

BROWN SHOULD BRING BACK THE MISSING THOUSANDS

WAS MATCH-WINNER ON HIS FINE DEBUT

By Chiltern

That long-awaited victory gained at Leeds, combined with the first home appearance of Allan Brown, does not bring the missing thousands back to the Kenilworth-road terraces on Saturday when Newcastle United will be the visitors, then we shall begin to think that football has lost its hold on the Luton public.

No player could have celebrated his first appearance for a new club more successfully than did Brown at Elland-road when, in the first half, he gave a tremendous display of powerful, clever inside-forward work.

RIGHT from the start he fitted in, to become the badly-needed general and, despite the fact that the forward line had to be almost completely reorganised on the morning of the match, it looked a more potent force than for weeks past.

The changes were necessary when Turner had to cry off on Saturday morning because of a boil on the side of a knee. Desperately he wanted to play because, as he told me, "I like the look of this new forward line and I think we can go places," but the reaction from a test on the United's practice pitch on Saturday morning made his inclusion unwise.

"Inside-right Will Suit Me," Says Brown

PART of the trouble was that the boil impeded free movement of the knee joint and, after the exercise, there was considerable swelling. In the circumstances, Manager Daily Duncan was fortunate to have Shanks on hand and because of his vast experience in a variety of positions, he is

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Deaths

LEE.—Harold (Tony) Lee, Spratton, Northampton, passed away peacefully on February 4.

FOR THE RECORDS

LEEDS 1
LUTON TOWN 2
McLeod, Brown, Wood, Duns, Hair, Gibson, Marsden, Kerfoot, Meek, Charles, Forrest, Crowe, Overfield.
LUTON TOWN: Baynam, Duns, Ahern, Morton, Owen, Pearce, Shanks, Brown, Davies, Groves, McLeod.
Referee: H. Barradell, Loughborough. Attendance: 25,500.

were relying on Charles to get them out of trouble and nearly all the shooting came from him and there were several of those powerful headers, too.

Bar Was Hit By Both Teams

ONE of the latter struck the bar, something that was counter-balanced just before the end when Brown came through again and beat Wood with a fine drive that hit the bar and rebounded into play.

Brown claimed that he was impeded by the goalkeeper when he tried to regain possession, but the referee did not agree.

In the end the Town were worthy winners and they owed a considerable debt to some staunch work by the defence during the second half.

Key position, of course, was held by Pearce, who has not had a great deal of experience at wing-half, but he made a brilliant job of holding Charles, a task which is acknowledged as being among the most difficult in football.

Pearce Scored A Big Success

ALWAYS he was close to the Welsh International, and twice during the second half he made tackles on him when Charles was preparing to rocket the ball through from good positions.

In the air, too, he had a lot of success, and so impressed were his colleagues with his work that they waited for him as he left the field and applauded him into the dressing-room.

Now, it seems that Pearce has found his niche after a deal of wandering from position to position, and obviously he must be kept in the middle line.

Badger Ended Long Run Of Failures On Saturday

AFTER a long run of non-success, Badger won the second race at Luton Stadium on Saturday. He made no mistake, either, and finished seven lengths in front of co-favourite, Mary Ann.

1. (410 yds)—1. CRIMSON (5); 2. Colney King (2); 3. Running Water (3); 4. Carefree (6); 5. Miss Patience (4); 6. Lindy Lou (1). 1, 6, 3, 4, 6, 26.02. Off 6.43.
Betting: 6-4 CRIMSON; 7-4 Colney King; 7-2 Carefree; 10-1 Running Water; 100-8 others.

Forecast 9/9.
II. (470 yds)—1. BADGER (2); 2. Mary Ann (6); 3. Dumbell (4); 4. Very Useful (5); 5. High Tension (1); 7, 7, 5, 5, 29.38. Non-runner, Tempest (3). Off 7.02.
Betting: 7-4 BADGER, Mary Ann; 7-2 Very Useful; 8-1 others.

Forecast 12/6.
III. (410 yds)—1. ALICE (5); 2. Rambler (2); 3. Pukka Gen (6); 4. Day Out (4); 5. My Beauty (1); 6. Teezy-Wezy (3). 1, 1, 7, 2, 2, 25.68. Off 7.23.
Betting: 2-1 Rambler; 9-4 Pukka Gen; 3-1 ALICE; 8-1 My Beauty, Teezy-Wezy; 10-1 Day Out.

