

TOWN'S FORWARD PROBLEMS STILL REMAIN

RE-SHUFFLED SIDE FAILED TO CLICK

Turner Only One To Show Finishing Power

By Chiltern

TO change a side so completely as the Town were changed during last week is always something of a gamble because, invariably, there has to be a settling-down period while some understanding between new partners develops.

"We could not really expect complete smoothness after such a reconstruction," commented Manager Dally Duncan afterwards, and it is a fact that although the Town produced some effective approach work during the first half, there were several instances of lack of understanding and cohesion among the forwards.

THIS forward problem remains largely the same as it was at this time last week, with the biggest headache being how to fill adequately the centre-forward position.

Presumably, it will not be considered wise or fair to move Morton again, and in any case the fact that he was not filling the bill was partly the reason for the decision to put him back to right-half.

With Gregory, a fairly long term policy would appear to be involved, and the Town can scarcely afford to wait until he develops into regular First Division material.

Finishing Power Is Needed In Middle

YET he could so easily have been hailed as a match-winner had he shown more steadiness in front of goal, and a couple of very good chances came his way, only to be wasted by inaccurate shooting.

During the first half he was often in the picture with neat distribution, but it is finishing power that the Town badly need in the middle, and Gregory did not give a lot of sign that he will be able to produce it.

However, he is young and has yet to gain experience, and the immediate worry of the manager is how best to fill the position for next Saturday's visit to Newcastle.

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 2

Turner (2)

LEEDS UNITED .. 2

Charles (2)

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Jones; Morton, Owen, Groves; Davies, Turner, Gregory, Cummins, Cullen.

LEEDS UNITED: Wood; Dunn, Hair; Gibson, Marsden, Kerfoot; Meek, Charles, Brook, Forrest, Overfield.

Referee: J Barradell, Loughborough. Attendance: 20,923.

eleven really fitted the part of marksman and only he looked as if he might bring to an end that unbeaten spell of the United.

His first goal after 29 minutes was a gem for he raced on to a fine through pass by Cummins and with little room because of the oncoming Wood, judged his flick to a nicety. Another split second and the goalkeeper would have smothered the ball.

Charles Headed A Great Equaliser

ANOTHER great goal, unfortunately for Town fans, at the other end, came six minutes later when Charles, although Groves was with him, jumped high into the air and made a terrific downwards header that sent the ball flashing into the far corner of the net.

Few players in the game today could have scored such a goal and the Town manager described it as one of the best he had ever seen headed.

On the whole, the Town had the better of matters in the first half and officials must have been reasonably well satisfied at half-time, except that opportunities had been allowed to slip by.

Thought They Might Have Had Penalties

AT the same time, they felt that they had been unlucky not to have had a penalty when Cullen was pulled down and again when Hair appeared to handle, but they should not have been in a position to have to rely on decisions of this sort.

For the last five minutes of the first half, Cullen and Gregory switched, but they were in their original positions when the game re-started and Gregory was much in the grip of Marsden.

It might have been a good plan to have switched someone else into the middle for a spell after half-time, but the Cullen-Davies move was the only one that was made.

Free Kicks Increased The Scrappiness

MUCH scrappiness came into the play and there were far too many free kicks, the majority against Leeds' defenders, who were often over-robust in the tackle and never hesitated about going straight in.

For a long time there was little sign of a goal from either team, and then Turner put the Town ahead again, with Cummins again supplying the pass.

A defensive error gave Turner his chance in the end and he turned the ball over the line from close range.

As had been the case previously, the Town enjoyed their lead only for a matter of a few minutes—this time for only four.

Charles's Head Did The Trick Again

THEN the majestic Charles forced his way into a starring role again with a perfectly-timed header from Overfield's cross, and the ball was directed with un-

canny accuracy into the corner furthest away from Baynham.

Once more that gigantic leap and the perfect timing of the header dumbfounded the Town defenders.

The goals brought life back into the play and Leeds were lucky when a low centre by Turner glanced off a defender's leg and would have been booked for the net had not Wood somehow managed to tip it over the bar and injure himself in doing so.

Both Relying On One Man To Score

A PIECE of comedy that could have become tragedy occurred in the last minute when Cullen, back in his own penalty area, pushed the ball back, wide of the prostrate Baynham, and, fortunately, Jones had stationed himself on the goal line and cleared.

Both managers thought their team should have won, but it was pretty evident to everybody that both are relying on one man to secure the goals for them.

The lively Meek, very strong for his size, apart, the Town defence had not much to worry about when Charles had not possession of the ball, but Charles himself was as good as two forwards to Leeds.

Groves Faced A Difficult Task

HAD Groves been in a position to choose an occasion for his first appearance as a left-half he certainly would not have picked on this one, for marking Charles these days goes into the same

category as the ordeal by Stanley Matthews.

Groves did his level best to keep tabs on the burly Welshman, and no one can do more than that.

