

TURNER'S ANKLE WORSE THAN WAS EXPECTED

BADLY SWOLLEN AND VERY DISCOLOURED

Injury Blow Was The One The Town Feared Most

By Chiltern

The blow Manager Dally Duncan feared most struck the Town in the 22nd minute of the match at Birmingham on Saturday when Turner lay writhing in pain with a damaged ankle after being involved in a tackle with Warhurst.

Yesterday when Turner reported at Kenilworth for treatment, he was still limping very badly and his ankle was so swollen that it was almost impossible to see the bone.

In addition, the ankle is badly discoloured with bruising and it looked worse yesterday than was expected.

On Saturday I do not think it was as bad as that, and it has not changed a lot to give him a chance of playing on Saturday, the manager told me.

After yesterday's Turner was injured by the club doctor, who removed torn ligaments, which kept him out of the game at least a fortnight.

However, on Saturday night, he himself was pessimistic, and he compared the nature of the injury with the one he received at Wolverhampton last season which caused him to miss several matches.

Puts Us In A Fix, Says Manager

PART from the kick he received on the ankle, Turner injured himself through his foot being in the tackle, and he was in the field for nearly half the match, and, although he played for the second, was a passenger and was usually called off a quarter of an hour from the end.

It puts us in a fix," the manager admitted yesterday, and will have to fill the vacancy in the team to meet the Rumanians Thursday night.

At the moment it looks as if he, who scored twice for the reserves on Saturday, is the ideal deputy, and he is the forward who most nearly matches the style of Turner.

Gives Power To The Substitute Argument

TURNER'S absence will be felt the more keenly because he is the only forward who can be relied upon to get goals regularly, and when he left the field on Saturday the match ceased to be a contest, and it was merely a question of how many Birmingham could add to the two goals lead they had already built up.

This incident gives added power to those who feel that substitutes for injured players should be allowed in League matches, and so badly handicapped was Turner that he was not sufficiently mobile to have even nuisance value when he returned to outside-right for the second half.

Defence Resolute In The Face Of Odds

REDUCED to four man-power, the Town forwards scarcely troubled Birmingham at all, because all the thrust had gone, and so much were Birmingham on top that Watts and Warhurst were able to devote an inordinate amount of time to giving full rein to their attacking powers.

That Birmingham were limited to only one goal after the interval is a tribute to the resolution which the Town defence showed in the face of overwhelming odds.

Continually, they found the ball



GORDON TURNER
—Injured at Birmingham.

coming back at them, so that they had little breathing space.

Nor were the home forwards easy to keep out because they challenged and fought for everything.

Hard Tackling By Birmingham

THE Birmingham plan has been based on hard football and the Town will face no tougher team this season.

Hard, robust tackling was the keynote of the defence and the Town forwards were given very little time in which to get the ball under control.

Nor were the home forwards any less determined, and the Town are never at their best against this style of play.

Yet they were the more impressive team for the first ten minutes, when Birmingham were strangely out of touch, and there might so easily have been a dramatic opening with the Town a goal ahead.

Chance To Lead Went Astray

WHEN a hard centre by Davies got through to Gregory, it looked any odds on the centre-forward scoring, but he was a little too far forward and the ball struck him on the back of the thigh when all it needed was a touch.

Merrick was badly out of position and the whole Birmingham defence had been drawn. Perhaps in this case Gregory was more unlucky than blameworthy, but it was a great chance to strike a considerable blow.

Another incident early on which caused discussion was when Shanks, well inside the penalty area, was bowled over and the referee awarded an indirect free-kick.

Should There Have Been A Penalty?

VIEW of Town officials was that it was either a penalty or nothing at all and the manager took the former view because he thought Shanks was charged from behind.

On the other hand, Shanks did not think that a penalty was merited and it was one of those border-line cases which might so very easily have gone the other way.

Both these incidents occurred before Birmingham scored in what was almost their first serious attack.

That came in the twelfth minute when Govan centred from the dead-line and Brown flicked the ball with his head wide of Baynam's left hand.

FOR THE RECORDS

BIRMINGHAM C. 3
Brown (2), Orritt
LUTON TOWN 0
BIRMINGHAM CITY:
Merrick; Hall, Green;
Watts, Smith, Warhurst;
Astell, Orritt, Brown,
Murphy, Govan.
LUTON TOWN: Bay-
nam; Dunne, Jones;
Morton, Owen, Shanks;
Davies, Turner, Gregory.
Cammie, Legate.
Referee: J. Kelly, Chelvey.
Attendance: 32,000.

