

# CHANCE OF FULL-STRENGTH TEAM TOMORROW

## INSIDE-LEFT IS THE PROBLEM POSITION

### The Villa Hope To Keep Their Winning Team

By Chiltern

BETTER news of the Town's injured players was forthcoming from Kenilworth-road yesterday and there is quite a reasonable chance that they will have their full strength from which to pick the team for the home match with Aston Villa tomorrow night.

Sid Owen, Bob Morton and John Groves were training yesterday and if their progress continues all three should be available. In any case, it is odds on Morton returning, judging by the way he was moving yesterday morning.

OWEN, who has been suffering from lumbago reported a noticeable improvement over the week-end and Manager Dally Duncan is hoping that he will be able to take over the centre-half position again.

Sid is very keen to get back, especially in a match against one of his home town teams, but the decision will be left until later today, or possibly tomorrow morning.

If Groves also reports fit, the Town will then have three contenders for the inside-left position of which George Cummins is the man in possession at the moment, Reg Pearce having switched to deputise for Morton on Saturday.

#### Problem Is Who To Leave Out?

THIS is a problem that will have to be faced and the question of who to leave out will be a ticklish business.

Yesterday, the manager was giving no clues at all, but the fact that Cummins has been always been first choice when fit and would have certainly begun the season in that position but for his knee trouble, will weigh in his favour.

No fresh injuries were collected on Saturday and, of the others who have been on the inactive list, Leslie Jones, Ken Hawkes and Roland Legate should all be able to return by the week-end.

#### Villa Look Booked For A Better Season

SO far Aston Villa look to be booked for a much better time than last season when they missed relegation only by .004 of a goal and they have collected six points out of 10.

Key to their comparatively good start lies in three signings which they made when threatened with the drop to the Second Division in the latter half of last season.

Jimmy Dugdale, the former West Bromwich centre-half and Nigel Sims, former Wolves goal-

keeper, have helped to bolster up the defence.

However, the main improvement has been the forward line where Leslie Smith, also ex-Wolves, is proving a dangerous right winger and is working a switch with Jackie Sewell, formerly of Sheffield Wednesday and Notts County, who has struck his best form.

#### Unchanged Team If Dixon Is Fit

ANOTHER who is playing extremely well is Irish International outside-left, Peter McParland, who was signed from Dundalk four years ago, and he scored twice in Villa's 3-2 victory over Blackpool last Saturday.

With both extreme wingers shining, there is no place for Tommy Southren, expensive signing from West Ham.

Although Johnny Dixon, one of the few players on the books who cost only a signing on fee, was slightly injured on Saturday, it is expected that he will be able to play in which case the Villa are likely to field the following unchanged team: Sims; Hogg, Aldis; Baxter, Dugdale, Saward; Smith, Sewell, Pace, Dixon, McParland.

#### Surprise If The Town Do Not Win

VILLA'S only defeat was by 2-0 at West Bromwich and in their other away match, they gained a 1-1 draw with Manchester City.

Apart from Blackpool, they beat Charlton 3-1 at home and made a goal-less draw with West Bromwich.

While not adding up to anything sensational, it is useful form, but it will be a surprise if the Town do not gain their fourth consecutive home victory.

The way they are playing, the Town forwards, especially if they are reinforced by the return of Morton, are capable of pulling to pieces the strongest defence in the country and they gave Manchester City a most uncomfortable time in the first half on Saturday.

## FIVE OF ASTON VILLA'S STALWARTS



JACKIE SEWELL



JIMMY DUGDALE



BILL BAXTER



PAT SAWARD



PETER ALDIS

Five of the Aston Villa players who are expected to play against Luton Town at Kenilworth-road tomorrow evening.

#### FOR THE RECORD

LUTON TOWN ..... 3

Pemberton, Adam, Turner.

MANCHESTER CITY .. 2

McAdams, Hayes.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Pemberton, Kelly, Shanks; Cullen, Turner, Pearce, Cummins, Adam.

MANCHESTER CITY: Savage; Lelvers, Little; Barnes, Ewing, Paul; Johnstone, Hayes, Revie, McAdams, Clarke.

Referee: P. F. Power, York. Attendance: 21,625.

#### Brilliant Football Harassed The City

THAT in the end, the City came so near to saving a point was a real shock after the Town had put themselves in what looked to be an invulnerable position.

Brilliant, controlled football made the City defence look a lot more ponderous and leaden-footed than it really is and the main cause for wonderment was that the Town did not score more than three goals during that first half.

