

INJURIES HAVE HIT THE TOWN HARD AGAIN

BROWN'S RECURRENCE OF ANKLE DAMAGE

By Chiltern

JUST what the Town wanted to avoid happened to them this week-end when, in the first of their holiday stint of three matches, they had both Allan Brown and Dave Pacey laid aside through injury.

Brown's trouble is a recurrence of ankle damage and not only was he out of the side at Leicester yesterday, but he is extremely doubtful for Saturday and this latest slice of bad luck seems to have killed his chance of earning a Scottish cap against England on Saturday week.

WITH a much changed team, the Town ended their bad run on Monday by overcoming Leicester City 2-1, but for holiday entertainment this rated on a very low plane.

Admittedly the pitch was humpy and sticky, but that could not explain half the mistakes that were made and the consistent way in which bad passes cropped up.

The forward play of both sides was very poor and the chief reason the Town won was the strength of their half-backs, coupled with the opportunism of Gregory who made a comeback to the first team with a couple of goals.

Justified Their Inclusion

ALSO recalled was Cummins, who laid on both chances, so both could be said to have justified their inclusion.

However, apart from his goals Gregory did not accomplish much and Cummins fell into the all too familiar trap of trying to do too much with the ball.

At the same time, there were occasions when he looked a cut above in class of other inside-forwards on view.

Even more slowing up came from Adam who was not content with beating a couple of opponents, but tried to go even further and his finishing was poor in the extreme.

Had he been more alive to the urgency of things, he would have obtained a couple of goals in the second half and so saved the Town the struggle they had to make late in the game.

Injury Handicap To Leicester

WHEN Gregory from point-blank range scored the first goal from Cummins's cross, 22 minutes had gone and it was not until 13 minutes from the end that the next goal came.

Then Gregory swung on to a through pass by Cummins from the edge of the penalty area and the ball flew past an astonished McLaren.

Before that, Leicester had had bad luck in losing the effective services of Baillie, who damaged an ankle 10 minutes after half-time and had to switch to outside-left, with Rowley moving to left-back.

Showed Fight Near The End

NOT until they suffered this handicap did they really show the fighting spirit that their lowly position demanded and there were some close calls at the Town end, including two great saves by Baynham, who

was back to his brilliant best in this match.

Even so, their rally enabled them to get right back into the game nine minutes from the end when Hines headed a cross from Walsh wide of Baynham's left hand.

Unfortunately for Leicester, shortly afterwards, Walsh, their most dangerous forward, overreached himself and pulled a muscle. He was carried off and that is the end of his active football this season.

Forward Changes—No Improvement

EVEN so, Leicester were not all that far away from saving a point in the end and certainly could have done so had they shown a more business like approach earlier.

On the run of play there was no doubt that the Town deserved to gain their first win for seven matches, but there was no sign that the forward changes, some enforced, had brought improvement.

Turner is in a bad patch and apart from two or three shots that McLaren saved well, did little.

Nor did Whitby maintain the form he showed in the previous matches and it may be that the strain of four hard games in eight days was too much for him.

Groves Came Back To Form

PLEASE feature to me was the work of the middle line in which Groves found his form again in a fashion that suggests forcibly that left-half is his best position.

He seems happier when facing the ball, was strong in the tackle, and this was something in which McGuffie stood out.

He had a most successful match, as did Owen who, although he stood down at Leicester yesterday, certainly shows no sign that his career is nearing its end.

Dunne had some trouble with Hogg in the first half, but, with Eire selectors watching both him and Cummins, came through well and Hawkes's display was an improvement on some he has given recently. But for Bank Holiday fare, this was poor stuff.

Chelsea Were Much The Stronger

SHEER physical strength, plus the fact that they were able to rise to the occasion and accept a couple of scoring chances was the main reason that Chelsea went away with two

points from Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

On a heavy pitch, this was a match that the Town never looked other than winning until they reeled under two hammer blows dealt them in the course of a minute early in the second-half.

