

TOWN'S TOUR SNAGS WERE IRONED OUT SUCCESSFULLY

DETAILED ITINERARY MADE THEM HAPPY

Win Snatched At Villa Park In Last Minutes BY CHILTERN

FORTUNATELY, in view of the preparations that had been made, the difficulties that might have caused a late cancellation of the Town's tour of Germany were ironed out by Town Directors and the German agent who made the arrangements.

These concerned matters of travel and accommodation, but, after the match at Villa Park on Saturday, the agent was able to satisfy the club officials that what had been done was perfectly adequate.

IN a much happier frame of mind were the Directors, when a detailed itinerary was produced. The party, which numbered 24, and included 16 players, as chosen originally, left London Airport yesterday to fly to Dusseldorf.

After that they were faced with a long coach journey of what they believed would be about 200 miles into the eastern zone.

Their route took them through Cologne, Limburg, Giessen and Kassel, and they were expecting to arrive in Zwickau about midnight.

Today there will be some training for the players and their first match is with Motor Zwickau tomorrow afternoon.

Venue Of Last Game Is Uncertain

ON Friday they move on to Jena for a match there on Sunday, and the following day will travel to Chemnitz, where they will play Wisnuta Aue tomorrow week.

Two days later they go to Berlin to meet Spandauer Sport Verein on Sunday week, and the venue of their last match, on May 15, is still undecided.

It will be in Munster or Bottrop and the return flight will be made the following day.

Probably for their first match the Town will be strengthened by the return of Seamus Dunne and Sid Owen.

The latter was at Villa Park on Saturday in the role of onlooker, and he is perfectly fit again after his groin muscle trouble.

All Goals In The Last 21 Minutes

IT was the last 21 minutes that brought all the goals in the Town's match at Villa Park on Saturday and produced the result that had been least expected, in view of what had gone before.

Then, it was mostly the Villa doing the attacking, with the Town defence still lacking the knitting together effect that Owen brings, struggling hard to keep on level terms.

That they did so was as much due to the prodigal way in which Villa missed their chances as to their own efforts, and there were several periods of real uncertainty during which Baynham was the rescuer.

Baynham Showed His Class

ONE thing that should be certain is that if Baynham can reproduce at the start of next season the form he has shown so consistently these last weeks, more England caps will come his way.

Hetherington A Professional Now



For the second time in the course of a few days, the Town have signed a part-time professional a player who has been on their books as an amateur.

He is David Hetherington, a wing-half or inside forward who has been with the club since he left school, and has been a regular member of the Bedfordshire youth team for some time.

One save from Sewell, when he finger-tipped a tremendous drive over the bar and high among the fans on the terrace, was almost out of this world, and there were other shots with which he dealt that would have beaten a lesser goalkeeper.

There were plenty of opportunities for Baynham to show his class before the interval, and the Town owed a considerable debt to him for ending the half with their sheet still clear.

Defenders Collide—Turner Scores

WITH Aston Villa having the troublesome wind behind them in the second half, it seemed merely a question of time before they went ahead.

Sewell struck a post and twice missed by inches in a spell of heavy Villa pressure, and then came a vital change when, during a breakaway by Brown, there was a misunderstanding between Sims and Dugdale, who collided, and Brown whipped the ball back to Turner, who, from bang

FOR THE RECORDS

ASTON VILLA 1
Smith.
LUTON TOWN 3
Turner (2), Brown.
ASTON VILLA: Sims;
Lynn, Aldie; Birch, Dugdale,
Seward; Smith, Sewell,
Myerrough, Dixon, Pace.
LUTON TN: Baynham;
McNally, Jones; Morton,
Kelly, Pearce; Cullen, Turner,
Davies, Brown, Adam.
Referee: C. W. Kingston,
Newport.
Attendance: 27,000.

in front of goal, cracked it in with his left foot.

Immediate reaction was more pressure by Villa during which they missed further chances, but succeeded in levelling matters 11 minutes from the end through Smith, whose low cross-shot Baynham could not reach.

Villa Were Content To Be Level

AT that late stage, that seemed to be a situation with which both teams could be reasonably content.

Villa had a point in their grasp, and had come through without injury, which was the main object of the operation so far as they were concerned in view of their Wembley visit.

