# OWEN LIKELY TO PLAY TONIGHT

## AFTER SUCCESSFUL TESTS IN RESERVES

By Chiltern

IKELIHOOD is that the Town captain, Sid Owen. will return to the Town team tonight in the floodlit friendly fixture against Rampla F.C., the Uruguayan tourists.

After two outings with the Reserves, Owen is satisfied that he is completely fit again after the serious injury that has kept him out of the senior side since January 11.

In the last few weeks he has made wonderful progress and, if he does return tonight, it will be rather quicker than was envisaged when he resumed training.

Why Leave Out

Ron Baynham?

publicity Reg. Matthews, of

Coventry City, has been given

lately, it did not come as a

real surprise that he is in the

England team against Scot-

land in preference to the

less be asking why should

Baynham lose the place he

occupied in the last three

Internationals, each of which

England won and in which

only two goals were conceded.

seemed a "must," and, after

his brilliant display at Chel-

sea a week yesterday, the

Town manager, Dally Dun-

can, commented, "If Ron

does not get into the England

team now, what more has he

However, consolation is

almost certain to come his

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Turner Got The Goal

That Mattered

THEN, of course, both Pearce

it would be surprising if neither

felt any trace of it through jar-

ring on the hard ground. Indeed,

Turner obtained the goal that

after Pearce had helped on a

carry a great deal of bite and the

atmosphere rather smacked of an

Portsmouth Might

Have Scored Early

HOWEVER, the Town, after a

which they might well have gone

of the far post, then hit a post

Gradually the Town began to

When Portsmouth

Appealed For A Goal

THEN Uprichard was kept

Shanks and Turner were others

busy without really becom-

two points in the end.

ture in the second half.

drive just carried too high.

the lead.

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streaky sort of start during

great deal at stake.

ground early in the game.

and Turner have been out of

way by inclusion in

England party to

Sweden, Finland

Germany next month.

got to do?"

On recent club form he

But Town fans will doubt-

Town's Ron Baynham.

In view of the widespread

ACTUALLY, this is the ideal . match in which to give Owen an outing in something above Combination football, for the tourists are bound to provide formidable opposition and the Town will be putting their strongest available team in against them.

Both Gordon Turner and John Groves felt slight ankle weakness after last Saturday's match and were having treatment yesterday, but it is thought that they will be able to play.

That apart, the only other problem concerns the outsideright position where is is a case of giving Tony Pounder another outing, or recalling either Roy Davies or Michael Cullen.

## Kelly Has Well Earned A Rest

WITH the opposition much of an unknown quantity, though said to be very strong, experience may count against them and, for this reason. Pounder may be rested.

If, as it appears certain, Owen does appear, then Terry Kelly will be able to take a rest which he well deserves after the sound way in which he has filled in at centre-half during a difficult time. So, the probable line-up is.—

Baynham; Dunne, Jones; Morton, Owen, Shanks; A. N. Other, Turner, Pearce, Groves, Adam. Improvement, But

## Not Right Yet

WHILE there was some measure of improvement in the forward line on Saturday as Turner stubbed his foot on the compared with that rock bottom display in the previous match no one will attempt to pretend that the Town's forward troubles are even nearly over.

Maybe, this formation, given time to settle down, can mould itself into a free-scoring line, but there should have been more goals against Portsmouth on the basis of the superiority the Town enjoyed for the greater part of the second half.

One of two factors have to be taken into account and one of them is the switching about that Pearce has done this season.

### Pearce's Seventh Different Position WHEN he led the attack in

this match, it was actually the seventh different position he has occupied in the first team, including every berth in the forward line. Is it any wonder that he did through.

not look the complete answer on what was his first appearance in look dangerous and they never 2, Midget (3): 3. Day Out (1): the middle in a League match?

At the same time, he was a willing worker, kept on the move and showed more than signs of happened, Portsmouth seemed to Non-runner: Fruity (6). Off 8.43 the power to distribute accurately. lose all their fighting spirit and

Too frequently, though, he fell they faded right out of the pica victim to the Portsmouth offside trap that was operated much too often for the liking of the crowd.

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Portsmouth would i \*\*\*\*\* equalise.

Yet, the point-saving goal very nearly came close to the end when Baynham saved on the goal line a shot from Penk that threatened to get inside the near post.

Portsmouth appealed for a goal, but the referee, who was on the spot, waved on play.

### A Tough Debut For Pounder

TURNER always looked the most likely Town forward to score and he was always very much on the spot in the goalmouth.