They were out of luck, I thought, when the first goal came because there seemed no basis at all for the award of a corner which was the forerunner of this vital first success.

Two Goals In A Purple Patch

A SHOT from Tindall seemed to go right through without touching anybody and, certainly, Baynham was never near enough to suggest that he had deflected it.

Despite appeals, the referee decided it was a corner and, from this, Brabrook headed through with Dunne, standing on the goal-line, just failing to reach the ball.

A minute later and the game was as good as over because Brabrook sent over a tailor-made centre that Tindall nodded through.

Until this purple patch, Chelsea had not suggested that they had sufficient finishing power to win this match.

Struck The Cross Bar Twice

ALL the threat had come from the Town, but not the thrust in front of goal to match some good approach work.

Yet, they had some ill-fortune, particularly when Brown struck the bar and again early in the second-half when Turner made a flying header from a Brown cross that suffered a similar fate.

A few inches lower in either case and the Town would have been well on the way to ending their bad spell.

However, in the main they were a little too delicate in their approach in these conditions and they certainly received no quarter from the Chelsea defence.

Spoiling Tactics Upset Town

RIGHT through, Chelsea used spoiling tactics, not hesitat-

For The Records

SATURDAY

LUTON TOWN 0, CHELSEA 2
Brabrook, Tindall.
LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Hawkes; McGuffie, Owen, Pacey; Whitby, Turner, Brown, Groves, McLeod.

CHELSEA: Matthews; Sillett, Bellett; Mortimore, Scott, Saunders; Brabrook, Gibbs, Tindall, Stubbs, Groves.
Referee: P. G. Brandwood, Kidderminster. Attendance: 15,268.

MONDAY

LUTON TOWN 2, GREGORY (2)
LEICESTER CITY 1
Hines

LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Hawkes; McGuffie, Owen, Groves; Whitby, Turner, Gregory, Cummins, Adam.

LEICESTER CITY: McLaren; Milburn, Baillie; Morris, King, Walker, Riley, Walsh, Hines, Rowley, Hogg.
Referee: A. Bond, London. Attendance: 14,758.

out of their stride by the rugged play of Chelsea.

The forward line had a lopsided look because of the ineffectiveness of the left-wing pair of whom McLeod paid the penalty on Monday when he was relegated to the reserve team.

Maybe the switching about that Groves has undergone recently has affected his form, but he had another poor day and little came from this flank.

Nor is Turner at his best just now, though he was always as likely as anybody to score and that left Whitby and Brown as the best of the attack.

Whitby Was A Big Success Again

WHITBY could develop into one of the best local discoveries the Town have made and his use of the ball in this match was very good.

Sensibly, he concentrated on parting with the ball to good effect and he was a marked improvement on any right winger the Town have had this season.

Unfortunately Brown, who led the line in convincing style, was injured again during the second-half but before that he had done sufficient to put the Town on the victory path had the finishing been up to standard.

Owen Is Standing An Added Strain

STANDING out in defence again was Owen who is hav-

ing to put up with the added strain of helping to counteract the inexperience with which he is surrounded.

McGuffie and Pacey did a good job with limitations, but they never really dominated the scene and the absence of Morton continues to be a handicap to the Town.

Hawkes is having something of a struggle just at the moment and he found Brabrook a rare handful all the way through.

Dunne was the more successful and Baynham was more like his old confident self than he has been in the last couple of matches.

Reserves Drew On Friday

THE first of the Town Reserves' holiday matches was a pretty disappointing affair, and after a very drab sort of game at Kenilworth-road they shared the points with West Ham Reserves.

A late goal by George Cummins secured the point. Smillie had given the visitors the lead after only five minutes and although Gregory equalised just after the interval it was not long before Lewis put them in front again.

The Luton forward line was very disjointed, with some sparkle from the wings, but poor finishing by Adam prevented him from being as effective as he should have been. Shanks

was in lively mood on the left wing and Kelly was the pick of the defence.

