

TOWN'S TOUR PARTY IS AS CHOSEN ORIGINALLY

THERE WAS A SCARE ABOUT TURNER

Defeat At West Bromwich But Town Played Better

By Chiltern

ALTHOUGH there was a bit of a scare on Sunday when Gordon Turner was complaining about a severe sore throat, the 16 players who were nominated before the week-end left for the first stage of their sea and road journey to Western Germany early this morning.

Turner was feeling seedy before the match at West Bromwich and, in addition, received a knock on a knee during the first half which, however, will yield to treatment quickly.

THE party is breaking its journey tonight about 100 miles from the Hook of Holland and will reach their headquarters, which are 11 miles from Hanover, some time tomorrow.

Their first game is in Hanover on Thursday, and it is likely that the Town will have the benefit of the services of Allan Brown, who told me on Saturday that his ankle has mended and that he could have played at The Hawthorns "at a pinch."

However, the Town preferred to make certain of his fitness for the tour, and the same applied to Dave Pacey.

Albion Did Better With Only 10 Men

QUITE remarkable was the way in which West Bromwich overcame the handicap of having Whitehouse, their outside-right, carried off with a badly twisted ankle in the 55th minute of the match at the Hawthorns on Saturday.

At that stage, the Town were leading deservedly by 2-1, but so well did the Albion's ten men fight that, in the course of a hectic 19

FOR THE RECORDS

WEST BROM ALBION 4
Howe, Lee (2),
Allen (pen.)

LUTON TOWN 2
Turner 2, (one a pen.)

WEST BROM ALBION:
Jackson; Howe, Williams
(G.); Dudley, Barlow,
Sutton; Whitehouse, Robson,
Allen, Kevan, Lee (G.).

LUTON TOWN: Bay-
nam; Dunne, Hawke;
Groves, Kelly, McGuffie;
Cullen, Turner, Gregory,
Cummins, Whitby.

Referee: B. A. E. Buchin,
Peterborough. Attendance:
20,300.

minutes, they turned this deficit into a decisive 4-2 lead.

Their reaction to their misfortune was to use Allen as an outside-right, leaving the middle to whichever forward happened to be in a position to force his way through it.

Found More Room In Which To Operate

THEIR four forwards were much more effective than the original line-up, perhaps because they found themselves with more room in which to operate, and they certainly drew from some hidden reserve a great deal of determination and fighting spirit.

Of course, they had something to fight for, too, because they knew that Manchester City, their rivals for fourth-place talent money, were down at half-time to Aston Villa, and the final success of their near neighbours, combined with their own great rally, assured them of a very useful extra bonus.

Town's Improvement In Attack

ALTHOUGH they finished on the losing end, the Town gained a considerable amount of credit for a much-improved display, particularly in the first half when they were the more cohesive, more effective side and, they would have built up a bigger lead.

With Turner showing splendid footwork, probing all the time and gaining a good understanding with Gregory, the Town looked far more dangerous in attack than they have in most recent matches.

Their first goal was from the penalty-spot immediately after the Albion had had a penalty appeal for hands by Kelly turned down.

Equaliser Came From A Full-back

BARLOW was not so fortunate when he committed a flagrant breach of the rules to stop a pass from Cullen reaching Gregory, and Turner did the rest from the penalty spot.

There could have been another goal when Gregory finished a

brilliant run with a terrific left-foot drive that beat Jackson, only for the ball to strike the head of Williams, who was on the goal-line.

When Albion equalised after 38 minutes it was in completely unexpected style, with the scorer being full-back Howe, with a long shot following a free kick.

Baynam got both hands to the ball, but had not his body squarely behind it, and it spun out into the net.

Turner's 33rd League Goal Of The Season

ALMOST immediately the Town regained the lead, when a badly-placed corner by Whitby struck the outside of the near post, low down, and came off at an angle that completely foxed the defence.

It went to Turner, who wasted no time in thudding the ball into the roof of the net to record his 33rd League goal of the season.