For Pounder, there was a quiet sort of debut in which he gained more confidence as the game wore on, but he probably would not have been so nervous had he seen more of the ball early in the game.

a youngster to have to face such his first appearance.

## FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN ...... 1

Turner PORTSMOUTH ...... 0 LUTON TOWN: Baya-

mam: Dunne, Jones: Morton, Kelly, Shanks; Pounder, Turner. Pearce, Groves. Adam. PORTSMOUTH: Up-

richard; McGhee, Manuell; Gunter, Rutter, Dickinson: Penk, Gordon, Henderson, Barnard, Harris. Referee: C. W. Kingston.

Newport, Mon. Attendance: 17,824. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Many movements began with In any case, it was a big test for Groves, who is more accurate in his passing since his spell at winga good full-back as Mansell on half, and Adam had a good share of the ball all through the game.

Gaf; 35 Melody (April 4, tp 5, 24.38);

8.44 (410yds)-241 Black Sheep: 1

9.04 (470yds)—Harding (Mar 22, tp

3, 24.42; Mar 31, tp 3, 24.28); 343

Parlez-Vous: 411 Pearly Prince; 323

Pheasant: Pineapple (Mar 22 tp 1

24.47; Mar 24, tp 6, 24.26); 15 Pin

9 22 (470yds) -164 Badger; 525 Mitzi;

9.40 (410yds) 543 Jaywick; 22 Mad-

hat (Apl 2. to 4. 24.67); My Beauty

(Mar 20, tp 3, 24.51; Apl 5, tp 2

7.30 - Lucky Jim (Sooty, Tully San).

8.24—Roving Tiro (Melody, Red Coss)

9.22—Badger (Waliflower, Swannee).

9.40-The Saint (Madhat, Jaywick).

7.48 Legion (Crayon, Consul).

8.06—Old Fella (Nagrom, Osram).

662 Wallflower: 121 Swannee; 352 The

Humber: Oboe (Apl 5, tp 4, 23.72);

## DISQUALIFICATION AND A DEAD-HEAT AT LUTON

THE eighth race was declared void at Luton Stadium on Saturday when Creamy, running in his first competitive event at Luton, finished in 23.72. He was disqualified under rule VII.

Dogs There was a dead-heat in the third race. involved were Boston Brownie and Whiz-O. I (410yds)-1, RUFFLES (1); | Feila: 435 Osram; 121 S.J.P. Reserve:

243 Tin Ribs.

455 Office Boy.

215 Twink.

SELECTIONS

2. Poacher (3): 3, Rosy (6): 4. Rob Roy (5); 5. Squeaker (2); 6. Pukka Gen (4). 8. 1. 1. 6. 2. 3 Persil; 613 Red Cross; 564 Roving 24.68. Off 6.43.

Betting: 5-2 RUFFLES; 3-1 Poacher, Rosy, Rob Roy: 7-2 Squeaker; 8-1 Pukka Gen. Forecast: £1/2/-.

II (470yds) - 1. SAMMY (6): 2, Crackers (3); 3, Mary Ann (1); 4, Tony's Pet (4); 5, Dory's Pet (2): 6. Storm (5). Neck. 5, 5, 4, 4. 28.26. Off 7.03. Betting: 2-1 Tony's Pet; 9-4

Crackers; 4-1 SAMMY; 5-1 Storm; 7-1 Dory's Pet; 10-1 Mary Forecast: £1/13/3.

III (410yds) — 1, BOSTON BROWNIE (1) and WHIZ-O (6), dead-heat; 3, Gerald (5); 4, Lindy Lou (2); 5, Silver (3); 6, Nigger (4). Dead-heat, 5, 5, 6, distance. the team with ankle trouble and 24.74. Off 7.23.

Betting: 3-1 Gerald, Nigger: 4-1 BOSTON BROWNIE, WHIZ-O: 6-1 Silver; 8-1 Lindy Lou. Forecast: £1/5/9, 17/3.

IV (470yds)-1, THE LODGER (3); 2, Not Fast (5); 3, Keep mattered with a close-range flick Moving (6); 4, Pan-Yan (4); 5. three minutes before the interval Silver Belle (1); 6, Lark (2). 13, 14, 2, 2, 1, 27.42. Off 7.43. Betting: 2-1 Keep Moving: 9-4 centre from Adam and this proved to be the only one in a Silver Belle: 4-1 THE LODGER. match in which the play did not Not Fast; 6-1 Lark; 8-1 Pan-Yan, Forecast: £4/6/-.

