

BRUISED THIGH MUSCLE MAKES PACEY DOUBTFUL

BUT HOPES TO BE IN SEMI-FINAL TONIGHT

Defences Were On Top In Difficult Conditions

By CHILTERN

WHILE there is a good chance of Allan Brown being able to return to the Town's team at Newcastle on Saturday, he is not ready to be included in the side for tonight's Southern Floodlit Cup semi-final at Reading. So, Manager Dally Duncan is hoping to field the team that held Tottenham to a goalless draw, though there is some doubt about the fitness of Dave Pacey, who has quite severe bruising of the thigh muscle.

THIS he sustained in the first half on Saturday and, at half-time, he was given instructions to switch to centre-forward, with John Groves moving to left-half if he felt the trouble unduly. That did not become necessary, but his thigh was very stiff the following day and, yesterday, he was trying to run off the stiffness in training.

Whether or not he has succeeded depends to a marked extent on how deep the bruising is and it is conceivable that he will have to stand down. With Bob Morton still out of action, filling Pacey's place would cause something of a headache.

Southern Leaders Will Pose A Task

PROBABLY what would be done would be to pull Groves out of the forward line again and promote one of the members of the reserve team attack.

In meeting the Southern Section leaders before what is bound to be a big, highly partisan crowd, the Town will face no easy task and it is likely to be a dour sort of struggle and, with little sign of a change in the weather, conditions are likely to be every bit as difficult as they were on Saturday.

At this stage and in the position they are with regard to injuries, an extra match of this sort can be an embarrassment to the Town, who certainly cannot afford to have their injured list increased.

Are Finding Goals Difficult To Get

LIKE the Town, Reading have been finding goals scarce of late and, in their last six matches, they have found the net only five times, which does not suggest that the forward line will cause the Town defence a lot of trouble.

However, Third Division teams nearly always rise to the occasion when meeting a team from a higher division and this is a match which the Town cannot afford to take lightly if they are to qualify to meet either Portsmouth or Watford in the final.

What they want least, though, is a draw because these last weeks

FOR THE RECORDS
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
LUTON TOWN—Baynham; Dunne, Pacey; McGuffie, Groves; Cullen, McLeod.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR
—Ditchburn; Hills, Henry; Blanchflower, Norman; Ryden; Madwin, Brooks, Smith, Hamer, Jones.
Referee—E. T. Jennings, Stourbridge.
Attendance—22,357.

had far more of the play than their opponents. Just how Ditchburn prevented Adam from scoring twice in about a minute midway through the second half, no-one quite knew.

Dunne Was Very Nearly A Scorer

SOMEHOW, he got a hand to a full-blooded drive from the winger and the way in which he punched over a header immediately afterwards was equally brilliant.

His other severe test came when Dunne unexpectedly broke through to make a drive that might very easily have beaten a lesser goalkeeper than the giant Ditchburn.

Baynham had one or two trials, too, the most difficult being in strange circumstances when a clearance by Dunne ricocheted so sharply that the goalkeeper had to get down in a tremendous hurry.

Just once the ball was got into the net, from a well-placed low drive by Groves, who, however, was judged to be off-side, a decision about which there did not seem to be much cause for argument.

Spurs' Star Wingers Were Well Held

A PITY really that conditions were not kinder because this could have been a thriller. As it was, it was always full of

interest, with the teams rising above the conditions as well as could be expected. For those who expected something out of the ordinary from £35,000 Jones, there was disappointment because the winger, apart from being much neglected by his partner, Hamer, found Dunne a stumbling block and was seldom dangerous. Nor was Madwin, who was mainly responsible for the Town's defeat at White Hart Lane. This time he did not receive from Hamer the room he was given on that occasion and there was not a lot to worry about from the extreme wings.

Young Wing-halves Made The Grade

ALTOGETHER, the Town defence, which wears such a strange look these days, was very impressive against a vastly more experienced attack, and to those who were so highly critical about the Pearce deal, it must be becoming more clear why the Town felt that they could afford to let him go.

First Pacey came in to look real first-team material, and now there have been a couple of highly workmanlike displays from McGuffie who, whether marking Hamer or Brooks, did not let the reputations of these inside-forwards worry him.

