

"I AM SURPRISED," SAYS THE CHAIRMAN Town Relying Too Much On Turner For Goals

By Chiltern

NOT until I telephoned him yesterday morning did the Town Chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, know that, according to a national newspaper there was a letter in the post for him from Michael Cullen asking to be placed on the transfer list.

There was in fact such a letter awaiting him at the Kenilworth-road offices and this is the second time in the course of just over 12 months that the Scottish winger has asked for a change of club.

Last time it happened was on the eve of the start of last season when he was disappointed at being passed over for the outside-left position, Arthur Taylor being preferred.

ON that occasion, the request was turned down by the Board and circumstances altered so that Cullen gained a regular place in the first team almost immediately. His present bone of contention seems to have been about being dropped to play on the left wing in the Reserves last Saturday, but he made no objection to the switch which was made the previous Saturday in the senior side against Leeds.

Add to that the fact that he turned a Scottish cap at outside-left against Austria at the end of last season, and also that a Scottish selector was at Newcastle on Saturday for the express purpose of watching him play there.

Has Been Out Of Form Recently

FOR Cullen, it was unfortunate that the Town should choose this match to leave him out for the first time this season, but he could scarcely complain because he has been much out of form in recent weeks and not in the best of health.

Presumably, according to what Cullen has said to a national newspaper, had he been selected at outside-right for the Reserves there would have been no such request, and he says that he wants a move to another First Division club as an outside-right.

Naturally enough, the Chairman was disinclined to comment at any length until he knew more about the circumstances. "We will have to deal with the situation as we find it," he told me.

'Club Must Be The Final Judge'

HE added that no positive action could be taken until the Board has met later today, and said, "I am very surprised, and if we were to have this sort of thing every time we made a change for tactical or other reasons, football life would not be worth living."

"The club must be the final judge of what is for the benefit of the team as a whole, and sometimes for the benefit of a player who is off form," said the Chairman, who added that he thought that this request might be merely a flash in the pan that came from disappointment.

Turner Boosts His Cap Chances

WITH International and inter-League matches in the offing, much of the talk in football at the moment is of various players' chances of gaining representative honours.

One whose name is being mentioned frequently in this connection is Gordon Turner, who has scored twice in each of the last two matches and, if the floodlit game with Chelsea is counted, has had seven goals in three outings.

Now he is second only to Govan, of Birmingham, in the First Division list of scorers, and his work at Newcastle on Saturday should give a decided boost to his chances of gaining further recognition.

Not only was he the outstanding

PRAISE FOR YOUTH XI

When the Town Chairman arrived back from Newcastle with the rest of the Town party on Sunday evening, he found awaiting him a congratulatory message from a Wolves Director.

This was about the display of the Town's youth team in beating Wolves 3-1 in the F.A. Youth Cup at Molineux in the first round.

"Your boys played extremely well and if they can maintain that form, they can win the cup," the message ran.

Luton forward, but he was the most dangerous one on the field, and his second goal was a magnificent effort.

Pearce Unsuccessful As The Leader

ALTHOUGH the Town earned a point from St. James's Park, there is no tendency towards complacency at Kenilworth-road, nor can there be until the centre-forward position is filled more adequately than it has been these last weeks.

Hard worker though he is, Pearce is far from being the ideal leader. Early in the match he was linking up well in the mid-field play, but he could not provide the thrust that is so badly needed.

Nor is the weight being taken off Turner as it was when Morton was playing well in the middle at the start of the season, and so we have the situation of Turner occupying the role of sole marksman, and it is always a bad thing to have too many eggs in one basket.

More Finish Is An Immediate Problem

WITH the exception of Davies, who had two or three good shots at goal, no other forward made any suggestion that he would get his name into the list of scorers, and the Town are facing not only a difficult but a dangerous situation.

If, as has happened in some matches, Turner is shut out, then the scoring potential drops to near zero, and the immediate problem remains one of securing more finishing power.

As I see the situation, there has been no change of mind about an entry into the transfer market for a ready-made leader, and, failing that, one can only hope that a successful solution will be discovered soon from among the club's own resources.

Judging by the fact that Tony Gregory was back last night, it may be that he will be given another run there.

Watched Leader, But Made No Bid

WHEN the two Town directors who accompanied the north-eastern representative on a scouting mission on Saturday arrived at the ground, they found representatives of Newcastle, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Burnley, Aston Villa and Wolves also there on a similar errand.

That was to run the rule over an 18-years-old centre-forward, but the Town came away without making any bid, nor did it hear that any of the other clubs had made an offer.

The centre-forward scored three goals, but the Town did not consider him far enough advanced to consider opening negotiations, though he will be watched again.

