

UNCHANGED TOWN PLAY AT MANCHESTER TOMORROW

THE CITY HAVE THEIR INJURY PROBLEMS

Great Revival Upset The Hammers' Calculations

By CHILTERN

SHARING with Bolton Wanderers, their opponents at Kenilworth-road next Saturday, and West Bromwich, the distinction of having the only unbeaten record in the First Division, the Town go to Maine-road, Manchester, to take on the City in confident frame of mind tomorrow.

Naturally enough, after their triumph over West Ham on Saturday, they are relying on an unchanged team and this will be the sixth consecutive time that they have played together.

NATURALLY enough, some minor knocks were collected on Saturday and Billy Bingham received a kick on the ankle which he injured against Leeds. However, after the match, the club doctor was able to announce that there were no injuries of any consequence and yesterday morning Manager Daily Duncan was certain that this will be the line-up: Baynam; Dunne, Hawkes; Morton, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Turner, Brown, Groves, Adam.

On the other hand, the City, beaten 3-1 at Leicester, are not in the same happy position because they had four players undergoing treatment yesterday morning.

Full-back On The Injured List

BILLY LEIVERS, the right-back, missed last Saturday's match because of a strained thigh muscle, but is improving and is expected to return against the Town.

In which case Cliff Sear is expected to switch to left-back in place of Roy Little, but both these players were having injuries attended to yesterday, Sear for bruising of the stomach and Little for a bruised back.

The other casualty is Bert Troutmann, that spectacular goalkeeper, who has fluid on the knee and is regarded as the one who is most doubtful.

Troutmann Is To Have Fitness Test

TRAUTMANN is to have a final fitness test tomorrow morning and the City will not announce their team until they know the result of that.

On Saturday their line-up was: Troutmann; Sear, Little; Barnes, Ewing, McTavish; Barlow, McAdam, Johnstone, Hayes, Sambrook.

This has changed little from



Bert Troutmann

the side that opposed the Town at Maine-road last November, except that Roy Warhurst has lost his place to McTavish and, since then, Ray Sambrook was a £15,000 signing from Coventry City.

Town Like These Wide, Open Spaces

INVARIABLY, in recent years, the Town have played some of their best football on the wide, open spaces of the Maine-road pitch and last season they were desperately unlucky not to take both points.

With Seamus Dunne off the field through injury for most of the second half, they held a 2-0 lead until the odd minutes added for the stoppage and then in a thrilling finish, the City scored twice to equalise.

This is not a ground on which the Town have always gained the reward their football has merited, but there are sound grounds for hoping for at least a point tomorrow, especially if the forwards make

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frequent use of the through pass.

Wiped Out Memory Of Leeds Affair

WITH the City defence always tending to play square, they are usually particularly vulnerable to the quick, through pass and this was what scuppered the Hammers at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

The display of the Town wiped out the memory of their poor display against Leeds, and they were a bit unlucky to be a goal behind at half-time. Twice before Keeble gave West Ham the lead in the 12th minute, the Town went close to scoring and the Hammers' goal had some escapes afterwards, too.

Keeble's goal was a finely taken one with a great shot from 15 yards that gave Baynam no chance.

Forwards Showed More Assurance

THROUGHOUT the first half, West Ham impressed as a strong, fast combination with a superiority in physical strength which threatened to be decisive.

However, the fact that the Town forwards were playing with more assurance, even though the chances were not being snapped up, gave hope of a revival in the second half.

Few, though, could have hoped for as many as four goals against this tall, hard-tackling defence, but that was what happened and there might have been more, especially in the closing minutes when the Hammers were reeling against the fury of the Town raids.

Clicked Together After First Goal

AFTER the match at Birmingham, I wrote that if the forwards could continue playing the sort of football they produced there, the goals would come.

And so it happened in this second half, following the near nightmare of that Leeds match.

After Allan Brown had headed the equaliser in the 57th minute, the forward line really clicked together in their old style of fast, progressive football and deadliness in front of goal.

Brown's goal was a splendid effort because he jumped high to head clear of the grasping hands of Gregory a beautifully chipped free-kick by Morton.

This Incident Caused Much Argument

THAT success changed the tempo of the game and the Town forwards looked more dangerous in front of goal than they had previously.

Then came, after 71 minutes, the incident that caused much discussion and argument at the time and since.