Strong in the tackle, he was also very quick in recovery, and tried hard to be constructive.

Great Value Of Owen's Experience

CONSIDERING his handicap, Pacey came through extremely well, too, and with Owen again a dominant figure in the middle, there could certainly be no complaints about the half-back line.

Both McGuffie and Pacey are having the inestimable advantage of playing alongside Owen who is generating the defence so capably.

Had Owen not been in top form, the Town would have found Smith a thorn in their side and he was the one Tottenham forward who looked like scoring. Quickness on the part of Baynham twice in the first half

prevented the centre-forward from putting his side in the lead and he always required a deal of looking after.

Goalkeeping Was Top Quality

AS a whole, the defence looked well knit and behind them here was Baynham, always showing sound judgment and rivaling Ditchburn for top-class quality goalkeeping.

No-one tried harder than Turner to score that elusive goal and he was constantly seeking an open space, something that often took him wandering to the left wing in the second half. Once when he got clear, he tried to shoot from a much too severe angle and only his side-net, with colleagues waiting in a much better position.

However, he was generally the one Tottenham had most to worry about and yet it was Adam who came nearest to being the match-winner.

Finishing Was Not Crisp Enough

THE outside-right was good in patches and used the ball rather better than usual before the interval. Some inaccuracies crept in later, though, but due allowance had to be made for the conditions and the quickness of the tackling.

McLeod could not master the conditions, either, and was

mostly held, while Groves, responsible for some neat distribution was not really forceful enough and tended to be a little too deliberate.

However, there was some very good-looking approach work at times, but the finishing was not crisp enough and that was something that applied to Tottenham, too.

Gate Lower Than Had Been Expected

ALTHOUGH the attendance topped the 20,000 mark for the fifth time this season at Kenilworth-road, it was rather surprising that the figure was not higher especially in view of the advance interest there seemed to be in the match.

There was quite a following from London, too, and it began to look as if the Town are fated not to test the holding capacity of their ground this season, too.

If any team is calculated to fill the ground, then Tottenham are, and in view of that, the rate must be regarded as something of a disappointment, though, of course, there was not a great deal hanging on the result except, of course, that the players have a chance of getting amongst the talent money.

Advantage Nearly Slipped Away

AFTER building up a lead of three goals early in the first half at Northampton, the Town

Reserves nearly allowed their advantage to slip away from them and, in the end, were winners by the narrow margin of 4-3.

Dixon, Rowland and Whitby obtained their early goals during a brilliant spell during which the Town played some splendid football and it was not until just before half-time that Northampton were able to hit back and then it was with a scrappy, fortunate goal.

Twenty minutes from the end the home side pulled back to 3-2 and it was not until 87 minutes had gone that Gregory, who had switched into the middle for Dixon, really settled matters.

Margin Flattered Northampton

EVEN then, Northampton struck again with a goal with almost the last kick, but the final margin flattered them considerably.

There were times in the second half when the Town were struggling without real need and, despite the goals they conceded, the Town defence was sound, with Brice and Aherne steady and Kelly playing strongly in the middle.

From Cummins, the Town's best forward, there was some good distribution, Whitby and Rowland formed quite an effective wing and Gregory was lively at outside-left with limited support.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

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

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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)
Bournemouth v Newport Co.
Brentford v Southend Utd.
Colchester Utd. v Brighton.
Coventry C. v Plymouth A.
Crystal Palace v Exeter C.
Northampton T. v Millwall.
Norwich C. v Southampton.
Reading v Swindon Town.
Stamford Utd. v Aldershot.
Torquay Utd. v Q.P.R.
Walsall v Port Vale.
Watford v Gillingham.

DIVISION III (NORTH)
Accrington S. v Mansfield T.
Barrow v Southport Utd.
Burton v Gateshead.
Carlisle Utd. v Rochdale.

CHESTER v WORKINGTON
Chesterfield v Bradford C.
Hull T. v Bradford.
Hartlepool Utd. v Stockport Co.
Jhilmam Ath. v Darlington.
Southport v Crewe Alex.
Tranmere R. v Hull C.
York C. v Wrexham.

