

GEORGE CUMMINS IS RECALLED TO TOWN TEAM

GROVES DROPS OUT BECAUSE OF INJURY City Expect A Forward Line Re-shuffle

By Chiltern

END of the Town's run with an unchanged team comes tomorrow night when the ankle injury John Groves received on Saturday forces him to stand down from the match with Manchester City at Kenilworth-road.

Naturally enough, in the circumstances, George Cummins is called upon to fill the inside-left position and thus has his chance to show that he can mould together an attack which, apart from that second half against West Ham, has produced disappointing results.

IMMEDIATELY after the match, the club doctor sent Groves home by car and told him to rest his ankle, which he has sprained badly, completely over the week-end.

Other than that, Manager Dally Duncan does not think that any other change will be necessary.

Billy Bingham received another knock on the ankle he bruised originally in the home match with Leeds and Jim Adam had an impressive-looking set of stud marks on his thigh at the end of Saturday's match.

However, yesterday, the manager was certain that they will be all right, and they were training.

End of Two-Matches-A-Week Spell

THIS match will be played by floodlight—the first time the lights have been used for a League match since the early half of last season—marks the end of the hectic two matches a week spell and it will be greeted with relief.

Trouble is that at this stage of the season, even minor knocks do not have time to heal completely before the next match is looming up.

Fortunately, the Town have been in luck's way so far as serious injuries are concerned

and there have been no insuperable problems so far.

City Planning An Attack Re-shuffle

SO, the line-up is almost certain to be: Baynham; Dunne; Hawkes; Morton; Owen; Pacey; Bingham; Turner; Brown; Cummins; Adam.

This is a match which the

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Town should win, but they must find some more power in their finishing if they are to collect both points.

After dropping three home points in consecutive matches, the City, after their home defeat at the hands of Everton, are expected to make changes which will almost certainly take the form of a forward line re-shuffle.

Johnstone Will Be Back As Leader

SCOTTISH International, Bobby Johnstone, who did not play against the Town at Maine-road last Wednesday, will return to lead the forwards and it is expected that three other members of last Saturday's attack will find new places.

To accommodate Johnstone,

McAdams will go back to inside-right, with Barlow switching to his own position on the wing and Paddy Fagan, Eire International, going across to outside-left to the exclusion of Ray Sambrook, £15,000 buy from Coventry City during last season.

Trautmann Will Be Keeping Goal

THAT is the line which City manager, Les McDowall is expected to announce today, and, although the defence was not all that reliable against Everton, it is likely to be retained.

It will be the same as played against the Town last week, except that Bert Trautmann, who was kept out by injury has taken over again from young Fleet.

Probable team: Trautmann; Leivers, Scar; Barnes, Ewing, Warburton; Barlow, McAdams, Johnstone, Hayes, Fagan.

Johnstone will have the deep-lying centre-forward role, with McAdams and Hayes being used as spearheads.

Spearheads Just Were Not There

SPEARHEADS were just what the Town did not have against Bolton on Saturday when their attack vastly disappointed the supporters who had hoped for a repetition of the display against West Ham.

Instead, apart from some episodes early in the game, the Town seldom looked likely to obtain even one goal.

To some extent, they had an alibi in that Groves was injured shortly before half-time and remained limping at centre-forward for the rest of this match.

Whole Outfit Had A Shot-shy Look

CERTAINLY, this had an adverse effect because it virtually cut down the front line to four and made easier the task of a strong tackling defence that was rarely pulled out of position.

However, the form of the forwards before the mishap to Groves had not been such as to indicate goals and there was a shot-shy look about the entire outfit.

The plan of one scheming inside-forward with Turner and Brown thrusting away down the middle just did not happen and both these players had a thin time.

Lack of Penetration Is Costing Points

SO little threat came down the middle that the burly Bolton centre-half, Higgins, seemed to be strolling through the match.

Only rarely did we see Turner streaming through as we know he can and Brown was pretty much subdued, too.

Part of the trouble was that the ball was kept too close and there was a crop of inaccurate passes, too.

Maybe, the finishing will improve when the grounds become more holding and the ball less lively, but the plain fact is that lack of penetrative power is costing invaluable points.

Stevens Missed The Best Chances

NOT that Bolton were any more lively in attack. Apart from Stevens, who missed the best chances of the match by shooting badly, their inside trio, bereft of the assistance of Loft-

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 0
BOLTON WANDERERS 0
LUTON TOWN: Baynham; Dunne, Morton; Pacey; Bingham, Turner, Brown; Groves, Adam.

BOLTON WANDERERS: Hopkinson; Harte, Banks; Stanley, Higgins, Edwards; Birch, Stevens, Gubbins, Pacey, Holden.

Referee: P. G. Broadwood, Kidderminster.

Attendance: 19,699.

house, did not function, either, and, except when Holden wandered looking for the ball, there was not much danger from the wings.

Nearest approach to a goal came in the first half when Holden headed against the Town's bar.

Hopkinson's most serious tasks came early on when he saved well from Adam, Brown and Pacey.

Afterwards, his job was simple enough and it is difficult to remember any worthwhile shots in the second half that were on the target.

Spectators Had Little To Cheer

FOR the spectators there was little to cheer, because this sort of dour defensive battle seldom brings the thrills they want to see.

Almost from the start, defences were on top, and their grip became more and more complete as the game wore on.