Forecast £1/3/3.
IV. (470 yds)—1. DAZ (3); 2. Texas (1); 3. Jimmy's Lil (5); 4. Whataday (4); 5. Holiday Fun (6); 6. Husky (2); 3, 1, 6, 5, 2, 28.97. Off 7.42.
Betting: 2-1 DAZ; 9-4 Jimmy's Lil; 3-1 Holiday Fun; 5-1 Whataday; 8-1 others.

Forecast £2.
V. (470 yds)—1. PERSIL (4); 2. Top Twenty (2); 3. Maid Marion (5); 4. Page One (6); 5. My Smoky (3). Hd. 3, 3, 28.93. Non-runners, Ohio (1), Jailbird (4). Off 8.02.
Betting: 2-1 PERSIL, My Smoky; 4-1 Top Twenty; 9-2 Maid Marion; 8-1 Page One.

Forecast £1/12/3.
VI. (410 yds)—1. SHEILA'S CHOICE (6); 2. Own Business (5); 3. Kingzed (1); 4. Sleazy (4); 5. Bally's Son (2); 6. Front Page (3). 10, 2, dist., 25.33. Non-runner, Learner (6). Off 8.25.
Betting: Even SHEILA'S CHOICE; 9-4 Own Business;

Except that Overfield was very worrying to Dunne and was a constant source of danger, the reconstructed defence had a watertight look.

Wise Move To Bring Back Ahern

TO bring back the experienced Ahern was a very wise move because he was sound in the extreme and Meek could rarely pass him.

Also an asset was his accurate kicking, and between them he and Pearce curtailed the danger from the Leeds right.

Morton carried too many guns for the 17-years-old Crowe, and again demonstrated that right-half is his best position by a display in which his hard tackling was a salient feature.

Then there was Owen gallantly plugging up the middle and at times having to put up with quite a buffeting from the dash of not only Forrest, but of Charles, in his attempts to break through.

Baynam Back Full Of Confidence

OWEN saw to it that Forrest had very few chances and his height and good headwork stood the Town in good stead when the pressure was at its height in the second half.

Somehow or another, Overfield contrived to find himself a lot of room in which to operate and although Dunne stuck grimly to his task he never achieved a measure of superiority over the winger.

After being out of big football for two months, Baynam came back to give the sort of display which means that he is full of confidence again with a courageous display that was studied by several magnificent saves.

Town's Mud Should Not Worry Brown

INVALUABLE was the work he did in cutting out high crosses and although sometimes he could not hold on to the ball because of the buffeting he received, his reaction and recovery was always too quick for the home forwards.

This was Baynam at his best and it looks as if it will be the turn of the unlucky Stretton to take a back seat.

So, the defence did a man-sized job which bodes well for the future and when one considers the forward line, it is Brown who stands out.

Judging by this display on quite a heavy pitch, even the

Jones Deal News Expected Soon

Within 24 hours the Town are expecting some development in their negotiations with Charlton whose manager, Jimmy Trotter, and vice-chairman watched Leslie Jones play for the Reserves against Reading on Saturday.

I understand that they were impressed with him and the chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, told me that terms and figures have been discussed.

In view of the outlay on Allan Brown, the Town would prefer to make a cash deal with the London club, but if that proves to be impossible, they are prepared to take Bobby Ayre, the Charlton utility forward, in part exchange.

An understanding was reached on Saturday and now the Town are awaiting the next move by Charlton. Sunderland also had a representative watching Jones and Middlesbrough had a scout present to run the rule over Jimmy Adam.

Kenilworth road morass will not worry him for he is just the type of strong inside-forward Luton have been needing for so long.

Took Weight Off The Other Forwards

APART from his strength, he can outwit an opponent in a very narrow space and he left no one in doubt about the quality of his marksmanship.

Not only that but he took some of the weight off the remaining members of the forward line, something that Turner will appreciate when he returns next Saturday.

And when Leeds were pressing hard, Brown was never afraid to come back and do a defensive stint.

On this showing, the Town have done one of their smartest ever strokes of business in signing this very accomplished player.

So well did the forwards move in the first half that the Leeds fans were saying it was the best football they had seen in weeks.

McLeod Flourished On Good Service

MCLEOD flourished on a stream of cross-field passes from Brown, and gave every indication that he is the answer to the Town's long-standing problem at outside-left.

Not only has he speed and is difficult to brush off the ball, but he showed a good deal of power in his left foot, and his finishing will become even more accurate as he gains experience of the position.

