

MORTON MAY LEAD TOWN ATTACK

SWITCH WITH GROVES IS CONTEMPLATED

Two Blackpool Forwards On The Injured List

By Chiltern

ALTHOUGH it is unlikely that he will announce until tomorrow morning the team to entertain Blackpool in the evening, Manager Dally Duncan is contemplating a switch that has been tried several times before.

Perturbed at the lack of punch there was down the middle in the match at Highbury, he is likely to call up Bob Morton from right-half to take on the leadership once again, in the hope that he can supply the missing finish as he has on previous occasions.

THIS move would be a straight-forward switch between players in two positions, with John Groves moving into the middle line.

Position is that Groves is not happy about playing at centre-forward and, in fact, has said that he would like to be allowed to settle down at wing-half, where he was an outstanding success during the German tour.

On the other hand, Morton never minds a spell in the attack and, apart from playing there in Germany, he has not filled that place in a League match since December 15. Then, he had a few games at inside-left before reverting to right-half.

Pacey, who had to stand down on Saturday because of an ankle injury, has also resumed training.

The manager is to persevere with him as centre-forward in the Reserves after his display there for them in the second half against Crystal Palace last Wednesday.

Certainly he has the dash and football ability to succeed there.

Matthews Fit After Saturday's Match

WHEN Blackpool come here, the main question is always, "Is Stanley Matthews playing?"

Last season, he stood down from the match here, but from Blackpool yesterday, I heard that Matthews came through the match at Bolton without injury and is likely to be in the line-up. Blackpool have run into injury trouble which caused Scottish international centre-forward Jackie Mudie and inside-left David Durie to miss last Saturday's match.

This brought in ex-Headington United player Ken Smith in the middle and Derrick Lythgoe at inside-left.

Mudie And Durie On The Injured List

NEITHER achieved a great deal, but both Mudie and Durie are regarded as unlikely to be able to return tomorrow.

In that event, Smith and Lythgoe may retain their places, but consideration will probably be given to a 21-year-old South African, Brian Peterson, who was recommended to the club by Matthews. An inside-forward, he had several League games last season.

Smith is the only other recognised centre-forward on the

FOR THE RECORDS
ARSENAL..... 2
Groves (V), Holton.
LUTON TOWN..... 0
ARSENAL.—Kelsey;
Charlton, & Wills; Holton,
Fotheringham, Bowen; Clapton,
Herd, Groves (V),
Bloomfield, Haverly.
LUTON TOWN.—Baynam;
Dunne, Jones; Morton,
Owen, Pearce; Cullen,
Turner, Groves (J), Brown,
Adam.
Referee.—P. G. Brandwood, Kidderminster.
Attendance.—59,111.

books, so he may be given another chance in Mudie's absence.

Their team on Saturday was: Farm; Armfield, Wright; Kelly (J), Gratix, Fenton; Matthews, Taylor, Smith, Lythgoe, Perry.

Finish Was Lacking At Highbury

THE story of Highbury was one of disappointment to the large contingent of Town fans who made the journey, and it was mainly a question of lack of finishing power that caused the Town to leave both points behind.

Some of the football they played was pretty and attractive enough, but it was not taken to its logical conclusion, and the ball was worked across the field all too often.

Admittedly, Arsenal's defensive tactics of falling back on to their own goal and packing the penalty area made it difficult for a Town player to remain uncovered in a reasonable shooting position.

Down-The-Middle Thrust Missing

YET the fact remains that there was not sufficient directness about the Town's forward play, and certainly not sufficient challenge down the middle where Fotheringham was a long way from being a complete barrier.

Down-the-middle was expected to be the route the Town would use, but it rarely happened, and with Groves often moving to the wings, there was often no-one bearing on to the goal down the centre.

Nor were there sufficient attempts to draw the Arsenal defence out of position. Groves did so with Fotheringham to a certain extent, but the football as a whole took too long in which to develop decisively.

Speedy Winger Did The Main Damage

CERTAINLY the Town looked a more accomplished football side than their opponents in mid-field, but the fact remains that Arsenal got the goals and that most of the damage was done by the speedy, direct Clapton.

A winger of this type in the Town team might well have caused even this tight-covering Arsenal defence some trouble, but Cullen, though he had the beating of Wills and got across some useful material, was not really a raider.

Adam, fast in approach, while he made some good passes, did not cause the havoc he might have done had there been more deadliness in his final pass.