A point from this match would have been highly satisfactory to the Town, too, but Brown and Turner had other ideas on the subject.

Showing more understanding and more thrust than at any previous stage, the Town forwards began to worry the Villa, and a great goal by Brown seven minutes from the end brought visions of victory again.

Turner Made His League Tally 30

TURNER picked up a clearance by McNally and sent Brown going on one of his devastating runs.

Brown, who had moved into the middle soon after the start, took the ball in his stride, resisted a challenge by Dugdale, and, as Sims came out, delicately lobbed it over his head for as neat a goal as anyone could imagine.

Then, just to rub it in, Turner, in an open space, seized on a through-pass from Adam for a through-ball he had shouted, and beat Sims to bring his total of League goals for the season to 30.

Just how much the Town rely on Turner for goals is emphasised by the fact that the next in the list are Brown, Cullen and Morton, all bracketed together with five.

Need To Find Leader To Fit In Here

PROBLEM for the Town next season is to find a centre-forward with the experience and style to fit in between Turner and Brown or, alternatively, to use Brown as a leader and produce another goal-minded inside-forward.

In the last two matches and, particularly in the second half on Saturday, Brown showed form more in keeping with his high reputation.

Turner showed just how dangerous he can be when there is the right sort of support and he is able to concentrate on his role as a taker of openings and not have to come back to do the midfield work.

Jones Kept The Ball Much Too Close

DAVIES worked willingly enough, both in the middle and at inside-left, but, of course,



New in Germany, these members and officials of Luton Town F.C. were in cheerful mood when they left the club yesterday morning. Their first match will be at Zwickau tomorrow.

this can be only an interim arrangement.

There was not a great deal of thrust from the extreme wings, with Cullen, for all his wanderings, not achieving a great deal, and Adam the more direct of the pair.

Much of the trouble in which the defence found itself was caused by some too-close passing on the left flank, for which Jones was the main culprit.

This was one of those days when his short passes continually went astray and he did not vary his game sufficiently.

Chief Honours Went To Baynham

SOME confusion was caused at times by the switching of Sewell and Dixon, which the Town wing-halves counteracted in the first half by switching with them, but as time wore on Morton and Pearce began taking the inside forward nearest to them.

Maybe it was as well for the Town that the goal-snatching McParland was not playing, for Pace did not make the most of his opportunities and McNally did quite well against him.

But, the goal-scorers apart, the chief honours in this match are reserved for Baynham, whose first-class work was applauded repeatedly by the home fans.

Fitting Ending To Streten's Career

AT the end of the Reserves' match at Swansea on Saturday Bernard Streten was cheered off the field, and it was a fitting end to his brilliant career as a professional footballer.

Bernard will be able to look back on his last game for Luton with some satisfaction, for he

Night Life Won Again At Luton On Saturday

NIGHT LIFE recorded his second consecutive victory on Saturday when he won the last race by three-quarters of a length from Crayon.

There were successes for six favourites, the two exceptions to the rule being Normal Service (6-1), and Squealer (4-1).

I. (410yds).—1, PLASTERER (1); 2, Hay Time (2); 3, Good Intent (3); 4, Satchmo (6); 5, Whoozy (5); 6, Daw (4). 1, 8, 1, dist. 24.45. Off 6.41.
Betting: Evens PLASTERER.
9-4 Hay Time, 6-1 Daw, 7-1 Good Intent, 8-1 others.
Forecast 11s.

II. (470yds).—1, NORMAL SERVICE (2); 2, Lenny (6); 3, Sunblest (4); 4, Valley Prince (5); 5, Bright Cloud (1); 6, Patch (3). 1, 2, 2, 4, 3, 27.85. Off 7.03.
Betting: 5-2 Lenny, Bright Cloud, 9-2 Patch, Sunblest, 6-1 NORMAL SERVICE, 7-1 Valley Prince.
Forecast £1 18s. 3d.

III. (470yds).—1, SQUEAKER (5); 2, Plasma (4); 3, Outcast (2); 4, King Sol (6); 5, Belavista (1); 6, Farm Baby (3) reserve. 1, 1, 4, 6, dist. 27.48. Non-runner Pence (3). Off 7.23.
Betting: 6-4 Plasma, 7-2 Outcast, Belavista, 4-1 SQUEAKER, 7-1 King Sol, 8-1 Farm Baby.
Forecast £1 15s.