Wherever Shanks is asked to play, the Town are guaranteed 100 per cent effort, and they certainly got it from him because he was always fighting for the ball and quite often was back in a defensive role, helping to curb the speed of Overfield.

Victory Will Serve To Increase Confidence

IN attack, he tried to use the ball to advantage, but did not receive so much of it as did McLeod.

Pressed into service as a centre-forward, Davies did his best, distributed the ball well in the first half, and was a forager, but he did not contrive to be really dangerous in front of goal.

Groves, who, apparently, was to have been the centre-forward, was in the more orthodox position for him of inside-left, and he did quite well in the first half when the line was moving smoothly, but again tended to be a little bit too deliberate.

This victory, coinciding as it did with the arrival of Brown, should serve to increase the team's confidence considerably, and the players have faith in their ability to beat Newcastle and so go a long way towards removing that lingering worry about relegation.

Reserves' Fine First-half Display

AN excellent first-half display, in which they scored four goals, put Luton Reserves on the road to a comfortable victory over Reading Reserves on Saturday, and although they failed to score again after the interval—despite having 90 per cent of the play—Reading were lucky to get off so lightly.

Luton's former first-team left-wing pair, Cummins and Adam, were far too experienced for the Reading defence, and in the first half they literally cut it to ribbons at will.

Cummins scored two goals in the first 13 minutes, and Cullen added a couple more.

Cummins, in the first half especially, was at his accomplished best, and knowing that he was able to beat the defence just when he liked, he gave one of his "cheeky chappie" performances.

Mud-heap Sapped The Stamina of Players

HE tied the Reading defence up into a real tangle before making the opening for Cullen's first goal.

Admittedly he was not quite so prominent in the second half—nor was Adam—but that was scarcely surprising, for the mudheap of a pitch was enough to sap the stamina of any player of only average build.

After the interval the Reading defence had some narrow escapes, but Luton just could not force the ball home again.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

F.A. CUP, FIFTH ROUND
Aston Villa v. Bristol C.
Barnsley v. Nottingham Forest
Blackpool v. West Brom
Bournemouth v. Tottenham H.
Huddersfield T. v. Burnley
Manchester Utd. v. Everton
Millwall v. Birmingham C.
Preston N.E. v. Arsenal

DIVISION I
Leeds v. Cardiff C.
Luton T. v. Newcastle Utd.
Sunderland v. Sheffield Wed
Wolves v. Charlton Ath.

DIVISION II
Blackburn R. v. Liverpool
Fulham v. Bury
Lincoln C. v. Doncaster R.
Port Vale v. Middlesbrough
Rotherham Utd. v. Stoke C.
Sheffield Utd. v. Bristol R.
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West Ham v. Leyton O.

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Crystal Palace v. Gillingham
Exeter C. v. Brighton
Newport C. v. Walsall
Northampton T. v. Brentford
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Southend Utd. v. Swindon T.

DIVISION III (NORTH)
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Crewe Alex v. Chester
Darlington v. Accrington S.
Derby Co. v. Hartlepool Utd.
Gateshead v. Stockport Co.
Hull T. v. Mansfield T.
Hull C. v. York C.
Rochdale v. Southport
Scunthorpe Utd. v. Chesterfield
Wrexham v. Oldham Ath.
Wrexham v. Bradford C.

SCOTTISH CUP, SIXTH ROUND
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East Fife v. Kilmarnock
Falkirk v. Aberdeen
Hamilton v. Airdrieonians
Motherwell v. Dumbarton
Queen's Park v. Clyde
Raith R. v. Dundee Utd.
Partick T. or St. Mirren v. Dunfermline

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
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Ayr Utd. v. Dundee

DIVISION II
Aberdeen v. Aberdeen R.
Aberdeen C. v. East Stirling
Cowdenbeath v. Third Lanark
Montrose v. Morton
St. Johnstone v. Stirling A.

OTHER MATCHES
Hibernian v. Leicester C.
Southampton v. Portsmouth
Notts Co. v. Manchester C.

SELECTIONS
TEN HOME.—Aston Villa, Blackpool, Manchester Utd., Wolves, Blackburn, Fulham, Plymouth, Southend, Rochdale, Wrexham.

FOUR AWAY.—Tottenham, Middlesbrough, Torquay, Accrington.

THREE DRAWS.—Huddersfield v. Burnley, Lincoln v. Doncaster, Reading v. Shrewsbury.

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