Saturday's game at Chelsea was postponed because the pitch was unfit.

Although West Ham included five 16-year-olds in their team on Monday, they were too strong for a disorganised Luton side, who went down 3-0, all the goals coming from Lewis, the Hammers' reserve centre-forward. Luton were never in the game and Eddie Marsh saved them from a heavier defeat.

Cup Surprise For Vauxhall

FOR Vauxhall the Easter week-end brought four Spartan League points—they beat both Wood Green and Rayner's Lane—but on Monday, at Arlesey, they disappointed when, even after extra time, they were held to a draw by Stotfold in the final of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup.

Vauxhall were disappointing, although they had far more of the play and should have won easily. Even when Stotfold were without their goalkeeper for a quarter of an hour in the second half the Motors could not force home the winner. Biggs gave Vauxhall an early lead but Kitchener equalised for the South Midlands League side before the interval.

An injury to Tomlinson, who moved out to the wing, did not help Vauxhall's cause, but can scarcely be offered as an alibi.

LOOK FOR THIS SEAL



WEST END

FINAL

is the Latest

EVENING STANDARD

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

DIVISION I

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

DIVISION II

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

DIVISION III (SOUTH)

Bournemouth v Plymouth
Bristol v Southampton
Colchester Utd v Newport Co
Exeter C v Swindon T
Fulham v Southampton
Gillingham v Exeter C
Havant & Waterlooville v Portsmouth
Reading v Gillingham
Sheff Wed v Millwall
Torquay Utd v Brighton
Walsall v Aldershot
Widford v Q.P.R.

DIVISION III (NORTH)

Accrington S v Darlington
Burton v Crewe Alexandra
Cardiff v Hull C
Leeds v Scunthorpe Utd

Carlisle Utd v Stockport Co
Chester v Gateshead
Chesterfield v Mansfield T
Hartlepool Utd v Bradford C
Oldham Ath v Wrexham
Southport v Halifax T
Tranmere R v Workington
York C v Rochdale

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION I

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

DIVISION II

Albion R v Forfar Ath
Arbroath v Hamilton
Ayr Utd v Cowdenbeath
Brechin C v St Johnstone
Dumbarton v Stirling A
Dundee Utd v Montrose
Dunfermline v Stranraer

SELECTIONS

TEN HOME.—Manchester C, Preston, West Brom, Charlton, Grimsby, Liverpool, Colchester, Reading, Accrington, Barrow.

FOUR AWAYS.—Wolves, Bristol R, Swindon, Hull.

THREE DRAWS.—Newcastle v Arsenal; Middlesbrough v Blackburn; Crystal Palace v Southend.

Gay Fox Was The Easter Sweepstake Winner

GAY FOX won the £40 Easter Sweepstake final at Luton on Monday evening.

Heat I (410 yards)—1, NO REPLY (5); 2, Rose Bowl (1); 3, Stroller (4); 4, Powder Puff (2); 5, Ballerino (6); 6, Quick Step (3); 7, 4, 1, 6, 25.15. Off 6.45.
Betting: Evans NO REPLY; 4-1 Stroller; 5-1 Rose Bowl, Ballerino; 6-1 Powder Puff; 8-1 Quick Step.
Forecast £1/16/6.

Heat II (470 yards)—1, RED LEATHER (5); 2, Cindy (6); 3, Freddy's Pet (2); 4, Battle Cry (4); 5, Melbourne (1); 6, Pluto (3); 21, 5, 2, 3, 4, 28.88. Off 7.03.
Betting: 2-1 Cindy; 3-1 Battle Cry; 9-2 Melbourne; 5-1 RED LEATHER, Pluto; 10-1 Freddy's Pet.
Forecast £2/0/6.

Heat III (410 yards)—1, PAGE ONE (6); 2, Hi Gang (1); 3, Wheezy (5); 4, Cracklings (4); 5, Frances (2); 5, 3, 8, 1, 25.28. Non-runner: Sugar Lass (3). Off 7.26.
Betting: 7-4 Wheezy; 7-2 Hi Gang, Frances; 4-1 PAGE ONE; 8-1 Cracklings.
Forecast £2/7/9.

