle, the attack really looked the goods.

No-one should forget, of course, the part that Cummins played in

HONOUR FOR JOHN CHAMBERS

John Chambers, captain of Bedfordshire Youth XI, has been selected to play for an F.A. Amateur Youth XI against Arsenal Youth XI at Highbury next Wednesday.

The match, which will be played under floodlights, is one of a series of youth matches arranged by the Football Association with a view to international selection.

John, a right-half, plays for a Luton Town youth side.

This is the third successive season a Bedfordshire player has been honoured by the F.A. In previous seasons, Tony Gregory and Alan Collier (both now professionals with Luton) were selected.

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 5
Morton (2), Turner (2), Cullen.

WOLVES 1
Hancocks.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Duane, Aherne; Pemberton, Owen, Shanks; Cullen, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Adam.

WOLVES: Williams; Showell, Shorthouse; Slater, Wright, Broadbent; Hancocks, Mason, Swinbourne, Wilshaw, Mullen.

Referee: A. E. Moore, Lowestoft.

Attendance: 27,911.

his role of schemer, for he was continually using the ball to advantage and changing the point of the attack.

One other point that must have given satisfaction to officials is that this fine display was given in conditions that the teams can expect to face for quite a spell now, and it removed any doubts there might have been about how the Town would fare on softer going.

Baynham Was Safer Than Williams

COMPARISONS between England players in goal and at centre-half favoured Baynham and Owen.

Although Williams made some spectacular saves, his handling of the ball was not always safe and Baynham looked more sound in this respect and again looked very impressive in dealing with high centres.

If Mr. Winterbottom's visit was dictated by a desire to see Baynham in action again, then he must have been more than satisfied.

Owen did not have the harassing time that was the lot of Wright and, of course, watching a handicapped Swinbourne was a lighter task than having to try to cope with Morton in such tearaway form.

Pemberton Did His Part Well

HOWEVER, Owen never looked other than safe and sound while Wright was mostly struggling to avert disaster.

The move of Morton would not be feasible unless there were someone able to step in at right-half and the Town must be thanking their lucky stars that they had such a reliable player in reserve as Pemberton.

He came into the side for a regular place in this berth about this time last season and made a big success of the job.

In his two outings in the First Division, he has showed that the step up in class is not too much for him and he gave a workman-like showing on Saturday. That the middle line was not weakened at all is a great tribute to him.

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Shanks Always In The Thick Of It

AS usual, Shanks was in the thick of it for the whole of the 90 minutes, and he must surely be one of the most consistent players in the game, for he rarely falls below the high standard that he sets for himself.

From both wing-halves there was ample backing for the forwards, and the midfield link-up was complete.

There was not much threat, apart from isolated runs by Wilshaw, from the Wolves' inside-men, and if there were to be any danger, Hancocks and Mullen looked most likely to bring it.

However, Dunne and Aherne stuck to the task of holding these class wingers, neither of whom really received the best of support, and they were given little scope.

"A" Team Are In A Bad Patch

THE Reserves must have been most pleased that the postponement of their match at Norwich because of the youth international there enabled them to see this high-powered display.

Alan Collier was on the winning side again when England's youth team beat Holland 3-1, but the Metropolitan League team is in the same sort of unsuccessful patch as the Reserves experienced recently.

Their 6-2 defeat at Newbury, despite the fact that they included seven professionals, was their fifth in succession, and in the last three matches they have conceded 15 goals.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

DIVISION I

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

DIVISION II

Blackburn R v Port Vale
Bristol R v Bury
Doncaster R v Barnsley
Hull C v West Ham
Leicester C v Swansea T
Lincoln C v Rotherham U
Liverpool v Notts C
Nottm Forest v Bristol C
Plymouth A v Leeds U
Sheffield W v Middlesbrough
Stoke C v Fulham

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

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

DIVISION III (NORTH)