Officials were well satisfied with his showing, and we shall see more of him in the middle line, where he appreciates the fact that he is facing the ball most of the time.

Charles had a spell in the middle, where he worried Owen, and even the strong-tackling Morton was mostly beaten to it when he clashed with Charles.

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Greyhound Racing

IT WAS NOT MUCH OF A BATTLE FOR HASTINGS!

Hastings and Kingsfare—8-1 and 6-1 respectively—were the surprise winners at Luton Stadium on Saturday.

Hastings was in fine form and romped home an easy winner, 10 lengths in front of Ron, a 10-1 shot.

I (410 yds.)—1, SUGAR LASS (4); 2, Ifandwhen (3); 3, Our Bob (5); 4, Style (1); 5, Smiler (2); 6, Legs Eleven (6); 1½, 4, ½, 3; 26.96. Off 8.09.

Betting: 9-4 Style, 3-1 Ifandwhen, Our Bob, 4-1 DRUM-BEAT, 6-1 Smiler, 10-1 Legs Eleven.

Forecast: £4 6s 9d.

VI (410 yds.)—1, LORAINÉ (1); 2, Readytorun (6); 3, Gay Life (5); 4, Ida (4); 5, Rabbit (2); 6, The Pup (3); 3, 6, 6, 1, dist.; 23.74. Off 8.30.

Betting: 9-4 LORAINÉ, 5-2 Rabbit, 3-1 The Pup, 5-1 Readytorun, 6-1 Ida, 10-1 Gay Life.

Forecast: £5 3s. 6d.

VII (470 yds.)—1, SAILING LIGHT (1); 2, Office Boy (6); 3, Bill-Bill (5); 4, Squeaker (2); 5, Normal Service (3); 6, Cinders (4); 1, 1, 4, 4, 5; 27.52. Off 8.50.

Betting: 3-1 Normal Service, 7-2 SAILING LIGHT, Cinders, 4-1 Squeaker, Bill-Bill, 6-1 Office Boy.

Forecast: £5 11s. 6d.

VIII (410 yds.)—1, KINGSFARE (2); 2, Plasterer (3); 3, Farm Baby (5); 4, Dentash (6); 5, Bizzzy-Bee (4); 6, Knockor (1); 3, 2, 8, 8, dist.; 24.33. Off 9.14.

Betting: 6-4 Plasterer, 3-1 Farm Baby, 5-1 Bizzzy-Bee, 6-1 KINGSFARE, Dentash, Knockor.

Forecast: £2 3s.

V (470 yds.)—1, DRUMBEAT

Morton's Return

Benefited Defence

WITH Morton in the middle line, covering a tremendous amount of ground, there was a new resiliency about the defence, which we will be able to appreciate better when there is no player of the stature of Charles to worry them.

Owen took care of Brook well enough, and only looked really worried when faced with the Charles menace, and even the tall centre-half could not match the Leeds player in the air.

Apart from the fact that Jones was inclined to give Meek too much room in which to get the ball under control, his recall was a success, and his use of the ball was both cool and constructive.

Can Be Reasonably Happy About Defence

THERE have never been any doubts about Jones's footballing ability, and he has a fine chance now to earn for himself the regular first team place, and so remove one of his reasons for wishing to leave Luton.

Dunne, on his first appearance after being chosen to captain Eire, had a fairly comfortable passage against Overfield, who was not very troublesome, and Baynham showed that his lay-off has not affected his confidence, particularly in the way in which he dealt with high crosses.

So the Town can be reasonably happy about the defence, but with the forwards it is a different story.

Davies Had A Bright First Half

ALWAYS, Turner was the most dangerous of a shot-shy line, and next to him, for his raiding quality, came Davies.

In the first half, Davies, who quickly struck up his old understanding with his partner, was in

peak form and really menaced the Leeds left flank, and this 45 minutes staked his claim to an extended run in the side. Later, the same amount of support did not come his way.

Nothing much went right for Cullen, and Cummins gave only occasional glimpses of what he can mean to this front line, though some of his touches and passes were excellently done.

Gregory had his chances and missed them, was probably a bit discouraged by that and became less and less of a threat as the match wore on.

Reserves Lacking In Punch, Too

LACK of forward punch was also the trouble with the Reserves at Reading, where they were beaten by the only goal.

Experiment of putting McNally, a full-back, at centre-forward, was not given a real chance because of the mediocre support he received, but he did not really shape as if he will be the one to solve the problem.

Barry Hawkes was the best of a poor attack, and Adam, while brilliant in approach, again failed badly in his finishing.

Kelly and Aherne were outstanding defenders, and Streten, in splendid form, made several good saves.

Town 'A' Took Their Revenge

ALTHOUGH in order that the team which will represent the Town in the F.A. Youth Cup could play together, the "A" team was much changed, they gained a fine 4-1 victory at Guildford, where they were beaten in a League Cup-tie recently.