Heat IV (410 yards)—1, LAXTON SUPERB (4); 2, Michael Two (6); 3, Return Fare (1); 4, Donna (2); 5, Ian (5); 6, Flare (3); 8, 8, 2, 10, 1, 24.41. Off 7.45.
Betting: 4-6 LAXTON SUPERB; 5-2 Michael Two; 7-1 Return Fare; 10-1 Donna, Flare; 20-1 Ian.
Forecast 8-1.

Heat V (410 yards)—1, GAY FOX (5); 2, Molly's Pet (2); 3, Lumpy (3); 4, Dr Paddy (6); 5, Totem (4); 6, Saxton Boy (1); 7, 11, 6, 1, 1, 25.08. Off 8.05.
Betting: 2-1 GAY FOX; 3-1 Lumpy; 4-1 Molly's Pet; 6-1 Saxton Boy; 10-1 others.
Forecast 18/6.

Heat VI (410 yards)—1, CONSOLATION FINAL—1, RASPUTIN (3); 2, Timothy (4); 3, Persil (6); 4, Arden Girl (2); 5, Lopsy Lugs (5); 11, 2, 1, 3, 25.48. Non-runner: Panther (5). Off 8.24.
Betting: Evens Persil; 2-1 RASPUTIN; 5-1 Timothy; 6-1 Arden Girl; 7-1 Lopsy Lugs.
Forecast £2/13/9.

Heat VII (470 yards)—1, SNOWEY (6); 2, Skid (4); 3, Some Cash (2); 4, Baby Cham (5); 4, 10, 11, 27.82. Non-runners: Cheerful (1); Houghton Boy (3). Off 8.40.
Betting: 4-5 SNOWEY; 7-2 Skid, Baby Cham; 5-1 Some Cash.
Forecast 8/9.

Heat VIII (410 yards)—1, PUZZLE (1); 2, Valley Prince (5); 3, Gay Miller (4); 4, Matchless (2); 5, Rumba (3); 6, Outcast (6) reserve; 5, 1, 8, 5, dist. 25.37. Non-runner: No Joke (6). Off 8.58.
Betting: 2-1 PUZZLE; 3-1 Rumba, Gay Miller; 5-1 Valley Prince; 8-1 others.
Forecast £1/11/0.

MORNING MEETING
Heat I (410 yards)—1, GAYNOR (4); 2, Texas (5); 3, Pukka Joe (6); 4, Good Intent (1); 5, Twink (3); Head, neck, 1, 4, 26.18. Non-runner: Maise's Pet (2). Off 11.11.
Betting: 2-1 GAYNOR; 3-1 Pukka Joe; 9-2 Texas, Good Intent; 8-1 Twink.
Forecast £1/3/0.

EASTER SWEEPSTAKE HEATS
(410 yards)
Heat I: 1, TOTEM (3); 2, Timothy (5); 3, Hawk Eye (1); 4, Ecco (6); 5, Interpol (2) reserve; 6, Smoky Joe (4). Off 11.15. Non-runner: Black Friar (2). Off 11.31.
Betting: 5-4 Timothy; 3-1 Hawk Eye; 9-2 TOTEM; 5-1 Interpol; 6-1 Ecco; 10-1 Smoky Joe.
Forecast £1/13/0.

Saturday Results

Heat II: 1, DR. PADDY (1); 2, Rasputin (2); 3, No Lights (3); 4, Double R (6); 5, West Manor (5); 2, 2, 4, 2, 25.13. Non-runner, The Orphan (4). Off 11.49.
Betting: 9-4 Double R, West Manor; 5-2 Rasputin; 6-1 No Lights; 8-1 DR. PADDY.