Possibly, with Morton there to take advantage of the slowness of Ewing and to work in with Turner, this would have been the case, for Turner always seems much more dangerous when Morton is playing alongside him.

#### Accurate Football Made To Look Easy

NOT that Pearce did amiss in that opening phase, because he used the ball well, but he had not quite that driving force of Morton and, of course, he was in a position other than that which he regards as his best.

One thing about Pearce is that he is a whole-hearted trier and a hard worker wherever he plays. Pemberton, Adam and Turner obtained the goals that seemed to put the Town in easy street, and backed up by the wing-halves, they really made accurate football look easy.

By comparison, the City wore a very tawdry look and their form before the interval gave no hint that they had the ability to cause such heart-burning among Town fans before the end.

#### Streten's Mistake Began Revival

WHAT set the stage for their revival was an extraordinary slip by Streten four minutes after the interval when challenged after he had gained possession of the ball.

There was no room for him to kick clear and he said afterwards that he could see no Town player to whom to throw it.

Trying to make room for him-

self, he ran diagonally, bouncing the ball as he did so until, eventually, still challenged he lost possession and McAdams promptly smacked it into the net.

When five minutes later, Hayes accepted a chance laid on by Revie following a quick throw in when the defensive covering was at fault, the City really began to fight.

#### Smooth Mechanism Became Rusty

THOSE setbacks threw the Town right out of their stride. The mechanism that had worked so smoothly in the first half suddenly seemed to become rusty and the City defenders found themselves with more time in which to cover and their forwards had more of the ball than they had previously.

Some good attacks were executed by the Town, and Turner was unlucky a couple of times, but they never moved with the precision of that earlier period. In addition they were caught outside much too often.

Maybe, there was some suggestion of panic after the two shocks, but their football seemed to leave them and the quality of the play was not helped by the fact that some "needle" crept into it.

#### Passes Went Very Much Astray

THAT was a pity, for when that happens, football suffers and this was particularly so in the case of Cummins who had shown some dazzling footwork previously and frequently had the City defence going the wrong way.

However, he was nothing like so effective when he began to conduct a couple of personal feuds.

By contrast with their before-the-interval form, the Town forwards suffered a big fade-out, with only Turner really retaining real menace for the opposition and his opportunities were much more limited.

This was largely because a large proportion of the passes went very much astray.

#### General Falling Away Inexplicable

GUILTY in this respect was Adam, who after showing improved form in the first period, then suffered a relapse during which he placed a remarkably high percentage of his passes direct to the foot of a defender. After being very dangerous,

Cullen, too, fell away in his finishing and Pearce, after fitting in well enough, suffered in the general falling away and it was all most inexplicable in view of the early brilliance.

In the end, both points remained at Luton only by virtue of a lucky deflection by Kelly's foot as McAdams made a shot that might so easily have brought a last minute equaliser.

#### Defence's Easy First Half Passage

FOR the defence, the first half was as easy as they are likely to have this season.

Rather than them being tied up by the unorthodox working of the City attack, it was the City forwards who got themselves in a tangle mostly and their raids took much too long in which to get them anywhere.

In the main, the defence combated all the switching about without much trouble, and despite some uneasy passages, they held out after their confidence must have been sapped by those two goals which brought the enthusiasm and dash from the City that had been missing previously.

#### Kelly Effective As A Stopper

WITH Kelly quite effective in his stopper role, Pemberton shining especially when the Town

were right on top coming through with the ball and distributing it, and Shanks working non-stop, the middle line was strong enough.

In the past, Clarke has been something of a menace to the Town against whom he has a habit of scoring vital goals, but Dunne held him and Aherne came through resolutely.

After having done everything right up to that stage, Streten blotted his copybook when the first goal came, and again when he dropped the ball to give McAdams that chance to save a point and it is to be hoped that these mishaps will not affect his confidence in future matches.

#### Weakened Reserves Had Good Win

WITH a side that was well below the strongest that can be fielded, Reserves did well to gain a 2-0 victory over Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park, with the goals coming from Ray Smith and Gregory.

Much the better side, they might well have had a bigger win, for Gregory was unlucky not to add to his tally and, with Davies and Barry Hawkes was the pick of the forward line.

This was not a very severe test for a defence in which young Daniel shone again and formed a most effective full-back partnership with McNally who is coming along on the right lines.

#### Greyhound Racing

### FAVOURITES KEPT IN THE BACKGROUND AGAIN

THE favourites were again kept in the background at Luton Stadium on Saturday, but this time they managed to win two races, although one of these—the fifth—was a shared success in a dead-heat.

Traps 5 and 6 drew blanks and number 1 stole the limelight with four successes.