Once again, early in the second half, the Town nearly increased their lead when Whitby, from the inside-right position, made a shot that Jackson saved only with extreme difficulty. Then came the injury to Whitehouse, and the transformation of the scene.

Baynam Caught Out Of Position

WHITEHOUSE had been off the field for only four minutes before the equaliser came, following a corner on the right.

The ball was pulled back to somewhere near the edge of the six yards line at the far post and, mistakenly, Baynam went for it. In the event, he never got anywhere near it, and Robson was there to nod the ball into the middle for Lee to head through, with Baynam completely out of position.

That was the start of the trouble for the Town, but they might very well have hung on to a point, but for a penalty decision that went against them in the 68th minute.

Town's Protests At Penalty Decision

DURING a mix-up inside the penalty area, Setters went down and there was some confusion when the referee stopped play.

According to some Town players, Albion were appealing because they thought the award was a free kick against them, and Turner, who was said to be the offender, strenuously denied afterwards that he had committed a foul.

Despite the Town's protests, the referee was adamant in his award of a penalty, and from it Allen put Albion into the lead for the first time.

Jackman Spoilt A Chance For Turner

AN excellent chance of securing an equaliser and, at the same time, of completing a hat-trick, fell to Turner when

Cricket In Brief

NORTHWOOD HILLS: 61 (J Turberville 34, 1 Davison 6 for 18, P Williams 4 for 25). LUTON TOWN SUNDAY XI: 62 for 3 (K Brazier 26, R Lowings 16 not out, F Winstanley 13).

LUTON SCHOOLMASTERS 75 (J Brendish 26, J Gregory 16, D Pennington 8 for 38), HILL END 74 (J Brendish 5 for 16, J Ginfier 4 for 25).

CHILTERN 39 (H Thornele 3 for 4, B Ginner 3 for 11, B Lamb 2 for 8), LAPORTE: 41 for 8 (D Gilder 13, C Hicks 5 for 8, T Scott 3 for 18).

NAPIER/ENG. ELECTRIC: 81 (D Denchfield 27, J Tittle 18, Bowen 4 for 31, Schofield 3 for 11).

HUNTING AIRCRAFT: 82 (Lennon 33, R Standing 4 for 29).

HUNTING AIRCRAFT 56 (L Godfrey 4 for 19, B Simpson 3 for 8, R Nicholls 3 for 17), HEXTON 34 (A Miller 5 for 11, J Ginn 3 for 18).

'PICTORIAL' WEEK-END SPORTS SPECIAL

Whitby split the defence with a quick pass.

Turner was left with a clear run to goal, looked certain to score, but Jackman came right to the edge of the penalty area to smother Turner's attempt to hook the ball over his head.

Perhaps if he had cracked the ball the Town would have been level, but the quickness of the goalkeeper must have been a bit disconcerting and Jackman certainly did extremely well to extricate his side from this threat.

Lee's Goal Finally Settled The Issue

THE end for the Town came with 11 minutes still left, when Lee crept into the middle effectively again to side-foot into the net from close range a through pass from Dudley.

That concluded a truly wonderful fight back in circumstances that would have knocked the stuffing out of some teams.

About the play, there was little to suggest that this was the end of a long season, because it was a hectic fight, with neither team sparing themselves in the tackle.

In this, Albion were very strong, particularly in the middle line, despite the absence of Kennedy.

Turner Better Than England Players

HAD Turner been able to show his first-half form consistently in the past weeks, there is little doubt that he would be in England's World Cup 40 and, certainly he looked a much better player than either Robson or Kevan, who have been chosen.

Captain for the day, he set his side a fine example and was always a danger.

In the first-half, too, Gregory gave what was perhaps his best

display this season in the senior team.

He moved more smoothly, controlled the ball quickly and, generally, was unfortunate not to appear in the scorers list.

Later, he did not receive the same support, with the Town mostly back on the defensive against the fury of the Albion attack.