Turner Was Always Closely Watched

FOR much of the time we looked in vain for the thrusting runs of Turner and Brown, but they

seldom came, and the former was too well watched to have many chances of demonstrating his considerable shooting power.

In the second half Brown picked up a lot of loose balls near the centre line and, towards the end came right into the picture as a marksman, but, from the line as a whole, that final thrust was missing.

Yet, had their luck really been in, they would have had goals, as is instanced by the fact that Groves, Adam and Pearce all hit the woodwork.

Overcame Shock Of Early Setback

ONE success during the time when Arsenal's lead was limited to a single goal might well have been the means of turning the course of the game completely.

The Town got over the shock of losing a simple goal to Vic Groves four minutes after the start and had more of the play in the last 20 minutes before the interval.

Always there was the threat to draw level which never quite materialised, and their cause was dealt a deadly blow 20 minutes from the end, when inadequate covering for a free kick enabled Holton to blast a tremendous shot past Baynam.

Only Clapton Was A Source Of Trouble

MAIN highlights of a rather quiet match were provided by the defences, with both Kelsey and Baynam making saves of international class.

Apart from the trouble caused by Clapton, who gave Jones the sort of worrying afternoon he will want to forget, the Arsenal forwards did not make much impression on the Town defence.

Because of the strong work of Morton and Pearce, little was seen of the inside-forwards, and Owen was too good for Vic Groves.

Nor did as much threat come from Haverly as had been expected, which was a tribute to the work of Dunne.

Full-back Showed How To Score

NOT until Brendan McNally was moved up from full-back to centre-forward did Luton Reserves ever look like scoring against Ipswich Reserves on Saturday.

That happened at the start of the second half, when Luton were three goals down, and McNally's drive and tenacity brought him two goals and much credit.

Before his switch the Luton forwards had been pathetic. There was no method or zest about their play, and the nippy Ipswich attack had things very much their own way.

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THERE WERE TWO DEAD HEATS AT LUTON STADIUM ON SATURDAY

THERE were two dead-heats at Luton Stadium on Saturday—in the fourth and sixth races. Jim's Gift won the second race after starting at 8-1.

I (410 yards)—1 FLY MISS (6); 2, Ginger's Pal (4); 3, Powder Puff (5); 4, Bendigo (2); 5, Wild Robin (1); 6, Judy's Pet (3).
Bet: 2, 3, 6. 24.85. Off 6.46.
Betting: Evens—Powder Puff; 6-4 FLY MISS; 10-1 others.
Forecast £3/17/0.
II (470 yards)—1, JIM'S GIFT (1); 2, Old Sal (6); 3, Rio (3); 4, Belavista (4); 5, Pancho (5); 6, Pixie (2). 2, 4, 12, 1, dist. 27.87. Off 7.07.
Bet: 7-4 Rio; 2-1 Old Sal; 7-2 Pixie; 8-1 JIM'S GIFT; Pancho; 10-1 Belavista.
Forecast £3/15/9.

III (410 yards)—1, CORAL BEAD (2); 2, Bally's Son (4); 3, Valley Prince (1); 4, Outrider (3); 5, Pluto (6); 6, Wheezy (5). 4, head, 2, 8, 6. 24.47. Off 7.27.
Bet: 2-1 Valley Prince; 3-1 Bally's Son; 7-2 CORAL BEAD; 6-1 Pluto; 8-1 Outrider; Wheezy.
Forecast £2/8/0.

IV (410 yards)—1, SQUEAKER (3) and TINY TOT (5); 3, Rabbit (6); 4, Old Oak (4); 5, Marilyn (1); 6, Mowbray (2). Dead heat, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1. 24.42. Off 7.47.
Bet: 5-4 SQUEAKER; 5-2 TINY TOT; 4-1 Mowbray; 9-2 Marilyn; 6-1 Rabbit; 10-1 Old Oak.
Forecast 7/3, 10/6.

V (470 yards)—1, KINGSPARE (2); 2, Spirit (6); 3, Noddy (4); 4, Soldier Boy (5); 5, New Mexico (1); 6, Netta (3). 6, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1. 27.36. Off 8.08.
Bet: 7-4 Spirit; 5-2 KINGSPARE; 4-1 Netta; 9-2 Noddy; 5-1 Soldier Boy; 8-1 New Mexico.
Forecast £1/7/9.