Town's Grip Became A Mere Memory

FORERUNNER of the goal was a free kick awarded against Gregory in midfield and it was difficult to see how the centre-forward had offended.

That goal against the run of the play had a settling effect on Birmingham who began to play high-powered football and the grip the Town had gained in the early minutes became just a memory.

Six minutes later Birmingham became two up when Baynam, challenged as he went up to catch a corner from Astall, lost possession of the ball and Orritt, in the mix-up that followed, was able to tap it through without difficulty.

Could Have Been Start Of A Debacle

THESE two hammer blows, combined with that which the Town suffered when Turner met with his mishap, were the end for the Town and it was a case of overtime for the defence afterwards.

Greyhound Racing



566 BO'WEEVIL ROMPED HOME AN EASY WINNER

AFTER three races in which it finished fifth, last and last, Bo'weevil, made favourite, romped home an eight-lengths winner at Luton Stadium on Saturday. Trap three started four winners.

I. (410yds) — 1. ROSE BUD (2); 2. Rob Roy (4) reserve; 3. Front Page (1); 4. Brickhill Lad (5); 5. Scamp (6); 6. Rodney (3). 4. 1. 1. 24.35. Off 7.02.
Betting: 2-1 ROSE BUD, Rodney; 6-1 others.
Forecast: £3 1s. 6d.

II. (470yds) — 1. LEGION (3); 2. Ray's Girl (6); 3. Just Jake (5); 4. Gerald (4); 5. Little Albert (1); 6. Noddy Pal (2). 14. 1. 1. 1. 24.35. Off 7.02.
Betting: 5-4 Noddy Pal; 7-2 Little Albert; 5-1 LEGION, Ray's Girl; 8-1 others.
Forecast: £2 12s. 3d.

III. (410yds) — 1. NO ANSWER (3); 2. Rinty (2); 3. Mr. Tap-Toe (5) reserve; 4. Meter (6); 5. Sailing Light (1); 6. Brisket (4). 1. 1. 1. 1. 24.35. Non-runner, Ida (5). Off 7.23.
Betting: 4-5 NO ANSWER; 7-2 Rinty; 4-1 Sailing Light; 10-1 Mr. Tap-Toe, Brisket; 100-8 Meter.
Forecast: 12s.

IV. (470yds) — 1. TIME SIGNAL (4); 2. Coolkill Lad (5); 3. King Sol (6); 4. Return Fire (1); 5. Valant (2); 6. Old Man (3). 1. 1. 1. 1. 24.44. Off 7.42.
Betting: 7-4 King Sol; 3-1 Coolkill Lad; 5-1 Return Fire, Old Man; 6-1 TIME SIGNAL, Valant.
Forecast: £5.

V. (410yds) — 1. IFANDWHEN (5); 2. Pilot (2); 3. Our Bob (6); 4. Sparky (1); 5. Pin Toes (3). 1. 2. 1. 23.98. Drum Beat (4) d.n.f. Off 8.03.
Betting: 6-4 Drum Beat; 5-2 IFANDWHEN; 5-1 Sparky; 6-1 Our Bob; 8-1 Pilot; 10-1 Pin Toes.
Forecast: £3 6s. 3d.

VI. (470yds) — 1. NEW MEXICO (3); 2. Keep A Trump (1); 3. Noddy (6); 4. Hancock (2); 5. Julie (4); 6. Snob (5). 8. 8. dist. dist. 27.26. Off 8.23.
Betting: 5-4 Keep A Trump; 9-4 NEW MEXICO; 4-1 Noddy; 10-1 Hancock, Snob; 100-8 Julie.
Forecast: 19s. 9d.

VII. (470yds) — 1. BO'WEEVIL (3); 2. Pancho (1); 3. Cisco Kid (2); 4. Woodpecker (5); 5. Dark Invader (4). 8. 1. 2. 10. 27.43. Off 8.43.
Betting: Even BO'WEEVIL; 3-1 Woodpecker; 5-1 Cisco Kid; 7-1 Pancho; 8-1 Dark Invader; 10-1 Arm In Arm.
Forecast: £2 17s. 9d.