IV. (410yds).—1, MICKEY DRIP (1); 2, Cinders (3); 3, Speedy Ash (2); 4, Ian (5); 5, Imperial Fawn (4). 6, 1, 4, 4, 24.22. Black Bess (6) d.n.f. Off 7.44.
Betting: 2-1 Ian, 3-1 Black Bess, 4-1 MICKEY DRIP, Imperial Fawn, 5-1 Cinders, 6-1 Speedy Ash.
Forecast £1 12s. 6d.

V. (675yds).—1, BOSUN (3); 2, Ballerino (1); 3, Gusto (6); 4, Pluto (5); 5, Badger (4); 6, Scurry (2). 2, 4, 1, 5, 6, 39.94. Off 8.02.
Betting: 2-1 BOSUN, 5-2 Pluto, 7-2 Ballerino, Gusto, 9-2 Badger, 100-8 Scurry.
Forecast £1 3s. 3d.

VI. (470yds).—1, YANA (6); 2, Wings (2); 3, The Dove (4); 4, Peral (5); 5, Bally Mac (3). 6, 1, 10, 27.16. Non-runner, Black Rose (1). Off 8.22.
Betting: 2-1 YANA, Wings, 5-2 Peral, 8-1 Bally Mac, 10-1 The Dove.
Forecast £1 0s. 6d.

VII. (470yds).—1, LIGHT & LIGHT (4); 2, Cracklings (2); 3, Carmen Jones (5); 4, Texas (3). 6, 1, 5, 27.36. Non-runners, Husky (1), Workboy (6). Off 8.39.

Betting: 5-4 LIGHT & LIGHT, 5-2 Texas, 7-2 others.
Forecast 14s. 9d.

VIII. (410yds).—1, NIGHT LIFE (4); 2, Crayon (5) reserve; 3, New Point (3); 4, High Tension (6); 5, Old Fella (2); 6, Call Boy (1). 4, 13, 2, 4, 3, 24.25. Non-runner, Sunspark (5). Off 9.0.
Betting: 5-4 NIGHT LIFE, 3-1 Old Fella, 5-1 Call Boy, 6-1 High Tension, New Point, 8-1 Crayon.
Forecast £6 12s. 9d.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON STADIUM TONIGHT

7.30 (410yds).—256 Black Stick; 664 Frances; 116 Lindy Lou; 363 Nigger Boy; 523 Parlez-Vous; 3 The Jet; reserve 2 Old Mick.
7.50 (470yds).—536 Dark Invader; 642 Dumbell; 543 Lion's Head; 342 Ray's Girl; 252 Rose Bud; 231 Cough Drop.
8.10 (410yds).—Breakdown (Nov 15, to 6, 24.15; April 16, to 6, 24.40); 632 Leamer; 611 Raspurin; 2 Tomo; 365 Very Useful; 122 West Manor; 361
8.30 (470yds).—156 Banger; 561 Cookle; 564 Sheila's Choice; 223 Easter Bonnet; 234 Noddy; 233 The Brick.
8.50 (470yds).—114 Bill Boney; 416 Charcoal; 1 Cocoa; More Sauce (April 4, to 2, 24.22; April 6, to 3, 24.27); 323 Ohio; 421 Return Fare.
9.10 (410yds).—551 Duffie Coat; 432 Nies Fella; 12 Pielone (Mar 21, to 6, 23.92); 122 Ribbon; 515 Sandman; 111 Tony Token.
9.30 (470yds).—423 Adios; 513 Betty; 356 Drummer Boy; 143 Pin Emma; 254 Snob; 341 Tiger; reserve 423 Old Coat; 9.50 (410yds).—134 Camrose; 5 Fanny Adams; 443 Ida; 436 S.J.P.; 4 Stylish Lady; 514 The Lodger.