Loasby (2), Jenkins and Quinn, an amateur winger from the north-east who is serving in the Army at Aldershot, were the scorers, and this was a good performance against a strong, experienced side.

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INTERNATIONAL MATCH

Ireland v England

DIVISION I

Arsenal v Manchester City
Birmingham City v Bolton Wand.
Burnley v Blackpool
Cardiff v Leeds United
Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur
Manchester Utd. v Charlton Ath.
Newcastle United v Luton Town
Portsmouth v Aston Villa
Preston North End v Everton
Sheffield Wed. v Sunderland
West Brom. v Wolves

DIVISION II

Bristol Rovers v Sheffield Utd.
Bury v Fulham
Doncaster Rovers v Lincoln C.
Grimsby Town v Swansea Town
Huddersfield v Nottingham For.
Leicester City v Barnsley
Leyton Orient v West Ham
Liverpool v Blackburn Rovers
Middlesbrough v Port Vale
Notts County v Bristol City
Stoke City v Rotherham Utd.

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Aldershot v Q.P.R.
Bournemouth v Norwich City
Brentford v Northampton Town
Brighton v Exeter City
Gillingham v Crystal Palace
Ipswich v Colchester United
Millwall v Southampton
Shrewsbury Town v Reading
Swindon Town v Southend Utd.
Torquay Utd. v Coventry City
Walsall v Newport County
Watford v Plymouth Argyle

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Accrington S. v Darlington
Bradford City v Wrexham

Carliste Utd. v Bradford

Chester v Crewe Alexandra
Chesterfield v Scunthorpe Utd.
Hartlepool Utd. v Derby Co.
Mansfield Town v Halifax Town
Oldham Ath. v Workington
Southport v Rochdale
Stockport County v Gateshead
Tranmere Rovers v Barrow
York City v Hull City

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINALS

Partick Thistle v Dundee
Celtic v Clyde

SCOTTISH LEAGUE:

DIVISION I

Airdrieonians v Falkirk
Ayr United v Hearts
Dunfermline v Kilmarnock
East Fife v Aberdeen
Hibernian v Queen's Park
Queen of South v Raith Rovers
St. Mirren v Rangers

DIVISION II

Brechin v Cowdenbeath
St. Johnstone v Alloa
Stenhousemuir v Dundee United
Stirling Albion v Morton
Stranraer v Dumbarton

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME: Arsenal, Manchester Utd., Preston, Leicester, Liverpool, Stoke, Brighton, Watford, Accrington, Mansfield.

FOUR AWAY: Tottenham, Bristol City, Southampton, Workington.

THREE DRAWS: West Brom. v Wolves, Huddersfield v Nottingham Forest, Walsall v Newport County.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON TONIGHT

7.30 (410yds). — 464 Bill Sykes; 4 Black Flash; 63 Maxtrip; 5 Princess (Aug 11, tp 4, 25.02, Aug 21, tp 3, 24.92); 645 Ray's Girl; 5 Sue; reserve 564 Brickhill Lad.

7.50 (470yds).—131 Camrose; 315 Hay Time; 333 Legion; 223 Rosy; 464 Tiny Tim; 434 Wallflower; reserve 26 Bunter.

8.10 (410yds).—5 Fair Lad; 321 Golden Sun; 46 Quality Street (Sept 1, tp 2, 24.75); 334 Rodney; 641 Rusty Boy; 555 Teazy-Weazy; reserve 145 Miss Tibs.

8.30 (470yds).—214 Ballerino; 4 Coniston; 231 Daz; 1 Lulu; 125 Rabbit; 321 Wren.

8.50 (470yds). — 335 Ohio; Shilling (Sept 20, tp 2, 24.57, Sept 25, tp 4, 23.58); 131 Simon; 511 Spacer; 232 Suez; 322 Tiger Tim.

9.10 (410yds).—F Flash; No Answer (Sept 20, tp 3, 24.32, Sept 25, tp 1, 24.41); Old Man (Sept 20, tp 5, 24.54, Sept 20, tp 3, 24.38, Sept 25, tp 1, Pineapple); 221 Ribbon.

9.30 (470yds).—153 Bosun; 555 Cisco Kid; 342 Persil; 413 Pip Emma; 226 Rinty; 445 Time Signal.

9.50 (410yds).—Answer Me (Sept 20, tp 4, 24.50, Sept 25, tp 2, 24.52); 322 Belavista; 155 Cracklings; 5 Election Day; 431 Parlez-Vous; 5 Spangles; reserve 636 Mariner.

SELECTIONS

7.30—Black Flash (Princess, Maxtrip).

7.50—Hay Time (Tiny Tim, Wallflower).

8.10—Rusty Boy (Golden Sun, Rodney).

8.30—Wren (Ballerino, Coniston).

8.50—Spacer (Simon, Tiger Tim).

9.10—Ribbon (nap), (Old Man, Pauline).

9.30—Pip Emma (Rinty, Cisco Kid).

9.50—Election Day (Spangles, Belavista).