Forecast £4/5/0.
Heat III: 1, LUMPY (2); 2, Panther (4); 3, Squeaker (3); 4, Shirley Jane (1); 5, Blue Jet (6); 6, Tony Token (5). Head, short head, head, 5, 8, 25.05. Off 12.09.
Betting: 7-4 Panther; 5-2 Blue Jet; 5-1 LUMPY; 6-1 Squeaker; 7-1 Tony Token; 8-1 Shirley Jane.
Forecast £2/14/9.

Heat IV—1, SAXTON BOY (1); 2, Lopsy Lugs (3); 3, Rhapody (6); 4, Robin Hood (5); 5, Tramp (4). Head, 1, 2, 3, 25.25. Non-runner: Sioux (2). Off 12.30.
Betting: 6-4 SAXTON BOY; 9-4 Rhapody; 4-1 Tramp; 7-1 Robin Hood; 10-1 Lopsy Lugs.
Forecast £1/3/9.

Heat V—1, MOLLY'S PET (2); 2, Persil (4); 3, Kingstare (1); 4, Scrapbook (5); 5, Coniston (6); 6, Rusty Boy (3); 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 25.45. Off 12.50.
Betting: 5-4 MOLLY'S PET; 4-1 Persil, Scrapbook; 5-1 Coniston; 7-1 others.
Forecast £1/2/3.

Heat VI—1, GAY FOX (2); 2, Arden Girl (6); 3, Grannie (5); 4, Spirit (3); 5, Drumbie (1); 2, 1, 1, 1, 25.03. Non-runner: King Sol (4). Off 1.09.
Betting: Evens GAY FOX; 2-1 Grannie; 5-1 Arden Girl; 8-1 others.
Forecast £1/5/6.

Heat VII (410 yards)—1, PEA STICKS (6); 2, Gladstone (2); 3, Johnny B. (1); 4, Call Boy (5); 5, Dare Not (4); 6, Tudor Jinks (3); 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 25.27. Off 1.27.
Betting: 7-4 Gladstone; 5-2 PEA STICKS; 3-1 Dare Not; 5-1 Call Boy; 8-1 others.
Forecast £2/4/6.

SATURDAY RESULTS
Heat I (410 yards)—1, MADAME X (3); 2, No Reply (1), reserve 10-11; 25.48. Off 6.46.
Also ran: Miss Patience, Blue Peter, Bill's Blue, Cry Wolf.
Forecast £2/19/3.

Heat II (470 yards)—1, NIGHT BLUES (3); 4-6; 2, Olive (4) 9-2; 28.31. Off 7.05.
Also ran: Hi Gang, Interpol.
Forecast 13-9.

Heat III (410 yards)—1, WESTFIELD BOY (2) 5-1; 2, Parley-Vous (6) 5-4; 25.84. Off 7.23.
Also ran: Junior, Cosmetic, Hay Time, Gina.
Forecast £3/3/9.

Heat IV (470 yards)—1, JIMP (4) 6-4; 2, Bartholomew (5) 11; 28.26. Off 7.41.
Also ran: Our Babu, Sorrowful.
Forecast £1/12/6.

Heat V (410 yards)—1, SCATY (4) 10-11; 2, Cokey Boy (5) 5-4; 24.45. Off 7.57.
Also ran: Nice Fella.
Forecast 5/3.

Heat VI (410 yards)—1, GAMBIER (1) 2-1; 2, Satellite (5) 5-4; 25.02. Off 8.13.
Also ran: Panther, Shirley Jane.
Forecast 11-9.

Heat VII (470 yards)—1, FAITH (5) 2-1; 2, Socks (6) 5-4; 28.64. Off 8.31.
Also ran: Donna, Lumpy, Squeaker, Our Bob.
Forecast 18/3.

Heat VIII (410 yards)—1, HAWK EYE (6) 5-1; 2, Outcast (1) 6-1; and Drumbie (4) 9-2, dead heat; 25.28. Off 8.51.
Also ran: Sheila's Choice, Farm Baby.
Forecast £1/18/6, £1/4/0.