A high through pass by Pacey was being chased by Turner, who looked offside by quite a considerable margin.

The linesman signalled, and then Ken Brown attempted to pull the ball down with his hands, as he had on a previous occasion.

Forcefully, the referee waved on play and Turner ran through unchallenged to bang the ball wide of Gregory's reach.

Proved The Value Of Playing To Whistle

DESPITE West Ham's appeals, the referee allowed the goal to stand and did not go across to consult the linesman.

West Ham's view was that Brown tried to catch the ball in order to take the free-kick quickly, but he anticipated the whistle and the referee operated the advantage rule.

Turner, on the other hand, proved the value of playing to the whistle and was duly rewarded.

Although they re-arranged their forward line, the Hammers could not get back firmly into the game and, with the pressure mounting, the Town scored twice in the closing stages.

Should Increase Forwards' Confidence

FIRST, Turner, with all his old accuracy, smacked the ball into the net from just inside the penalty area, following a pass by

Bingham and, with four minutes left, Pacey came through and his drive, flicked by Ken Brown's head flew past the startled Gregory.

This was a great and welcome victory for the Town and the big crowd, with the exception of the disappointed Hammers' fans, of course, showed their appreciation loudly.

Not only that, but these four goals should give the forwards confidence and it was good to see Brown and Turner among the list of marksmen.

Big Improvement From Adam

NEITHER quite reached his best form in the first half, but both came into their own afterwards when Brown led the line with dash and skill and Turner showed that he has not lost his shooting power.

Although Groves worked hard, he was not quite quick enough consistently to beat the quick tackling of Malcolm and he needs to use the ball a bit more crisply.

Of considerable encouragement was the marked improvement in the display of Adam and if he can keep up this standard, then the worry about the extreme left-wing position will disappear.

Strength Again At Half-back

IN this match, his finishing was much more accurate and, if he can do it once, there is no reason why he should not settle down to more accuracy as a general rule.

Bingham was a continual threat to the West Ham left flank and Cantwell never really found a counter to his speed and cleverness. This Irish International is proving a great asset to the Town.

Once again, there was strength at half-back, with Morton shining both in defence and attack and starting many movements.

So, too, did Pacey, who was powerful both in his tackling and his attacking work and the wing-halves were way ahead of the West Ham pair.

Owen Was Sound As A Bell

AFTER some early sparkle, Keeble became more and more in the grip of Owen, who was as sound as a bell again and was firmly master of the middle of the field.

Both Dunne and Hawkes had their moments of anxiety against the speed of Grice and McGregor, but neither winger really proved the service he was entitled to receive from his partner, and the full-backs came out on top in the end by dint of sticking to the job phlegmatically.

Behind them, Baynam was in forthright, masterful mood, cutting out everything with courage and skill and handling the ball to perfection.

Reserves Fought For Their Point

TO take a point from West Ham was a good performance on the part of the Reserves, who took an early lead through Legate and for a time had the better of matters.

The Hammers improved, to be

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN	4
Turner (2), Brown, Pacey	
WEST HAM	1
Keeble	
LUTON TOWN: Baynam; Dunne, Hawkes; Morton, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Turner, Brown (A), Groves, Adam.	
WEST HAM: Gregory; Bond, Cantwell; Malcolm; Brown (R.), Lambourn; Grice, Smith, Keeble, Dick, McGregor.	
Referee: N. C. Taylor, Wetherby.	
Attendance: 25,715.	

ahead by 2-1 at half-time, but Gregory equalised and, after the home side had gone ahead again, Legate put the Town level five minutes from the end. Marsh made a number of splendid saves and Kelly was the strongest of a defence that had to fight hard the whole way. Gregory was the best forward, with Cummings next in line and McLeod leading the attack in effective, bustling style.

Supersonic Sunday At Wardown

JAVELIN and Hunter aircraft of the R.A.F. swooped low in perfect formation over Wardown on Sunday afternoon on their return flight from the Farnborough Air Show. But even this awesome show of Britain's air might did not attract the full attention of the crowd which watched Luton Town's encounter with local rivals, Vauxhall Motors. In a little more than three hours of superlative cricket they witnessed the sight of 20 falling wickets in a match that finished in a 37-run tie.

It was an afternoon that the batsmen of both sides will want to forget, and not one batsman of either side reached double figures. "Extras" at 13, in the Vauxhall innings, was the day's top scorer.