VIII. (410yds) — 1. BLUE CROSS (4); 2. Boston Brownie (1); 3. Daytime (2); 4. Sometimes (3); 5. Coq d'Or (5); 6. Kismet (6) reserve. 3. 1. 2. 6. 4. 24.41. Non-runner, New Way (6). Off 9.02.
Betting: 2-1 Sometimes; 5-2 Daytime; 4-1 BLUE CROSS, Boston Brownie; 5-1 Coq d'Or; 10-1 Kismet.
Forecast: £1 7s. 6d.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON TONIGHT
7.30 (410yds) — 642 Bill Sykes; 46 Black Flash; 6 Charmaine (Aug 25, up 1, 25.00, Sept 15, up 1, 24.92); 545 Dark Clouds; 635 Mistris; 435 Senator; reserve 536 Royal Glen.
7.50 (470yds) — 222 Badger; 622 Clenders; 223 Golden Sun; 426 Office Boy; 314 Pan-Yan; 53 Spangles; reserve 634 Mariner.
8.10 (410yds) — Colney King (Oct 4, up 1, 24.98), Oct 9, up 1, 24.63; 646 Deadwood; 3 Hycroft; 6 Kilmare Lad; 454 Lucky Strike; 6 Twink; reserve 2 Fur Muff.
8.30 (410yds) — 341 Drumhale; 5 Forechal; Headwind (Oct 4, up 1, 24.72, Oct 13, up 4, 24.34); 22 Michael One (Oct 16, up 3, 24.56); 151 Rusty Boy; 156 The Saint; reserve 235 Penil.
8.50 (410yds) — 43 Booster; 165 Day; 2 Enu; 166 Grasshopper; 64 Jeff's Junior; 35 Oram (Oct 9, up 4, 24.21); reserve 234 Parties-Vous.
9.10 (410yds) — 335 Cherry Blossom; 3 Cookie; 352 Jackdaw; 432 Kingred; 221 Old Fella; 51 Opera (Oct 16, up 1, 24.28).
9.30 (470yds) — 511 Ballerino; 513 Boston; 5 Can't Wait; 141 Hastings; 421 Squasher; 641 Swannet; reserve 621 Planter.
9.50 (410yds) — 364 Black and Tan; 663 Emperor; Last Away (Sept 29, up 5, 24.71, Oct 9, up 3, 24.83); 235 Persi-Cola; 54 Sue; 652 Tree-Tot; reserve 136 Admin.

SELECTIONS
7.30 — Bill Sykes (Maxtrip, Senator).
7.50 — Badger (Pan-Yan, Office Boy).
8.10 — Colney King (Twink, Lucky Strike).
8.30 — Rusty Boy (Michael One, Headwind).
8.50 — Day (Grasshopper, Enu).
9.10 — Old Fella (nap), Opera, Cherry Blossom.
9.30 — Ballerino (Squasher, Bonum).
9.50 — Sue (Emperor, Black and Tan).

Third goal came six minutes after the interval when Brown was allowed to bring the ball just inside the penalty area and seemed to have time to pick his spot before beating Baynam with a drive that went in off the inside of the post.

That could have been the start of a debacle, but it was not, thanks to the way the defence stood up to persistent pressure, combined with some deserved luck because the woodwork was struck on two occasions.

Forwards' Switching Was A Problem

DIFFICULTIES faced by the defence were increased by the inter-changing of positions by the home forwards, any of whom was likely to pop up anywhere, and Brown spent quite a lot of his time switching out to the right wing, where he was quite a danger.

Attack after attack was stopped by Owen, fighting desperately to stave off disaster, and his was a brave display.

Shanks covered a tremendous amount of ground and, despite his heavy commitments in defence, found time in which to try to reduce the effect of being a forward short by joining in attacks.

This was more like the old Shanks, and Morton was another who toiled ceaselessly.

Dunne Kept A Grip On Govan

HAD Dunne not kept such a tight grip on Govan, Birmingham's leading scorer, the Town would have been in bigger trouble but, through the piece, Dunne played the winger so well that the amount of danger from this quarter was considerably reduced.

Quickness in the tackle was a feature of Dunne's play, and his methods were in direct contrast

with those of Jones who tended to "jockey" whoever happened to be in direct opposition and delay his tackle until the last moment. For all that, Jones did his part and, in view of the circumstances, the defence did as much as could be humanly expected of it.

Impossible To Judge The Youngsters

ALTHOUGH Baynam made some very good saves, especially in cutting out hard crosses, he is still not playing with the complete confidence he showed last season.

Evidence of this was given in the way the second goal came and there were one or two other instances of faulty handling under pressure. Yet several of his saves were in the top class and he helped to limit the margin.

This was no sort of a match for inexperienced players to be embroiled, and we are no further knowing whether Gregory and Legate can solve pressing problems.

What would have happened had Turner not been injured, no-one will ever know, but the fact remains that this was no sort of an occasion to form a definite opinion about the youngsters.

Little Material Came Legate's Way

VERY little material came the way of Legate who was shadowed very closely by Hall. Yet there were times when he showed that he has the right idea about the correct use of the ball, though, on the whole, the match was a difficult experience for him.

