

LUTON TOWN ACCEPT INVITATION TO PLAY IN ITALY

WILL VISIT MILAN IN THREE WEEKS' TIME To Give Experience Of The English Style By Chiltern

DURING the last few years, the Town have been extensive travellers, having played in most countries in Europe, but they are to break new ground next month when they will make their first appearance in Italy.

Recently, the Italy F.A. asked the Football Association if they could suggest a First Division team to play in Milan and the Town were among the clubs who were approached.

AFTER consideration, the Town agreed to make the trip to play on Wednesday, November 13, and have suggested flying out on the previous Monday and returning on the Thursday.

Object of this match which is to be played in Milan is to give the Italian footballers experience of the English style of football, preparatory to their World Cup match with Ireland on December 7.

On the face of things, it looks as if it might be the Italian national team the Town will be called upon to meet, but they are awaiting fuller details and all they know so far is contained in a message they received yesterday from the F.A. to the effect that the Italians have agreed to their nomination.

Play An Indication Of The Records

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY now share the decidedly doubtful distinction with Sunderland of being the lowest scorers in the First Division, with the Town only one goal better than them.

To a large extent, the forward play at Kenilworth-road was a sure indication of the fact that both teams are not prolific scorers and many likely opportunities were allowed to slip by.

Could Have Boosted Goal Average

CERTAINLY, the Town won comfortably enough in the end, but the margin in their favour could have been a lot bigger and they missed a good chance of improving materially their goal average.

Still these points, bringing the Town's total to 15 from 13 matches, were distinctly welcome and were certainly deserved.

Although the finishing of the forwards was a good deal from being all it might have been, there were some features of their play which gave encouragement

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to utilise the gap in defence which he spotted. In the past, McLeod has been somewhat chary about his right and this should encourage him. With Brown, the outside-left was the best of the Town forwards, showing speed, ability to beat an opponent and he pulled back some passes of which better use should have been made.

Goal Should Give Brown Confidence

IN previous matches in the middle, he has not been thrustful enough and although his role on Saturday was more a provider of chances than that of an opportunist, he scored a great goal five minutes from the end to clinch the points for the Town.

Accepted A Tailor-made Pass

ON the whole, the down-the-middle material he received was not really designed for goals, but he made no bones about accepting a tailor-made pass from Turner when his goal came.

Obviously, the heavier going will make a deal of difference to this strong player and the Town should feel the benefit, particularly when Turner recaptures something like his best form.

McLeod Was Always A Danger

IN accepting the chance, McLeod kept very cool and I was glad to see that he had the confidence to use his right foot

Not Out Of League XI On Club Form

AS things turned out, this was a minor blemish on another all-out display by Pearce who certainly has not been left out of the Football League team to meet the Irish League on the grounds of his form for the Town.

Trouble Could Have Come From Finney

SOME of the Wednesday work in midfield was quite neat, but it all seemed to lack a sense of urgency and Finney did not make the most of the openings he caused when he had a successful time against Jones, particularly in the first-half.

Wednesday Missed Two Good Chances

EVEN so, there were a couple of occasions when the defence was caught out of position and each could have been the means of putting the Wednesday very much back into this game.

Boxing 500 AT "LUX" TOURNAMENT 'Flu Won Many Of The Bouts

Because of Asian 'flu there had to be widespread changes in the programme at the Electrolux Recreation Club's amateur boxing tournament on Saturday. The crowd was smaller than usual, too, but about 500 people watched some very good bouts. The best bout was the four-round match between Paddy Cummins, of Electrolux, and I. Ellingham, of Luton Boys' Club. Cummins, the stronger all-round boxer, was a clear winner. Another thrilling clash involved R. Hutt, of Barnes and Mortlake B.C., and G. Thomas, of Cardiff. Hutt was trailing on points and had taken quite a battering when he caused a surprise by summoning all his resources, and putting every ounce of strength into a well-timed uppercut in the third round, to knock out his opponent.

For The Records LUTON TOWN 2 McLeod, Brown SHEFFIELD WED 0 LUTON TOWN: Baynam; Dunne, Jones; Morton, Owen, Pearce; Adams, Turner, Brown, Cummings, McLeod. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: Ellis; Martin, Bingley; Gibson, McEvoy, Hill; Finney, Quixall, Ellis, Froggatt, Broadbent. Referee: R E Smith, Newport, Mon. Attendance: 14,459.