Point Will Help To Restore Confidence

ALTHOUGH Newcastle seem to be going through a period of transition, with one or two of their established stars looking as if they are finding the pace a little too much for them, they are never easy to hold on to their own ground.

For the Town to return with a point after twice being in arrears was a good performance and one which should help to restore confidence.

It was really Turner's opportunism that made it possible, and the right wing was a long way ahead of the left.

Davies made a bright start and, with advantage, could have been given more of the ball, but again there was little finish from the left.

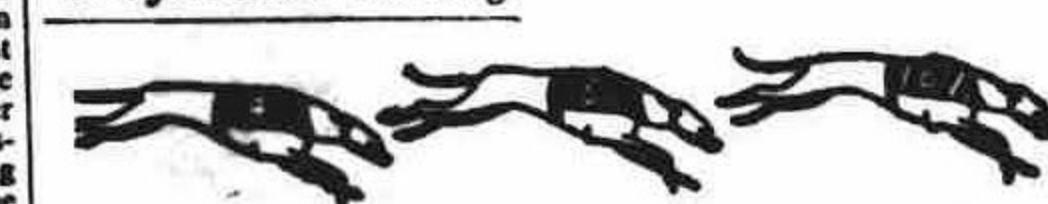
Cummins Not Back To His Best Yet

OBVIOUSLY, Cummins has not yet played himself back into his best form, and until this happens, plus an addition to the striking power, then a scoring spree is an unlikely happening.

Cummins gives the impression of struggling to find his bearings; his distribution was faulty and those slide-rule through passes of his were sadly missed.

From Adam it was the old story of spectacular approach work and little in the way of finish, and, with Pearce obviously not settling down in his new role and switched to outside-right for the last quarter of an hour, the line had a lop-sided look.

Greyhound Racing



LOPPY LUGS WAS A BIT TOO FAST ON SATURDAY

Disqualified For Gaining Too Much Time (Rule VII)

LOPPY LUGS went a bit too fast at Luton Stadium on Saturday night and although he romped home an easy winner—by 10 lengths—his effort was in vain for he was disqualified under rule VII.

Three favourites succeeded and traps 2 and 3 each started three winners.

I (410 yds).—1, BLUE CROSS (2); 2, Rose Bud (1); 3, The Jet (3); 4, Drambuie (5); 5, Little Albert (4), reserve; 6, Mitzi (6). 7, sh hd, 3, 4, 3, 24.34. Non-runner: Drummer Boy (4). Off 6.45.

Betting: 6-4 BLUE CROSS; 7-2 Drambuie; 4-1 The Jet; 5-1 Mitzi; 6-1 Rose Bud; 8-1 Little Albert. Forecast £11/4/0.

II (470 yds).—1, PAN-YAN (3); 2, Badger (1); 3, The Brick (5), reserve; 4, Dark Invader (4); 5, Daytime (2); 6, Noisy Pal (6). 1, 1, 1, 3, 4, 27.78. Non-runner: Woodpecker (5). Off 7.05.

Betting: 5-4 Daytime; 7-2 PAN-YAN; 5-1 The Brick; 6-1 Badger; Dark Invader; 20-1 Noisy Pal. Forecast £3/8/6.

III (410 yds).—Race void: rule vii.

IV (470 yds).—1, SNOB (2); 2, Neddy (1); 3, Sailing Light (4); 4, Tin Ribs (6); 5, Readytorun (3); 6, Office Boy (5). 1, 1, 2, 2, 5, 27.51. Off 7.48.

Betting: 5-4 Neddy; 3-1 SNOB; 7-2 Readytorun; 4-1 Tin Ribs; 8-1 Sailing Light; 10-1 Office Boy. Forecast £2/4/0.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

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

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

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

DIVISION III (NORTH)
Barrow v York C.
Bradford v Accrington S.
Crewe Alex. v Hartlepool Utd.
Darlington v Tranmere R.

Derby Ca. v Bradford C.
Gateshead v Carlisle Utd.
Halifax T. v Southport
Hull C. v Oldham Ath.
Rochdale v Chesterfield
Scunthorpe Utd. v Chester
Wrexham v Mansfield T.
Wrexham v Stockport Co.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
DIVISION I
Aberdeen v Airdrieonians
Falkirk v Celtic
Hearts v East Fife
Kilmarnock v Ayr Utd.
Motherwell v Dunfermline
Queen of South v Dundee
Queen's Park v St. Mirren
Ruthie R. v Hibernian
Rangers v Partick T.

DIVISION II
Albion R. v St. Johnstone
Alloa v Stranraer
Berwick R. v Montrose
Clyde v Stirling A.
Dundee v Arbroath
Dumfries v Third Lanark
Dundee Utd. v Hamilton
Forfar Ath. v East Stirling
Morton v Stenhousemuir

SELECTIONS
TEN HOME: Blackpool, Tottenham, Wolves, Blackburn, Nottingham Forest, Sheffield Utd., Coventry, Northampton, Scunthorpe, Wrexham.