VI (410 yards)—1, TONY TOKEN (2) and SAUCY JACK (4), dead heat; 3, Return Fare (5); 4, Mac Jack (6); 5, Yana (3). Dead heat, 1, 4, 8. 24.04. Non-runner: Loraine (1). Off 8.27.
Bet: 2-1 TONY TOKEN; SAUCY JACK; 5-2 Mac Jack; 9-2 Return Fare; 25-1 Yana.
Forecast 8/3, 7/6.

VII (470 yards)—1, RHAPSODY (5); 2, Ballerino (3); 3, Peral (6); 4, Lamplighter (4); 5, Pineapple (2); 6, Locket (1). 7, 1, 10, 1, 4. 27.28. Off 8.47.
Bet: 6-4 Locket; 3-1 Ballerino; 9-2 RHAPSODY; 5-1 Peral; Lamplighter; 10-1 Pineapple.
Forecast £1/18/9.

VIII (410 yards)—1, COUGH DROP (1); 2, Double R (6); 3, Orinthia (5); 4, Ryan's Rose (4); 5, Cracklings (2); 6, Tiffy (3). 1, 1, head, 1, 1, 6. 24.42. Off 9.06.
Bet: 2-1 Orinthia; 5-2 Cracklings; 7-2 Ryan's Rose; 4-1 COUGH DROP; 9-2 Tiffy; 6-1 Double R.
Forecast £4/7/6.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON TONIGHT

7.30 (410 yds).—651 Just Jake; 244 Lucky Jim; 443 Ray's Girl; 556 Rebecca; 522 Rob Roy; 466 Ron.
7.50 (470 yds).—226 Coq D'Or; 5 Emu; 453 Hi Gang; 462 Pen Sticks; 352 Picture Lady; 635 Swanee; reserve 5 Timothy.
8.10 (410 yds).—564 Black Pete; 654 Cookie; 336 Ian; 2 Mr Tap-Tocs; 224 Sugar Lass; 363 Sunpark.

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Birmingham C. v Newcastle Utd.
Blackpool v Arsenal
Everton v Chelsea
Leicester C. v Bolton W.
Luton T. v Wolves
Manchester Utd. v Leeds Utd.
Nottingham Forest v Manchester C.
Preston v Sheffield Wed.
Sunderland v Aston Villa
Tottenham H. v Burnley
West Brom. v Preston N.E.

DIVISION II
Barnsley v Swansea T.
Blackburn R. v Lincoln C.
Bristol C. v Leyton O.
Cardiff C. v Middlesbrough
Fulham v Liverpool
Grimsby T. v Doncaster R.
Huddersfield T. v Rotherham Utd.
Ipswich T. v Notts Co.
Sheffield Utd. v Bristol R.
Stoke C. v Charlton Ath.
West Ham v Derby Co.

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
Bournemouth v Torquay Utd.
Coventry C. v Watford
Exeter C. v Southampton
Gillingham v Newport Co.
Millwall v Port Vale

Norwich C. v Brentford
Q.P.R. v Brighton
Reading v Aldershot
Sheff. Wed. v Northampton T.
Southend Utd. v Colchester Utd.
Swindon T. v Plymouth A.
Walsall v Crystal Palace

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Accrington S. v Carlisle Utd.
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Bury v Southport
Chester v Bradford
Chesterfield v Hartlepool Utd.
Darlington v Tranmere R.
Gateshead v Souththorpe Utd.
Hall C. v Halifax T.
Mansfield T. v Wrexham
Oldham Ath. v York C.
Stockport Co. v Barrow
Workington v Crewe Alex.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
DIVISION I
Aberdeen v Hibernian
Clyde v East Fife
Falkirk v Celtic
Hearts v Dundee
Kilmarnock v Airdrieonians
Motherwell v St. Mirren
Queen's Park v Partick T.
Ruth R. v Third Lanark
Rangers v Queen of South

DIVISION II
Aithon R. v Brechin C.
Alloa v Arbroath
Berwick R. v Cowdenbeath
Dundee Utd. v Ayr Utd.
Dundee Utd. v Stirling A.
Forfar Ath. v Stenhousemuir
Montrose v Hamilton
Morton v East Stirling
Stranraer v St. Johnstone

SELECTIONS
TEN HOMES.—Birmingham, Manchester Utd., West Brom., Blackburn, Cardiff, West Ham, Reading, Southend, Bury, Workington.
FOUR AWAYS.—Aston Villa, Liverpool, Southampton, York.
THREE DRAWS.—Blackpool v Arsenal, Grimsby v Doncaster, Q.P.R. v Brighton.

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