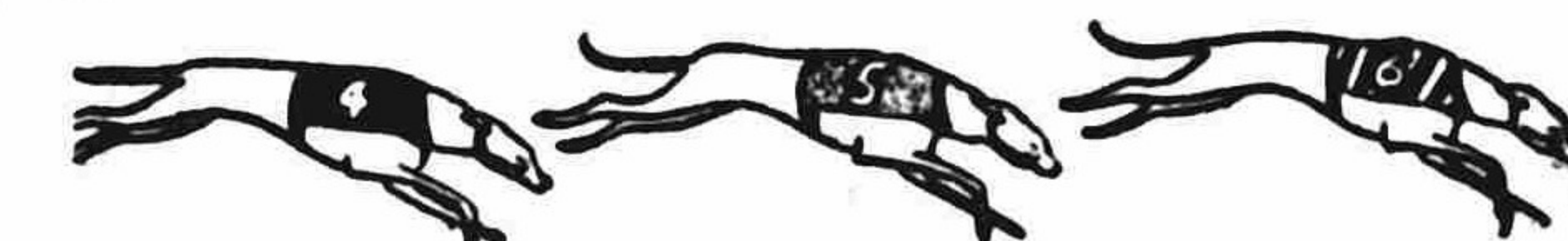
Accrington S v Workington
Barrow v York C
Bradford v Southport C
Carlisle U v Crewe Alex
Chester v Derby C
Chesterfield v Wrexham
Darlington v Oldham Ath
Gateshead v Scunthorpe U
Grimsby T v Hartlepool U
Rochdale v Mansfield T
Southport v Bradford C
Tranmere R v Halifax T

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION "A"

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

DIVISION "B"

Albion R v Alloa
Arbroath v Cowdenbeath
Ayr U v Dumbarton
Berwick R v Forfar Ath
East Stirling v Morton
Montrose v Dundee U
St Johnstone v Brechin C
Stenhousemuir v Hamilton
Stranraer v Queen's Park



MEETING STARTED WITH A SURPRISE

Lucky Blackie A 10-1 Winner On Saturday

Six favourites succeeded at Luton Stadium on Saturday, but only after a shock result in the first race when Lucky Blackie, 10-1 outsider, beat River Side by a length.

There was a dead-heat in the sixth race. Dogs involved were Tony Token and Patrick M.

1. (410 yds).—1. LUCKY BLACKIE (1); 2. River Side (2); 3. S.J.P. (5); 4. Clearasmud (4); 5. Poacher (6); 6. Trix (3).
1, 3, 1, 7, dist. 24.83. Off 6.43.
Betting: Evens S.J.P.; 4-1 River Side, Clearasmud; 10-1 Poacher; 6-1 Trix; 10-1 LUCKY BLACKIE.

Forecast £7 10s. 3d.
11. (470 yds).—1. JOHN (4); 2. Churchill (6); 3. Ray's Girl (3); 4. Silver Dollar (1); 5. Firefly (2); 6. Whipped Cream (5).
Short head, 1, 14, 1, dist. 28.41. Off 7.03.

Betting: 5-2 Ray's Girl; 3-1 JOHN; 7-2 Silver Dollar; 4-1 Firefly; 7-1 Churchill; 8-1 Whipped Cream.

Forecast £3 7s. 9d.
111. (470 yds).—1. EMGEE (6); 2. Tree Top (4); 3. Billy Bean (3); 4. Bridle (1); 5. Office Boy (2); 6. Grandad (5).
1, 1, head, 5, 5, 28.14. Off 7.24.

Betting: Evens EMGEE; 4-1 Bridle; 5-1 Tree Top, Grandad; 6-1 Office Boy; 10-1 Billy Bean.

Forecast 17s.
1V. (410 yds).—1. THE LODGER (6); 2. Tim's Pet (4); 3. Old Ford (5); reserve; 4. The Don (2); 5. Santa Maria (3).
2, 5, 8, 5, 24.57. Non-runners East Bound (1), Kyme (5). Off 7.43.