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

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

SELECTIONS
TEN HOME—Manchester C., Preston, Tottenham, Liverpool, Middlesbrough, Bournemouth, Shrewsbury, Burn, Carlisle, Oldham.
FOUR AWAY—Manchester Utd., Fulham, Plymouth, Scunthorpe.
THREE DRAWS—Burnley v Blackpool; Stoke v West Ham; Norwich v Southampton.

Greyhound Racing

Dr. Paddy And Outcast Were The Shock Winners

THERE were surprises in the last two races at Luton Stadium on Saturday. After a run of successes by the favourites Dr. Paddy was successful in the seventh race—at 6-1 and Outcast, an 8-1 chance, won the last event of the evening.

Gay Fox and Grannie shared first place in a dead-heat in the third race.

I (410 yards)—1. CRACKLINGS (5); 2. Office Boy (6); 3. Maisie's Pet (4); 4. Texas (1); 5. Madame X (2); 6. Bill's Blue (3). 12. 4. 3. 1. 24.63. Off 6.48.

Betting—Evens CRACKLINGS; 7-2 Madame X; 5-1 Texas; 6-1 Bill's Blue, Office Boy; 10-1 Maisie's Pet.
Forecast 19/9.

II (470 yards)—1. BLUE CROSS (1); 2. Sioux (6); 3. Very Useful (3); 4. Fawn Star (4); 5. Pancho (5); 6. Rose Bud (2). 4. 4. 1. 10. 27.94. Off 6.47.

Betting—6-4 BLUE CROSS; 5-2 Fawn Star; 4-1 Sioux; 5-1 Pancho; 6-1 Very Useful; 100-8 Rose Bud.
Forecast 11/2/6.

III (410 yards)—1. GAY FOX (2), reserve, and GRANNIE (4), dead-heat; 3. Tony Token (1); 4. Quaint (3); 5. Pea Sticks (6); 6. Tramp (5). Dead-heat, 2. 3. 8. 3. 24.36. Non-runner: Oh Effie (2). Off 7.44.

Betting—2-1 GRANNIE; 9-4 Tony Token; 5-1 GAY FOX; Quaint, Tramp; 8-1 Pea Sticks.
Forecast 11/12/6, 11/13/6.

IV (470 yards)—1. CONISTON (1); 2. Dandy (2); 3. Late Dol (3); 4. Farm Baby (4), reserve; 5. Bear Brand (5); 6. Arden Girl (6). 3. 4. 1. 1. 27.62. Non-runner: Flare (4). Off 7.43.

Betting—6-4 CONISTON; 3-1 Dandy; 4-1 Late Dol; 6-1 Farm Baby; Arden Girl; 8-1 Bear Brand.
Forecast 14/6.

V (410 yards)—1. NERVE TONIC (3); 2. King Sol (1); 3. Double R (2); 4. Persil (5); 5. Squeaker (4); 6. Blue Jet (6). 5. short head, 3. 7. 2. 24.08. Off 8.01.

Betting—7-4 Squeaker; 2-1 NERVE TONIC; 5-1 Blue Jet; Double R; 6-1 King Sol, Persil.
Forecast 14/2/0.

VI (470 yards)—1. ASH TRAY (2); 2. Can-Can (3); 3. Scatty (4); 4. Sorrowful (6); 5. Jean (5). 11. 1. 6. 10. 26.82. Off 8.19.