Broadbent made a hash of a chance from no more than six yards out by volleying the ball too high. Other than those escapes the Town were not much in trouble defensively and Wednesday had a lot more close things at their end and were lucky that the Town did not rub it in quite considerably more than they did.

Query Remains, But Some Hopeful Signs

WHILE that query about finishing power has to remain, there were some more hopeful signs in attack and there is also the point that Turner's turn to get among the goals again must come.

Though Cummins had some quiet spells, he did much that was clever and useful and reminded us that he can shine as a marksman at times by pulling out two or three shots.

From Adams, there was not a repetition of the form he showed in the previous home match, partly because the ball was far more often on the other side of the field as the Town tried to cash in on McLeod's superiority over Martin.

Greasy Surface Was Tricky

WHEN the ball was pushed through in front of him, he showed quite impressive nippiness, but this was not an outstanding contribution. The line as a whole can move



Greyhound Racing

100-8 AND 8-1 WINNERS AT LUTON ON SATURDAY

THERE were three 8-1 winners and one at 100-8 at Luton Stadium on Saturday. The 100-8 success was Our Bob, in the second race, and the Tote dividend here was £14 18s. 3d.

I (410 yards).—1, FLY MISS (2); 2, King Sol (6); 3, Old Coat (4); 4, Joyful (5); 5, Tim's Pet (1); 6, Front Page (3), 4, 3, 2, 1. 24.83. Off 6.50. Betting: 6-4 FLY MISS, 7-2 King Sol, 4-1 Old Coat, Front Page, 5-1 Tim's Pet, 6-1 Joyful. Forecast £1 6s. 0d.

II (470 yards).—1, OUR BOB (6); 2, Persil (5); 3, Poppy (1); 4, Hi Gang (3); 5, New Mexico (2); 6, Smoky Joe (4), 3, neck, head, neck, 3. 28.32. Off 7.10. Betting: 2-1 Poppy, 3-1 New Mexico, 7-2 Persil, 5-1 Hi Gang, Smoky Joe, 100-8 OUR BOB. Forecast £14 18s. 3d.

III (410 yards).—1, DOUBLE R (6); 2, Outcast (3); 3, Rose Bud (4); 4, Westfield Boy (1); 5, Brenda's Pet (2); 6, Patrick M (5), 1, neck, 2, 1, 1. 24.81. Off 7.31. Betting: 9-4 Outcast, 5-2 Patrick M, 4-1 DOUBLE R, 5-1 Rose Bud, 6-1 Brenda's Pet, 7-1 Westfield Boy. Forecast £1 16s. 6d.

IV (470 yards).—1, TONTO (1); 2, Houghton Boy (4); 3, The Purse (3); 4, Oh, Effie (2), reserve; 5, White Rain (5); 6, Maid Marion (6), 2, 1, 1, 4, 6. 27.84. Non-runner, Shiner (2). Off 8.13. Betting: 2-1 Houghton Boy, 5-2 White Rain, 7-2 Oh, Effie, 4-1 The Purse, 8-1 TONTO, Maid Marion. Forecast £2 10s. 9d.

V.—470yds.: 1, SIMON (3); 2, Tom-Pom (2); 3, Some Cash (6); 4, Westbourne (4); 5, Cokey Boy (5); 6, Chub (1), 5, 1, 3, 2, 2. 25.52. Off 8.13. Betting: 2 Tom-Pom; 3 Some Cash, Westbourne, Cokey Boy; 6 Chub; 8 SIMON. Forecast: £4 7s.

VI.—410yds.: 1, RUMBA (5); 2, Phadadis (6); 3, Netta (4) (reserve); 4, Coniston (3), 5, 1, 4. 24.51. Non-runners: Pineapple (1), Nice Fella (2), Light and Light (4). Off 8.31. Betting: 4-6 Phadadis; 2 Netta; 4 RUMBA; 5 Coniston. Forecast: £1 4s. 3d.

VII.—470yds.: 1, RED RASCAL

more smoothly than this, but the state of the going was rather difficult because turning was a matter of some difficulty and there was a lot of slipping on the greasy surface at critical moments. While the Town have such a solid defensive foundation, results should come their way and the middle line is a particularly strong unit. Morton has taken on his old job again most confidently and just about put Froggatt out of the game.