Betting: 4-5 THE LODGER; 4-1 Tim's Pet, The Don, Santa Maria; 6-1 Old Ford.

Forecast 8s. 9d.
V. (470 yds).—1. MATCH BOX (4); 2. Ink Spot (1); 3. Hymiss (5); 4. Black Sheep (4); 5. Win Twin (2); 6. Ascot (6).
1, 5, 12, dist. 27.68. Off 8.03.

Betting: 5-2 MATCH BOX; 3-1 Ink Spot, Black Sheep; 9-2 Hymiss; 6-1 Ascot; 10-1 Win Twin.

Forecast 19s. 6d.
VI. (470 yds).—1. TONY TOKEN (1); and PATRICK M. (6), dead-heat; 3. Ida (4); 4. Parley Vous (5); 5. Fish and Chips (3); 6. Crimson (2).
dead-heat, 3, 3, 1, 2, 27.98. Off 8.24.

Betting: 2-1 TONY TOKEN; 3-1 Fish and Chips; 4-1 Crim-

son; 5-1 Parley Vous; 6-1 Ida; 10-1 Tony Token.

Forecast 19s. 6d.
VII. (410yds).—1. SMILER (4); 2. Boston Brownie (2); 3. Talent (5); 4. Slim Jim (3); 5. Sammy (6); 6. Old Nick (1).
6, 3, 1, 4, 10, 24.48. Off 9.05.

Betting: 6-4 SMILER; 3-1 Slim Jim; 7-2 Boston Brownie; 5-1 Talent, Sammy; 8-1 Old Nick.

Forecast £1 13s. 9d.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON TONIGHT

7.30 (410yds)—241 Betty, 65 Dawn (Oct 29, tp 1, 24.95), 461 Lucky Jim, 441 Rumous, 232 Senator, 335 Wake Up, reserve 553-River Bank.

7.48 (470yds)—455 Awlyo:one, 3 Billy Boy, 565 Hay Time, 235 Satin, 333 Scamp, 412 Shady Miss, reserve 6 Legron.

8.06 (410yds)—45 Coffee Bean, 545 Dale, 512 Kismet, 6 Red Cross, 462 Sabrina, 145 Twilight, reserve 6 Dixie.

8.24 (470yds)—53 Duke, 114 G.E.C., 253 Revue, 215 Sea Captain, 216 Snob, 32 Trigger.

8.44 (410yds)—124 Alice, Big Baby (Sept 29, tp 6, 24.19; Oct 1, tp 6, 24.35), 2F6 Blanket, 531 Drummer Boy, 665 Golden Dollar, 132 Osram.

9.04 (410yds)—654 Call Boy, Kid Millions (Sept 1, tp 2, 24.65; Oct 29, tp 3, 24.63), 512 Met Man, 42 My Chance, 565 Pickles, 652 Plasterer, reserve 234 Keep Moving.

9.22 (470yds)—222 Bunter, 313 Just Jake, 241 Just Janet, 113 Slow One, 551 The Porpoise, 235 Wee Sal reserve 565 Rodney.

9.40 (410yds)—112 Mitzi, Calico (Oct 27, tp 1, 24.59; Nov 1, tp 3, 24.78), 22F Election Day, 541 Gaf, 142 Nigger, 122 St. Patrick, reserve 335 Jeff.

SELECTIONS

7.30—Lucky Jim (Rumous, Betty).

7.48—Shady Miss (Billy Boy, Hay Time).

8.06—Kismet (Sabrina, Dale).

8.24—Snob (G.E.C., Sea Captain).

8.44—Alice (Osram, Drummer Boy).

9.04—Plasterer (Met Man, Kid Millions).

9.22—Slow One (nap) (Just Jake, The Porpoise).

9.40—Nigger (St. Patrick, Gaf).

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