

ANXIETY IS NOT ACUTE YET

BUT LOSING RUN MUST END SOON

Further Failures Could Bring Crisis At Easter

By Chiltern

WHILE the anxiety is not yet acute and nobody at Kenilworth-road is pessimistic enough to think that a relegation scare is likely to become more than a remote possibility, the fact remains that the team's present form does give cause for worry.

Unless they can pull out of their depressing run which has resulted in them not picking up a single point in two months, then the Town may find themselves facing a crisis period at Easter.

IN losing narrowly to Huddersfield, they created a situation whereby they are only six points clear of the danger spot occupied by the Yorkshire side who have had their confidence in their ability to avoid relegation increased by three consecutive victories.

A couple more defeats for the Town could make things really serious and the hope must now be that the injury position will re-adjust itself so that a settled team can be achieved and retained.

Fundamentally, injuries have had a lot to do with the surprising way in which the Town have fallen away, but there is the additional factor of failure to adjust themselves to difficult conditions.

Lost Confidence And Look Stale

IN their favour is the fact that we should now be coming to the end of the bad weather period which has caused such havoc to the Town's fortunes and it may be that the team will regain their confidence and rhythm when they are faced with a pitch on which cultured football can be played.

But, for the moment, they are playing like a team without confidence and as if they have gone completely stale.

Lack of scoring power has obviously been the biggest handicap to them and there was little of it again on Saturday with few clear-cut openings made and, when they were, no-one with the accuracy to finish them off.

Adam Spoilt Good Approach Work

HOPES that the end of the mud would enable Cummins and Adam to resume their bright wing partnership were not fulfilled, though the latter could have been the match-winner had he shown more judgment in his use of the ball.

Time and again, he left Gibson floundering could almost beat him at will, but invariably, his

final pass did not provide material that could be turned to account.

This failing was most marked in the second half when, with three forward colleagues waiting in front of goal for the pulled-back pass, Adam tried a shot at goal from an impossible angle, and the ball went over the bar and a golden opportunity was allowed to slip by.

Should Have Been A Forwards' Day

NOR could Cummins assume the role in which he was cast and infuse some life into the attack by accurate midfield distribution and he did not seem to settle down to conditions which were difficult, with the snow giving a cushion effect to the frozen turf underneath.

Yet, this should have been a forwards' day, for defenders were in trouble every time they had to turn quickly and what was mainly needed was some quick, crisp passing of the brand that the Town used in their most successful period.

But again, much of their work was too close and players tended to hang on to the ball too long.

MacEwan Subdued By Taylor

YET, the Town had sufficient of the play and enough chances to have made certain that they would not lose this vital encounter, but the close quarter punch was sadly missing.

Although, admittedly, the amount of service that came his way was slight, MacEwan did not find his dash and bustle availing him much against a strong, young centre-half in Taylor and he was seldom dangerous.

It was mainly when he switched out to the right wing that MacEwan looked like taking part in a move that would be productive and the front line as a whole looked faltering and unbalanced.

Trier though he was, Turner made little memorable impression on this game, apart from claiming

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 1
Turner (pen.)
HUDDERSFIELD T. .. 2
McGarry 2
LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne Jones; Pearce, Kelly (L.), Pemberton; Davies, Turner, MacEwan, Cummins, Adam.
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN: Wheeler; Gibson, Kelly (L.); McGarry, Taylor, Quented; Marriott, Cavanagh, Hickson, Davis, Simpson.
Referee: J. W. Malcolm.
Leicester. Attendance 15,331.

the Town's only goal to keep his 100 per cent record from the penalty spot.

Huddersfield Showed Signs Of Panic

THAT came a minute before half-time when Cummins was pulled down during a determined bid to break through and Turner carefully shot wide of Wheeler's left hand.

Before this happened there had been opportunities of scoring, especially as the Huddersfield defence tended to panic in situations that scarcely justified their readiness to give away corner kicks.

Not that there were of much use to the Town, except that MacEwan, taking one on the left struck the post with Gibson apparently under the impression that the ball was going behind.

But They Had Not Much To Worry About

OTHER than a few goalmouth scrambles and a shot from Davies that Wheeler just pushed over, the bar, there was not a great deal for Huddersfield to worry about.

Like most of his forward line colleagues, Davies did not settle down to his best and his finishing was below par.

As things turned out, the easier chances fell to Huddersfield and there were bad misses by Davis and Cavanagh, though the latter was most unlucky just before the end when his shot bounced tantalisingly inside the post and the ball came back into play.

McGarry's Brace From Right-Half

IT is perhaps an apt commentary on the shooting of the forwards in this match that both the visitors' goals came from a half-back.

McGarry secured the first after

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No. 6 (Rule 28) In The High Court Of Justice

No. 00135 of 1956

CHANCERY DIVISION.

COMPANIES COURT.

Mr. JUSTICE ROXBURGH

IN THE MATTER OF

D. and F. TRANSPORT

LIMITED

and

IN THE MATTER OF

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

that a Petition for the winding up of the above-named

Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 21st day

of February 1956 presented to the said Court by TWENTIETH

CENTURY TRANSPORT

LIMITED whose registered

office is situate at 15, Seething

Lane, London, E.C.3. Transport

Contractors, Creditors.

And that the said Petition is

directed to be heard before the

Court sitting at the Royal

Courts of Justice, Strand,

London, W.C.2, on the 5th day

of March 1956, and any creditor

or contributory of the said

Company desirous to support

or oppose the making of an

Order on the said Petition may

appear at the time of hearing

in person or by his Counsel for

that purpose; and a copy of

the Petition will be furnished

by the undersigned to any

creditor or contributory of the

said Company requiring such

copy on payment of the regulated

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SAMUEL TONKIN and Co.,

Solicitors for the Petitioning

Creditors.