Two or three half chances came the way of Gregory, who was given very little scope by the strong, forthright Smith, and, in any case, he had to fight much of a lone battle after the Town became depleted.

As the manager said, "They cannot be judged on a match like this and both might have had good games had Turner not been injured."

No Thrust After Turner's Injury

FROM Cummins there was quite a lot of very clever footwork in midfield and attempts to get the crippled attack on the move, but without Turner there was no semblance of thrust.

Until the upset, Davies was doing well on the wing, but for a lot of the time had to form a right wing on his own and thus had two opponents close on him all the time. However, Davies kept working and fighting, for which he gains credit marks.

Altogether, for the Town, it was an unfortunate experience, with the prospect of the tem-

porary loss of Turner a more serious blow than the fact that two points were left behind.

Adam Back In His Best Form

THE Town Reserves were in enterprising mood on Saturday when they struck their best form to beat Arsenal Reserves—always doughty and attractive opponents—5-1.

There were plenty of reasons for cheerfulness in the Luton camp after this fine victory.

Not least of them was the promising debut of John Chambers, 17-years-old amateur wing-half, who played confidently and appears to be one of the club's brightest hopes of the future.

Another was the excellent form of left-winger Jimmy Adam. He had his best game for many weeks, was in devastating form, and gave Garrett, whom he beat at will, an uncomfortable afternoon.

Town's Win Was Well Deserved

IT was an entertaining game, with never a dull moment, but there was no doubt that Luton were the better side and the final score was a true reflection of the game.

Fearce, another forward who was in very good form, gave Luton an early lead, and although Biggs equalised with a fine effort seven minutes later, Luton did not allow this to knock them out of their stride and McLeod first restored and then increased the lead before the interval. Second-half scorers were Adam and Fearce.

Mike Pinner, Great Britain's amateur international goalkeeper, who will be playing in Melbourne next month, was given plenty to do, and, although beaten five times, made one or two excellent saves.

Schoolboy's 'Hat Trick'

A FINE "hat-trick" by contra-forward Gabriel put Luton Schoolboys into the third round of the English Schools' Shield when they met St. Albans Schoolboys at Kenilworth-road on Saturday morning.

Luton won deservedly, and but for the courage and ability of Westcott, the visitors' goalkeeper, they would have scored more goals. So superior were the Luton forwards that their defence was seldom extended and it was difficult to assess their strength.

A three-goals margin in Luton's favour gives little idea of how much they monopolised play. Had their finishing been a little steadier and Westcott a little less able, they would have won much more convincingly.

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LUTON TOWN

VERSUS

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Charlton Ath v Newcastle Utd
Everton v Arsenal
Leeds Utd v Preston North End
Luton T v West Bromwich
Manchester City v Sheffield Wed
Sunderland v Portsmouth
Tottenham Hotspur v Burnley
Wolves v Cardiff City

DIVISION II
Barnsley v Liverpool
Blackburn Rovers v Bury
Bristol City v Huddersfield T
Fulham v Stoke City
Lincoln City v Leicester City
Nottingham Forest v Doncaster
Port Vale v Notts County
Rotherham Utd v Bristol Rovers
Sheffield Utd v Leyton Orient
Swansea T v Middlesbrough
West Ham v Grimsby T

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

DIVISION III (NORTH)
Barrow v Mansfield T
Bradford v York City
Crewe Alex v Stockport County

Barnsley v Oldham Ath
Barnsley County v Carlisle Utd
Gateshead v Tranmere Rovers
Hull City v Chester
Hull City v Southport
Rochdale v Hartlepool Utd
Sunderthorpe Utd v Bradford City
Wrexham v Accrington Stanley

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP FINAL

Celtic v Partick Thistle

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION I
Ayr Utd v Airdrieonians
East Fife v Dunfermline
Falkirk v Hearts
Hibernian v Kilmarnock
Motherwell v Queen of South
St Mirren v Raith Rovers

DIVISION II

Arbroath v Dumbarton
Clyde v St Johnstone
Cowdenbeath v Montrose
Dundee Utd v Third Lanark
Stirling Albion v Forfar Ath
Stranraer v Hamilton

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAYS

Berwick Rovers v Nairn County

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME.—Bolton, Tottenham, Wolves, Blackburn, Bristol City, Nottingham Forest, Colchester, Southampton, Derby, Gateshead.

FOUR AWAY.—Arsenal, Bristol Rovers, Brighton, Accrington.

THREE DRAWS.—Blackpool v Manchester Utd; Fulham v Stoke; Southend v Watford.