SELECTIONS

7.30—Lindy Lou (Frances, The Jet).
7.50—Dumbell (Lion's Head, Dark Invader).
8.10—Breakdown (Leamer, Raspurin).
8.30—Noddy (The Brick, Easter Bonnet).
8.50—Return Fare (Ohio, Bill Boney).
9.10—Tony Token (nap) (Sandman, Duffie Coat).
9.30—Adios (Tiger, Drummer Boy).
9.50—Ida (Stylish Lady, The Lodger).

made some very good saves and the distinction of being the first to take a wicket for the club this season.

There, however, his successes ended and Ian Davison was the best of the bowlers who could not prevent Finchley running to 179 for six before declaring.

Opportunist Goal By Dixon

CONDITIONS, with the pitch bare of grass, were not ideal for good football, but there was no shortage of thrills, although, for the most part, the quality of the football indicated that this was the last match of the season.

There was no scoring until after the interval, but in the early seconds of the second half Dixon took advantage of a bad mistake by Blackburn and scored an opportunist goal to put Luton in front.

There were escapes at both ends after this, but five minutes from the end Pounder increased Luton's lead, after a good pass by Gregory.

Draw Experts' Run Was Halted

EASTBOURNE UNITED, opponents of Luton Town "A" on Saturday, arrived at Kenilworth-road with a reputation as draw experts.

They had shared the points in their last five games, but the young Town "A" put an end to that run by beating them 2-1.

It was not a great game—the hard pitch and light ball prevented that—but the Town played some quite good football at times.

Star of the forward line was Jenkins, the only amateur in the attack, who showed up well, and Duggan led the line astutely.

At inside-right, Shanks, having a trial after injury, was in a quiet mood, but was probably taking things easily deliberately. Jenkins and Pacey scored for Luton, Baillie replied for the visitors.

Defeat For Town C.C. In First Match

DEFEAT came the way of the Town C.C. in their first match of the season, which was against the strong and vastly experienced Finchley, one of the best club sides in North London.

Even though two of his bowlers, Terry Matthews and Geoff Slaney, were missing, John Oliver had quite a varied attack, which was reinforced by the return of Glyn Owen, who had

Batting Did Not Get Going

COWAN hit 12 fours in his 81 and the Middlesex player, Ian Bedford, had two sixes in a hard-hitting 31.

Against a keen attack, the Town batting never really got going, with only John Oliver and Frank Winstanley making a real show of resistance, and the only other player to reach double figures was Owen. Oliver made a good start to the season with a well-played 33.

Finchley II, at Wardown, also found runs comparatively easy to come by against the Town II, who, however, had sufficient batting strength to force a draw.

CRICKET IN BRIEF

FINCHLEY 179 for 6 dec (G Cowan 81, P I Bedford 31, A F Smith 25; I Davison 2 for 25, B Johnson 2 for 53, J A R Oliver 1 for 41, J G Owen 1 for 42).
LUTON TOWN 99 (J A R Oliver 33, F Winstanley 23; W Hodges 3 for 14, P I Bedford 3 for 37, R S Norrish 2 for 17, H D Barnett 2 for 20).
LUTON SCHOOLMASTERS 113 for 6 dec (J Giffen 57 not out, B Ward 22 not out).
HILL END HOSPITAL 65 (C Baggaley 8 for 19, P Greaves 2 for 21).
VAUXHALL MOTORS 111 (T J Brown 28 C Saunders 24; L Cannon 5 for 33, A Russell 3 for 27, D Smith 2 for 37).
DUNSTABLE TOWN 112 for 3 (F Whittingham 41, D Grady 40 not out).
BUCKS NALGO 138 for 8 dec. (R Lloyd 3 for 31, P Buckingham 3 for 44).
VAUXHALL MOTORS SUNDAY XI 140 for 3 (R Lloyd 85, W Weston 42).
ROOTES 156 for 9 dec. (R Dighton 32 not out, T Winstanley 28, A Harrison 28).
KENTS 44 (A Harrison 6 for 6, R Allen 3 for 8).
BUCKS NALGO 128 (S Croft 5 for 37, H Bowen 3 for 19).
HUNTING PERCIVAL 116 for 9 (R Norris 51, K Cook 25).
ELECTROLUX 82 (K Palmer 22, L Castle 17; B Wrigglesworth 6 for 28, C Bishop 3 for 22).
HUNTING PERCIVAL 83 for 5 (T Twigdon 31 not out; L Castle 3 for 18, J Aymes 2 for 10).

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