3, Berners Street,

London, W.1.

NOTE. — Any person who

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of the said Petition must serve on

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must state the name and address

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name and address of the firm, and

must be signed by the person or

firm, or his or their solicitor (if

any), and must be served or, if

posted, must be sent by post in

sufficient time to reach the above-

named not later than one o'clock

in the afternoon of the 3rd day

of March 1956.

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Deaths

LEONARD.—On February 26, at 62, Hastings-street, Luton, Emily Leonard, aged 77. Funeral Wednesday next, service in Ebenezer Chapel, at 2.15 p.m., interment at the General Cemetery, Rothsay-road, Luton, at 2.45 p.m. No flowers.



Lenie Kelly and Len Quented, Huddersfield defenders, converge on Luton inside-left George Cummins as he makes tracks for goal, and send him sprawling in the snow. This incident brought Luton a penalty from which Turner scored a minute before the interval.—R6293M

12 minutes with a shot from the edge of the penalty area that produced the requisite element of surprise.

At any rate, the ball got in just inside the post, with Baynham badly unsighted by his own defenders.

Then, when the game seemed to be fizzling out into a tame draw and the Town were at least in sight of their first point of 1956, McGarry did it again with another powerful drive, this time from over 20 yards out.

Winner Came Five Minutes From Time

HE came through with the ball, evaded a tackle by Pearce, who raced across to try to cut off the danger, and then, with the Town probably expecting him to pass, kept going to try his luck again with equally happy results.

By throwing himself to his left, Baynham just managed to get his finger-tips to the ball, but could not divert its course.

With only five minutes left, that was the end of the Town's

foundation on which much of the Town's success was built. In view of the fact that the original formation of Morton, Owen and Shanks, was missing completely, this was not surprising.

Kelly Successful As A Stopper

YET, Pearce worked willingly and hard without being able to claim that he tamed Davis, and Kelly played faithfully his appointed role of stopper.

So effective was this that it was not until late in the game that Hickson began to make his presence felt at full and Kelly had every reason for satisfaction about the way in which he kept him quiet.

While he is breaking up attacks successfully, he is not starting them as does Owen and there was not sufficient constructive work from this department, though Pemberton tried to distribute the ball to effect.

Left-Back Will Pose A Problem

ANOTHER consistent display by Jones poses a problem for the manager in that Aherne is likely to be fit for the next match and Jones has certainly taken his chance splendidly.

On the whole, with Dunne having the measure of Simpson pretty well, there was not a deal of threat from the Huddersfield wings, though Marriott showed quite a turn of speed on occasion.

In being beaten as he was by those two McGarry drives, Baynham was unlucky.

Afterwards he said he never saw the first one but he might have reached the second had his feet not slipped as he took off.

In the main, his was a competent display, but a couple of punches when it would have been safer to catch the ball, caused some eyebrow raising.

Encouraging Form Of The Reserves

FOR the second consecutive week the Reserves gave a very encouraging performance and did well to bring back a point from Leyton Orient, where they forced a 1-1 draw against a powerful, experienced side.

Leyton took an early lead through Morgan, who beat Stretton after a well-placed corner in the eighth minute, but Gregory, a most consistent marksman equalised in the second half and was desperately unlucky not to snatch the winner with a magnificent 15-yards drive, which Groombridge, the Orient goalkeeper, saved at the second attempt.

This was in the closing stages of the game, and had the shot counted it would almost certainly have been the winner.

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F.A. CUP—SIXTH ROUND

Arsenal v Birmingham C.

Manchester C. v Everton

Newcastle Utd. v Sunderland

Tottenham H. v West Ham

DIVISION I

Aston Villa v Charlton Ath.

Blackpool v West Brom

Bolton W. v Sheffield Utd.

Chelsea v Manchester Utd.

Portsmouth v Burnley

DIVISION II

Blackburn R. v Notts Co.

Bristol R. v Bristol C.

Hull C. v Swansea T.

Leicester C. v Fulham

Lincoln C. v Leeds Utd.

Liverpool v Bury

Nottm Forest v Rotherham Utd.

Plymouth A. v Barnsley

Sheffield W. v Port Vale

Stoke C. v Middlesbrough

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Bournemouth v Torquay Utd.

Brentford v Brighton

Colchester Utd. v Swindon T.

Coventry C. v Crystal Palace

Exeter C. v Northampton T.

Gillingham v Walsall

Leyton O. v Q.P.R.

Millwall v Ipswich T.

Norwich C. v Newport Co.

Reading v Shrewsbury T.

Southend Utd. v Aldershot

Watford v Southampton

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Accrington S. v Bradford C.

Barrow v Scunthorpe Utd.

Bradford v Derby Co.

Carlisle Utd. v Workington

Chester v Oldham Ath.

Chesterfield v Hartlepool Utd.

Darlington v Halifax T.

Gateshead v Wrexham

Grimsby T. v York C.

Rochdale v Crewe Alex.

Southport v Mansfield T.

Tranmere R. v Stockport Co.

SCOTTISH CUP

SEVENTH ROUND

Celtic v Airdrieonians

Hearts v Rangers

Queen of South v Clyde

Raith R. v Partick T.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION "A"

Aberdeen v East Fife

Falkirk v Dundee

Kilmarnock v Motherwell

St. Mirren v Dunfermline

DIVISION "B"

Alloa v St. Johnstone

Brechin C. v Ayr Utd.

Dunbarton v Arbroath

Dundee Utd. v Stenhousemuir

Forfar Ath. v East Stirling

Hamilton v Queen's Park

Morton v Montrose

Stranraer v Cowdenbeath

Third Lanark v Albion R.

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Bristol C.; Brentford v Brighton.

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