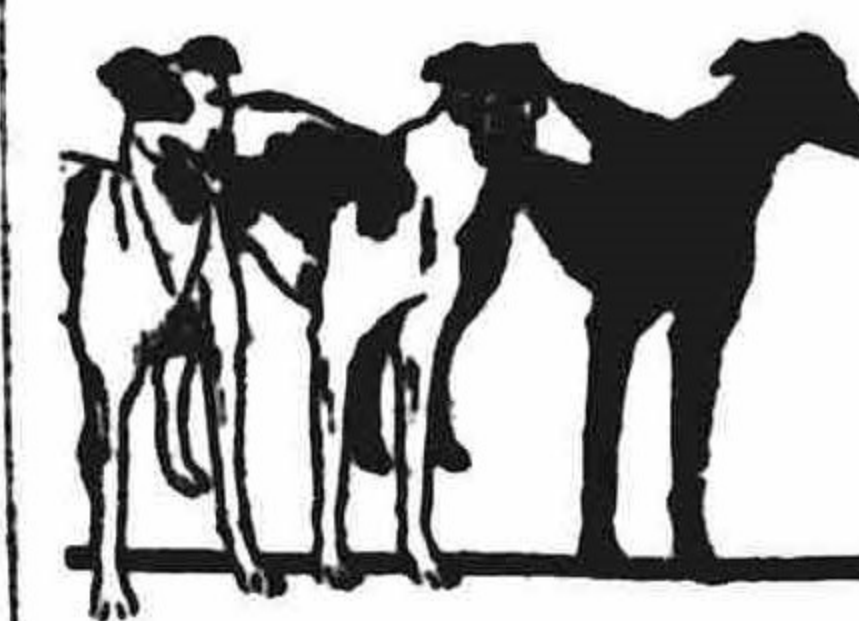
Betting—4-5 Can-Can; 7-2 ASH TRAY; Scatty; 5-1 Sorrowful; 10-1 Jean.
Forecast 11/7/6.

Non-runner: Easy Custom (1). Off 8.38.

Betting: 3-1 Lumpy, Totem; 7-2 Interpol, Drumbue; 4-1 Rhapsody; 6-1 DR. PADDY.
Forecast 15/3/6.

VIII (410 yards)—1. OUTCAST (3); 2. Timothy (5); 3. No Lights (4); 4. Hawk Eye (6); 5. Hi Gang (1); 6. Ekco (2), reserve. 4. 4. 2. 4. 4. 24.45. Non-runner: Late Rouble (2). Off 8.56.

Betting: 9-4 Hawk Eye; 7-2 Hi Gang; 3-1 No Lights; 4-1 Ekco; 5-1 Timothy; 8-1 OUTCAST.
Forecast 17/4/6.



RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON TONIGHT

7.30 (410 yds)—45 Blue Peter; 635 Good Intent; 211 Pukka Gen; 65 Quick Step (Mar 15, tp 6, 25.12); 666 Sweep; 21 Twink (Mar 20, tp 2, 25.09); 7.48 (470 yds)—65 Adios; 353 Balcerino; 245 Free Gift; 144 Olive; 422 Ray's Pet; 212 Valley Prince; reserve 336 Speedy Ash.

8.06 (410 yds)—Cindy (Mar 6, tp 2, 24.93, Mar 20, tp 3, 24.95); Cosmic (Jan 11, tp 4, 25.00, Jan 28, tp 4, 24.92, Mar 18, tp 1, 25.00); reserve 666 Lion's Head.

8.24 (410 yds)—1. Lillian B; 64 Frances (Mar 8, tp 4, 24.94); 364 Matchless; 55 Night Blues; 425 Rusty Boy; 635 Sheila's Choice; 8.44 (470 yds)—122 My Guinness; 241 Rejet; 636 Return Fare; 412 Ribot; 141 Scrapbook; 632 The Case.

9.04 (410 yds)—23 Baby Cham (Mar 8, tp 4, 24.13); 313 Grapefruit; 244 Michael Two; 223 My Goodness; 213 Semtex; 142 The Puma.

9.22 (470 yds)—333 Ever Ready; 115 Johnny B; 323 No Joke; 643 Our Babu; 233 Saxton Boy; 232 West Manor.

9.40 (410 yds)—11 Black Frier; 554 Phadada; 144 Puzzle; 333 Rasputin; 636 Rumba; 45 Shirley Jane (Mar 15, tp 2, 24.82).

SELECTIONS
7.30—Blue Peter (Sweep, Twink)
7.48—Adios (Balcerino, Valley Prince)
8.06—Gina (nap) (Cosmic, Dixie)
8.24—Night Blues (Rusty Boy, Sheila's Choice)
8.44—Scrapbook (My Guinness, Ribot)
9.04—Same Cash (Grapefruit, Baby Cham)
9.22—Johnny B (No Joke, Saxton Boy)
9.40—Phadada (Rasputin, Black Frier)

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