V (470yds)—1, SPACER (4); 2. occasion when there is not a Landrage (3); 3, Eddie's Pride (1); 4, King Sol (5); 5, Cisco Kid (?); 6. Stand Fast (6). 8, 1. 1. 1. 2. 27.31. Off 8.04. Betting: 2-1 SPACER; 5-2 Eddie's Pride; 7-2 King Sol; 5-1 Cisco Kid, Stand Fast; 10-1 Land-

Forecast: £2/4/9. VI (410yds)-1, TONY TOKEN into arrears, were well worth their (3): 2. Bright Light (6); 3. Call Boy (1); 4, Harding (4); 5. Dirty Harris pulled the ball just wide Shirt (2): 6, Met Man (5). 7. head, 4, 10, 1. 23.81. Off 8.23. Betting: 10-11 Call Boy: 5-2 with Baynham well beaten, and the goalkeeper only just foiled TONY TOKEN; 5-1 Met Man; Henderson who had got clean 8-1 others.

Forecast: £3/0/6. VII (470yds)-1, GEORGE (2); looked back after they had taken 4. Ray's Girl (5); 5. Phillip's Choice (reserve) (6): 6, R.J.D. (4). On the other hand, after that 24, 2, 12, distance, distance, 28.03. Betting: 6-4 Day Out: 2-1 GEORGE: 5-1 Phillip's Choice; 8-1 R.J.D.; 10-1 others.

Forecast: £2/10/-. VIII (410yds)-1, CREAMY (4). Raco declared void.

#### RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON TONIGHT

7.30 (410yds) -- 256 Dale: 125 Lucky

ing in any real difficulty, and Jim: 54 Kismet: 553 Robbie: 522 the best Town effort to make their Sooty: 256 Tully San. Reserve: 232 lead more convincing came from Slipalong. 7.50 (470yds)-214 Bunter; 552 Con-Morton whose great left-footed

sul; 234 Crayon; 114 Legion; 136 Sunny Sue; 524 Susannah. Rese ve: 123 Just Jake. who tested the goalk caper and it 8.06 (410yds)-156 Blue Monarch;

always seemed more likely that the Bridge (Jan 19. tp 1. 24.72; Mar 6 Town would go further ahead in 1. 24.67); 461 Nagrom; 513 Old

### CHILTERN'S FORECASTS INTERNATIONAL MATCH Exeler C. v. Ipswich T.

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Jones In His Most Polished Form

polished style.

MUCH of the support for him came from Jone:, who was in wonderful form in his most

The way in which he found Adam, particularly in the second half with passes m.n. of them made first-t 'e, was almost uncanny and neither Penk nor Harris, who shared the outsideright positions between them got any change out of him.

Nor was Dunne in much trouble and Morton and Chanks. taking a grip on the middle of the field had much to do with the superiority the Town gained in

the second half. There was little threat from the Portsmouth inside - forwards. though Gordon popped up dangerously in the Town goalmouth once or twice in the first

### Defence Kept Clean Sheet Again

WHAT threat there was mostly came from Harris, who switched about from wing to wing. and Henderson

However, Harris was not so thrustful and speedy as he can be but Henderson managed to harass Kelly, who is not so certain on the harder grounds and in facing the livelier ball.

However, Kelly got through without any fatal errors and helped the defence to their second consecutive blank sheet.

Baynham did not have so much to do as the Irish International. Uprichard, and he always looked 8.24 (470yds) -533 Cat Call; 534 capable and safe.

## Reserves Missed Scoring Chances

HAD they taken only a small 41 Raymond; 166 Tit-Bit; 341 Scarf. proportion of the scoring chances that came their way the Town Reserves would not have left both points at Coventry on Saturday. Apart from the fact that there

was some doubt about whether Porpoise: 4 Tis-All-Luck. Reserve: both the Coventry goals should have been saved there was nothing wrong with the defence in which Sid Owen came through his second test strongly and success-24 301; 622 Rodney; 251 The Saint; fully. However, there was a complete

lack of punch in the forward line. best of which was Davies, who made a lot of centres of which advantage was not taken. He and Cullen combined quite 8.44 Oboc (nap) (Humber, Raymond).

nearly at times, but the left wing 9.04—Pearly Prince (Pheasant Pin Toes) was poor and MacEwan could not

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