Expected Danger Did Not Arrive

BEFOREHAND, quite a lot of danger had been anticipated from Broadbent who has something of a reputation as a tear-away winger with a liking for a crack at goal.

However, with his partner put out of the game and Dunne marking him closely, he received few opportunities and, in any case, his finishing was no better than that of his forward colleagues.

Not until a few hours before the match was it decided, after a test, that Dunne who had been out of training with a chill, was fit to play and he certainly gave no sign that his enforced lay-off from training had affected him adversely.

Jones Was Given A Worrying Time

TRYING both ways to stop Finney, first by "jockeying" and then by going straight into the tackle, Jones did not meet with a great deal of success with either.

However, Finney was not much in it after the interval because Jones marked him more closely.

On the whole, though, this was not Jones's day and he used the ball with nothing like his usual accuracy. There could have been no complaint from Baynam on the score of over-work.

What there was to do, he achieved with the minimum of fuss and maximum of confidence and his handling of the greasy ball was immaculate.

Head-shaking About Size Of The Gate

ABOUT the size of the attendance, quite the lowest of the season, there was much head-shaking afterwards and, even allowing for the lack of attraction of Sheffield Wednes-

day, at this moment, it was a match that should have pulled more people. The gate was nearly 6,000 lower than the next worst First Division crowd — 20,381 at Bolton — and on a fine, sunny afternoon, it is difficult to explain the apathy that seems to have afflicted the local fans.

Fifth Consecutive Win By Reserves

THERE has been an amazing transformation in the fortunes of the Town's reserve team who gained their fifth consecutive victory when they beat Charlton at The Valley on Saturday.

Three of these successes have been achieved away from home and they are playing excellent football at the moment.

Against quite an experienced Charlton side, they were well on top for most of the game, with inside - forwards, Cullen and Groves, serving up much good material, but it was Legate who claimed the main scoring honours, with three goals. Cullen obtained the other, and the Town won 4-1.

Outstanding Game By Pacey Again

ALTHOUGH the forwards were not so much on top later in the second half, there was never much hope of a Charlton revival because they

found the Town's defence completely adequate. Pacey again stood out in an accomplished half-back line, Ahern and Hawkes were competent full-backs, and Marsh, playing on the ground of his former club for the first time since joining the Town, did not have a great deal to do.

Big Disappointment For Vauxhall

DISAPPOINTMENT for Vauxhall Motors F.C. on Saturday was their dismissal from the F.A. Cup by fellow Spartan League, Wolverton. They lost 2-1, yet they had sufficient of the play to have won comfortably. It was their first defeat of the season. The Motors had weaknesses at inside-forward, where Graves was missed badly. Gatward was not a satisfactory deputy, and Thurbourne had a poor game. With their reconstructed forward line failing to "click," many scoring opportunities went begging and their only goal was obtained by Randall, who later had a goal disallowed. Wolverton, on the other hand, had only three real scoring chances, and accepted two of them.

CORRECTED RESULT

Because of a telephonic misunderstanding, the result of the Hellenic League match between Amersham Town and Dunstable Town was given in the "Green" as 4-4. In fact, Dunstable lost 4-3.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
DIVISION I	
Birmingham C v Bolton W	Burnley v Aston Villa
Chelsea v Arsenal	Manchester C v Luton T
Newcastle U v Wolves	Nottingham Forest v Blackpool
Portsmouth v Leicester C	Preston N.E. v Everton
Sheffield Wed v Sunderland	Tottenham Hotspur v Leeds
West Brom v Manchester U	
DIVISION II	
Bristol C v Notts Co	Cardiff C v Lincoln C
Charlton Ath v Fulham	Grimsby T v Blackburn R
Huddersfield T v Sheffield U	Leyton O v Swansea T
Liverpool v Bristol Rov	Middlesbrough v Derby Co
Rotherham U v West Ham	Stoke C v Ipswich T
DIVISION III (SOUTH)	
Bournemouth v Exeter C	Brentford v Swindon T
Colchester U v Millwall	Coventry C v Southend U
Crystal Palace v Plymouth A	Northampton T v Newport Co
Norwich C v Gillingham	Reading v Southampton
Shrewsbury T v Brighton	Thornaby U v Aldershot
Walsall v Q.P.R.	Watford v Port Vale
DIVISION III (NORTH)	
Accrington S v Hull C	Barrow v Mansfield T
Bradford v Wrexham	Bury v Bradford C

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