FOUR AWAY: Arsenal, Manchester Utd., Bristol R., Hartlepool.
THREE DRAWS: Manchester C. v Burnley; Swansea v Doncaster; Halifax v Southport.

FOR THE RECORDS.

NEWCASTLE UTD. 2
Hannah, Milburn.
LUTON TOWN 2
Turner (2).

NEWCASTLE UTD.—Simpson; Keith, Batty; Keary, Stokoe, Crowe; White, Eastham, Milburn, Hannah, Mitchell.

LUTON TOWN.—Baynam; Dunn, Jones; Morton, Owen, Groves; Davies, Turner, Pearce, Cummins, Adam.

Referee.—T. H. Cooper, Bolton. Attendance.—36,930.

Methods Were Not Direct Enough

THERE was, too, the fact that the tactics used were not best suited to the needs of the situation.

While the Town always impressed as the better footballing side, they were inclined to take too much time in which to develop their moves and there was far too much short passing, much of it across the field which brought little directness and precious little shooting, Turner apart.

While I would not like to venture an opinion, not being in line with the incident, the Town players thought they were unlucky in that an early goal by Turner before the game had settled down, was disallowed for offside.

Owen Completely Subdued Milburn

NOR was that the only occasion when they held that they were wrongly penalised for this reason, and so often did the Newcastle trap succeed that it might well have had an upsetting influence on the Town plan.

About the defence there are fewer worries, and Owen so completely subdued Milburn that the centre-forward looked only a shadow of his former self.

Nearly every time Owen got the ball when it was in the air, and Milburn looked like scoring only when he actually did so when left with a simple chance after Baynam had erred in dealing with an in-swinging corner-kick.

Did Not Take The Easy Way Out

SELDOM does Baynam make such a mistake, and it may be that he has not yet regained full confidence after his long lay-off.

However, he made several smart saves, and the mistake came from a desire to catch the high ball rather than take the easy way and push it over the bar.

In the "Green Un" I am afraid I labelled Groves with the blame for a mistake which should have brought Newcastle the winner in the last minute of the match. In fact, the blame should have been attributed to Cummins, who tried to pass back to Baynam from a long way out and the ball was intercepted by Hannah, who shot feebly wide.

Jones Made Good Use Of The Ball

WHILE his distribution was not so accurate as it could have been, Groves made quite a good job of his new position, and although Morton was not so dominating as he can be, he held Hannah firmly enough.

This time, Jones's coolness did not get him into trouble, for he mastered White and then had an easier task in the second half, when his immediate opponent was Keary, who pulled a muscle before the interval.

Outstanding feature of Jones's play was the good use he made of the ball, and he often came through with it to start an attack. Dunne was competent, too, apart from a tendency to give Mitchell too much room after the interval, but the out-of-form Mitchell made very little use of that situation.

Hannah Scored With His 'Wrong' Foot

HANNAH's goal which put Newcastle ahead after 18 minutes was a very well taken

LEGATE GOT HIS CHANCE

Seventeen-years-old Roland Legate, from Arlesley, who quickly earned a regular reserve team place at outside-left this season, gained further promotion last night. Then, he was given a chance in the first team in the match with the Olympic XI and his inclusion was one of two alterations from Saturday's team, the other being at centre-forward where Tony Gregory was restored.

affair, for he ran on to a through pass from the highly-promising Eastham and smacked the ball into the top of the net with his right foot, which is not regarded as the one with which he normally shoots.

Turner levelled matters with barely a minute of the first half left, when he stretched out a leg and toe-ended the ball through.

Then came the unfortunate second Newcastle goal from Milburn after 66 minutes, and that brilliant equaliser from Turner 12 minutes from the end, when he pivoted and hit a terrific left-footed drive that left Simpson completely helpless.

Improvement From The Reserves

FROM the Reserves there was a much-improved display, and they deserved to beat Chelsea Reserves by more than one goal.

As it was, the only goal of a keenly-contested match was scored by Gregory mid-way through the first half, and the young centre-forward was unlucky not to increase the lead after the interval.

Not that Chelsea were "easy meat." They fought hard, and had their chances, too, but they did not have the forward skill to really worry a strong Luton defence, in which the half-back line took most of the honours.

Gregory was the best forward, but there was another display of promise from Barry Hawkes, and Pounder, on the right wing, had his best game so far and showed a lot more confidence than has been the case in recent Reserve games.

The Five Age-Viewpoints on a Pension

At Age 25	"They tell me the job is not pensionable."
At Age 35	"Unfortunately, my work does not bear a pension."
At Age 45	"Now I wish I could look forward to a pension."
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