Weakness Was On The Extreme Wings

FROM Cummins, too, there was an improved display and, apart from using the ball effectively and in much of his own style, he did a lot of work in mid-field and was always fighting for the ball.

It was on the extreme wings that the Town's weakness lay. Cullen had a very quiet match indeed, and the experience of England's right-back was too much for Whitby, who only got clear of his attentions when he moved inside.

Experienced, direct wingers are number one priority for the start of next season.

Groves Shone Again At Wing-half

UNTIL the home attack was depleted, the Town defence had looked completely assured and at home against Albion's star-studded inside trio.

Groves had another outstanding game at right-half to give just one more reason why he should be persevered with there permanently.

Hard in the tackle, he was pushing the ball through continually and with considerable accuracy.

On the other flank, McGuffie was effective against Robson, but needs to pay some attention to his heading of the ball which is not a strong point at the moment.

Kelly was a workmanlike, rugged deputy for Owen and gave a very sturdy display.

Should Have Used Spare Man Better

OF the full-backs, Dunne was the better, even though he did "lose" Lee a couple of times when goal, came, though the Town should have been able to make better use of the spare man they had after the departure of Whitehouse.

With him, Hawkes had not had much trouble, but he found his hands full when opposed by Allen, who was often helped by Dudley and even Howe coming through with the ball.

A mistake by Baynam is a rare occurrence and two in a match costing goals even more rare. However, there were these two slips as a blemish on what was otherwise a splendid ex-



Goalmouth tangle between the Westwood and Aeronautics' players during Saturday afternoon's 21st annual six-a-side hockey tournament organised by Vauxhall Motors' Hockey Club. About 60 teams competed.—G.S.06R.

hibition that included two wonder saves from Kevan.

Reserves Missed Scoring Chances

HAD the Town Reserves worn their shooting boots they would have beaten Portsmouth Reserves far more comfortably than they did on Saturday.

The result was a 2-1 win for the Town, but it could quite easily have been 6-1. Chances galore were missed — easy chances, too, and the main culprit was centre-forward Dixon who, try as he did, simply could not get any power behind his shots.

In a typical, end-of-season scramble Luton went in front in the 30th minute, through Legate who fastened on to a quickly taken free-kick by Dixon, took the ball on a few yards and banged it past the oncoming Barnett.

Adam Was Town's Shining Light

WITHIN four minutes Portsmouth were on terms, Wilson beating Marsh from close

range, but Dixon headed Luton back into the lead a few minutes after the start of the second half.

Shining light in the Luton attack was Adam. Although he wore a number eight shirt, Adam operated on the wing. Shanks moving inside.

Adam was able to beat Osmond at will and provided many openings but, unfortunately, most of them were squandered. Shanks, too, had a good game but Dixon, Rowland and Legate were all very quiet.

The defence had a fairly easy time, and Marsh had only two difficult shots to save.

Town C.C. Got Off With Easy Win

THERE was a wet start for cricket on Saturday and both the Town's matches with Finchley were washed out.

However, they were more fortunate on Sunday when they began the season with an easy win over Northwood Hills, who beat them at Wardown two years ago and had the better of a drawn match last season.

The visitors made a sound

enough start with 41 for the first wicket, but then collapsed completely and were all out for 61 in 106 minutes.

A newcomer to the club from Shrewsbury, 18-years-old Peter Williams began the damage by taking three quick wickets with his off-spinners.

New Off-spinner Is An Acquisition

THEN, the Bedfordshire fast bowler, Ian Davison suddenly found his rhythm and proceeded to demolish the remainder of the innings, finishing with 6 for 18 in 12 overs.

Williams had the other four at a cost of 25 runs, and he looks a very promising player who should prove to be a valuable acquisition to the club.

He gives his spinners plenty of air and is likely to trouble batsmen who do not use their feet to get to the pitch of the ball. In addition, he is quick and agile in the field.

The Town made the runs for the loss of three wickets, with Ken Brazier getting a brisk 30 and Richard Lowings some valuable practice in his defensive innings.

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