I. (410yds) — 1. PIP EMMA (4); 2. Starch (1); 3. Rodney (2); 4. Blue Cross (3); 5. Tiffy (5); 6. Wheezy (6). 1, 2, 2, 3, 2. 24.26. Off 6.42.  
Betting: 4-5 Starch; 9-2 Wheezy; 5-1 PIP EMMA, Rodney; 6-1 others.  
Forecast: £1 10s. 6d.

II. (470yds) — 1. HAY TIME (1); 2. Pepsi-Cola (4); 3. Legion (5); 4. Ray's Girl (3); 5. Storm (2); 7, 4, 1, dist. 28.39. Non-runner, Kye (6). Off 7.03.  
Betting: 4-5 Legion; 4-1 HAY TIME; 5-1 Storm; 6-1 Pepsi-Cola; 8-1 Ray's Girl.  
Forecast: £2 13s

III. (410yds) — 1. IDA (3); 2. Jonathan (2); 3. Deadwood (4); 4. Rabbit (6); 5. St. Bruno (5); 6. Hancock (1). 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 2. 24.06. Off 7.22.  
Betting: 2-1 Rabbit; 5-2 IDA; 3-1 Deadwood; 6-1 Jonathan; 8-1 St. Bruno; 10-1 Hancock.  
Forecast: £2 11s. 3d.

IV. (470yds) — 1. NEW MEXICO (1); 2. Pied Piper (6). reserve; 3. Shallwyn (4); 4. Wallflower (2); 5. Legs Eleven (5); 6. R.W. (3). Hd. 6, 2, 2, 3. 27.55. Non-runner, Mad Paddy (6). Off 7.44.  
Betting: 2-1 Legs Eleven; 11-4 Shallwyn; 4-1 NEW MEXICO; 5-1 Pied Piper; 6-1 Wallflower; 8-1 R.W.  
Forecast: £3 7s. 3d.

V. (470yds) — 1. EMGEE (1) and WHEELER (2), dead-heat; 3. May's Pup (3); 4. Bonny B. (5); 5. Bo'weevil (4); 6. King Sol (6). 5, 3, 2, 1. 27.53. Off 8.04.  
Betting: 2-1 WHEELER; 3-1 King Sol; 7-2 EMGEE; 5-1 Bo'weevil; 6-1 Bonny B.; 8-1 May's Pup.  
Forecast: 9s., 8s.

VI. (410yds) — 1. CALL BOY (1); 2. Our Sally (5); 3. Crimson (2); 4. Hot Coals (6); 5. Pilot (4); 6. Neddy (3). 2, 1, 3, 1, 4. 24.02. Off 8.25.  
Betting: 7-4 CALL BOY; 7-2 Our Sally; 10-1 Pilot; 4-1 Hot Coals; 6-1 Crimson, Neddy.  
Forecast: £1 9s. 6d.

VII. (470yds) — 1. BALLERINO (4); 2. Snogger (1); 3. Double R. (5); 4. Betty (2); 5. Mickey Drip (6); 6. Mizzi (3). 2, 4, 2, 1, 2. 27.85. Off 8.44.  
Betting: 2-1 Snogger; 3-1 BALLERINO; 4-1 Mickey Drip, Betty; 8-1 others.  
Forecast: £1 19s. 9d.

VIII. (410yds) — 1. BOSTON BROWNIE (4); 2. Noisy Pal (1); 3. Charlie Boy (3); 4. Dingle Byre (5); 5. Daytime (2); 6. Plasterer (6). 2, 4, 1, 2, 2. 24.56. Off 9.03.  
Betting: 9-4 Noisy Pal, Dingle Byre; 5-1 Daytime; 6-1 BOSTON BROWNIE, Charley Boy, Plasterer.  
Forecast: £4 5s. 6d.

#### RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON TONIGHT

7.30 (410yds).—623 Admin; 354 Bill Sykes; 342 Brickhill Lad; 414 Pukka Gen; 221 Rob Roy; 42 Rosy; reserve 45 Hunter (Aug 28, tp 3, 24.84).  
7.50 (470yds).—6 Belavista; 643 Dark Invader; 265 Little Albert; 262 Ron; 311 Scamp; 236 Tree Top; reserve 565 Royal Glen.  
8.10 (470yds).—233 Dixie; 546 Jaywick; 362 Persil; 334 Pan-Yan; 35 Teezy-Weezy (formerly The Favourite); 142 Woodpecker; reserve 531 Mizzi.  
8.30 (410yds).—Farm Baby (Aug 23, tp 6, 24.51; Aug 25, tp 5, 24.77); McGinty (Aug 9, tp 3, 24.34; Aug 23, tp 2, 24.49); 15 Bo'weevil; 463 Mr Tan; Toes; Top Light (Aug 23, tp 3, 24.56; Aug 28, tp 4, 24.42); 215 Twaddle; reserve 634 Parley-Vous.  
8.50 (470yds).—126 Big Boy; 624 Fruity; 5 Nap; 114 Ribbon; 322 Tin Ribs; 4P1 Wren.  
9.10 (470yds).—112 Ohio; 3. Moonshine; 115 Senac; 1 Simon; 155 Spaer; 312 Style.  
9.30 (470yds).—451 Bosun; 613 Keep Moving; 1F4 Office Boy; 122 Rinty; 124 Snob; 1 Tiger Lilly. Reserve: 2 Danz.  
9.50 (410yds).—Austin (Aug 23, tp 3, 24.69; Aug 28, tp 5, 24.70); 2 Cinders; 5 Golden Sun; 56 Madhat (Aug 4, tp 4, 24.61); 126 Nnaer; 5 Tempest Reserve: 3 Sugar Puff.

#### SELECTIONS

7.30—Pukka Gen (Rob Roy, Bill Sykes) 7.50—Scamp (Tree Top, Little Albert) 8.10—Dixie (Woodpecker, Pan-Yan) 8.30—Mr Tap-Toes (map) (McGinty, Twaddle) 8.50—Ribbon (Fruity, Wren) 9.10—Senac (Simon, Ohio) 9.30—Tiger Lily (Office Boy, Snob) 9.50—Austin (Tempest, Golden Sun).

## CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

**DIVISION I**  
Birmingham C. v Preston N.E.  
Blackpool v Luton Town  
Cardiff C. v Chelsea  
Charlton Ath. v Sheffield Wed.  
Everton v Aston Villa  
Leeds Utd. v Bolton W.  
Manchester C. v Sunderland  
Newcastle v Manchester Utd.  
Portsmouth v Arsenal  
Tottenham H. v Wolves  
West Brom. v Burnley

**DIVISION II**  
Blackburn R. v Port Vale  
Bristol C. v Barnsley  
Bury v Huddersfield T.  
Doncaster R. v Liverpool  
Fulham v Swansea T.  
Grimby T. v Leyton O.  
Middlesbrough v Bristol R.  
Nottingham Forest v Lincoln C.  
Sheffield Utd. v Leicester C.  
Stoke C. v Notts City.  
West Ham v Rotherham Utd.

**DIVISION III (SOUTH)**  
Bournemouth v Brighton  
Crystal Palace v Exeter C.  
Ipswich T. v Gillingham  
Northampton T. v Coventry C.  
Plymouth A. v Colchester Utd.  
Q.P.R. v Norwich C.  
Reading v Newport City.  
Shrewsbury T. v Brentford  
Southend Utd. v Southampton  
Torquay Utd. v Millwall  
Walsall v Swindon T.  
Watford v Aldershot

**DIVISION III (NORTH)**  
Barrow v Derby City.  
Bradford v Gateshead  
Chester v Stockport City.  
Chesterfield v Carlisle Utd.  
Darlington v Wrexham  
Halifax T. v Rochdale  
Hartlepool Utd. v Bradford C.  
Hull C. v Crewe Alex.  
Mansfield T. v Tranmere R.  
Oldham Ath. v York C.  
Southport v Accrington S.  
Workington v Scunthorpe Utd.

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE

**DIVISION I**  
Airdrieonians v Rangers  
Ayr Utd. v Raith R.  
Celtic v Queen's Park  
Dundee v Kilmarnock  
Dunfermline v Hearts  
East Fife v Queen of South  
Hibernian v Falkirk  
Partick T. v Motherwell  
St. Mirren v Aberdeen  
**DIVISION II**  
Brechin C. v Clyde

East Stirling v Albion R.  
Hamilton v Cowdenbeath  
St. Johnstone v Forfar Ath.  
Stenhousemuir v Dunbarton  
Stirling A. v Alloa  
Stranraer v Berwick R.

**SELECTIONS**  
TEN HOME. — Birmingham, Cardiff, Portsmouth, Bristol C., Nottingham Forest, West Ham, Torquay, Watford, Hull, Mansfield.

FOUR AWAY. — Manchester Utd., Huddersfield, Brighton, Derby.

THREE DRAWS.—Tottenham v Wolves, Middlesbrough v Bristol R., Reading v Newport.

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versus

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