On a dampish, but not difficult, wicket the Vauxhall batsmen scratched and scraped for two hours with not much success, and Jim Kirby had the remarkable analysis of 7 for 3 in 5.5 overs, while Ian Davison took 3 for 11.

Vauxhall's Turn To Play Skittles

NATURALLY, Luton were expected to knock off these runs with ease, but things did not turn out that way.

In 30 minutes they had lost six wickets for 23, five of them to off-spinner Phil Buckingham.

The eighth and ninth wickets fell at 36, and in came Brian Johnson to join Kirby. With the Vauxhall soldiers encircling the batsmen, two maiden overs were played before Kirby got a single off the last ball of the next.

However, the first ball of the next from Agard bowled Kirby, and Vauxhall had achieved the seemingly impossible. Buckingham had 6 for 22 and Agard 4 for 14.

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE	
DIVISION I	
Arsenal v Tottenham H	
Birmingham C v Burnley	
Blackburn R v Wolves	
Blackpool v Portsmouth	
Chelsea v Aston Villa	
Leeds U v Leicester C	
Luton T v Bolton W	
Manchester C v Everton	
Newcastle U v Manchester U	
Nottingham Forest v West Ham	
West Brom v Preston N.E.	
DIVISION II	
Brighton v Cardiff C	
Bristol R v Fulham	
Durham C v Sheffield W	
Gillingham v Bristol C	
Ipswich T v Lincoln C	
Leiston G v Scunthorpe U	
Liverpool v Charlton A	
Rotherham U v Barnsley	
Sheffield U v Huddersfield T	
Stoke C v Middlesbrough	
Swansea T v Sunderland	
DIVISION III	
Accrington S v Brentford	
Bury v Southend U	
Chesham U v Notts Co	
Halifax T v Swindon T	

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

Metropolitan and District League TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, 10th SEPT. LUTON TOWN "A" versus DUNSTABLE TOWN Kick-off 6 p.m.

Admission: Centre Stand 2/-; Wing Stand and Enclosure 1/6; Boys 1/-; Bobbers' Stand 1/3; Boys 10d.; Turnovers (uncovered) 1/-; Boys 6d.

Newport Co. v Mansfield T.	
Plymouth A v Reading	
Q.P.R. v Norwich C	
Rochdale v Bournemouth	
Southampton v Hull C	
Tranmere R v Stockport Co	
Wrexham v Bradford C	
DIVISION IV	
Aldershot v Gateshead	
Bradford v Port Vale	
Coventry C v Exeter C	
Crewe Alex v Hartlepool U	
Darlington v Carlisle U	
Millwall v Oldham Ath	
Northampton T v Watford	
Shrewsbury T v Gillingham	
Torquay U v Southport	
Walsall v Barrow	
Wokingham v Chester	
York C v Crystal Palace	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE	
DIVISION I	
Aberdeen v Dunfermline	
Clyde v Third Lanark	
Falkirk v St Mirren	
Hearts v Airdrieonians	
Kilmarnock v Celtic	
Motherwell v Hibernian	
Queens of South v Stirling A	
Rutherglen v Dundee	
Rangers v Partick T	
DIVISION II	
Albion R v St Johnstone	
Arbroath v Arbroath	
Berwick R v Ayre U	
Dundee U v Hamilton	
Forfar A v Stenhousemuir	
Montrose v Dumbarton	
Morton v East Stirling	
Queen's Park v Brechin C	
Stranraer v East Fife	

SELECTIONS
TEN HOME.—Blackpool, Chelsea, West Brom, Ipswich, Liverpool, Plymouth, Southampton, Northampton, Torquay, Wokingham.
FOUR AWAY.—Wolves, Middlesbrough, Swindon, Port Vale.
THREE DRAWS.—Birmingham v Burnley; Bristol R v Fulham; Accrington v Brentford.

GREYHOUND RACING

Trap Number Two Took Three Races, Then Faded

TRAP number two dogs caused a minor sensation at Luton Stadium on Saturday by gaining first place in the opening three races. But trap two's luck ran out after this and the remaining events were shared between traps five and one.

Best winner of the meeting was 5-1 Icknick, who scored the form book in the seventh race and stormed across the finishing line four lengths ahead of 4-1 Long Nose.

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