Certainly conditions in the hot sunshine were grueling, but better than this is expected of First Division football, and this was negative stuff indeed.

Definitely it is not the sort of football to keep the crowd at the 20,000 mark level, but perhaps we should have expected this type of struggle.

More Freedom Of Movement Needed

NEARLY all the previous matches with Bolton at Kenilworth-road have followed this grim pattern, with little open, constructive football.

Let us hope that tomorrow night we shall see more freedom of movement in attack against a defence that is very

hard in the tackle, but which can be pulled apart.

Of the Town forwards, the only one to be consistently dangerous was Bingham, and there was a spell in the first half when he was much neglected. With better support, he might well have achieved something positive.

Bingham Could Have Used More Help

FIGHTING hard for the ball — he was frequently chasing back to help out in defence — he had problems of his own in facing the stalwart Banks, and he could have used more assistance.

Maybe there were times when he could have varied the length and height of his centres, several of which went much too far across, but, even so, he was the most successful forward.

Adam made a fairly promising start, but then became in the grip of Harte and, anyway, did not see much of the ball in the second half.

Half-back Line Strong Again

BEFORE his injury, Groves was trying to make use of the ball, not quickly enough at times, it is true, but there was not much response to his prompting attempts.

Once again, the half-back line was strong, with Pacey, watched by England selectors again, always in the thick of it.

So, too, was Morton, who, however, did not use the ball as well as he can and Owen, with his expected battle with Loft-house deferred, handled Gubbins without difficulty.

Without rating in the outstanding category, Dunne and Hawkes were in the adequate class and Baynham, by no means over-worked, handled the ball in expert style.

Confident Robinson Rocks Tring

A BRILLIANT undefeated 92 from Barry Robinson backed up by generally solid batting by his team mates, gave Luton Town a six wickets victory at Tring Park on Saturday.

Tring, who batted first, seemed comfortably placed when the Town began the task of overhauling the home team's total of 156. But their comfort was short lived. Robinson, coming in after

the Town had lost one wicket for 27, set about the Tring bowling in a confident manner.

In recent weeks Barry has found runs hard to get, but he made up for this lean period by smashing the Tring bowling to all points of the field.

Opening batsman Whitehead was Tring's top scorer with 53, and number 10 batsman Rodwell caused some surprise by hitting a neat 37. Brian Johnson was the Town's outstanding bowler, taking four Tring wickets for 33 with his fast deliveries.

Winstanley Hits Form Again

FRANK WINSTANLEY, the Town's opening batsman, came back to run-getting form when he hit a lively 42 against Leitchworth at Warden on Sunday. It was a happy day for Winstanley. Unfortunately for the Town, the same cannot be said for his colleagues.

Replying to Leitchworth's declared total of 180 for three, the Town batsmen, with Winstanley the outstanding exception, had little success against the strong Leitchworth bowling. Luckily for the Town time ran out before Leitchworth could finish off the job, but they certainly made a good attempt. At the close Luton had scored 107 for nine.

CRICKET IN BRIEF

TRING PARK 156 (B Whitehead 55, W Rodwell 37; B Johnson 4 for 33, P Denton 4 for 25), LUTON TOWN 158 for 4 (B Robinson 92 not out, J Muse 18; C Williams 1 for 24).

LEITCHWORTH 180 for 3 dec (A O'Neil 55 not out, A Hepburn 47 not out, J Smith 41; M Ashenden 3 for 36), LUTON TOWN 107 for 9 (F Winstanley 42, D P Rolt 21 not out; E Holyoake 4 for 22, J Grey 2 for 12).

TRING PARK II 115 (R Neale 43, B Moseley 20 not out; I Sharpe 4 for 26, C Glenister 3 for 37), LUTON TOWN II 107 (R Griffiths 65; D Westcott 7 for 44).

NAPIER/E.E. 133 (J Clarkson 48, I Donaldson 22, G Ray 21; K Hockey 4 for 43, J Hooper 4 for 51), SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND C.C. 52 (T Cadworth 12; R Atkinson 2 for 7).

LUTON SPECIALS 60 (M Jones 18; Thorogood 5 for 26; Jones 4 for 24), WESTONING 37 for 8 (M Jones 5 for 13).

WHEATHAMPTON 78 for 9 dec (R Marshall 32; M Brown 5 for 37, H Weir 3 for 17), LEA-GRAVE 82 for 7 (R Wood 24; R Hughes 3 for 26).

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

The League: Division I
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Luton Town

v.

Manchester City

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7.50 (470 yds)—12 Brag; 424 Greying N; 122 Long Nose; 34 Nicholas; 416 Pip Emma; 135 Robin Hood. Reserve 414 Spirit.

8.10 (410 yds)—5 Butcher; 645 Crespello; 231 Gaynor; 341 Hi Gang; 253 Old Fella; 5 Ruby Murray; reserve 26 Suzanne.

8.30 (410 yds)—Black Sam (July 17, up 3, 24.55, up 6, 24.57); D1 Compete; 251 Faith; 316 Ohio; 4 Sunshine Rum; 553 Tony Token; reserve 662 Slipper.

8.50 (470 yds)—1 Hitchcock; 131 Jessie; 1 Matt Dillon; 411 Rascal; 12 The Agent; D1 Yellow Speck.

9.10 (410 yds)—641 Eve's Joy; 35 Gay Fox; 11 Jackie Jones; 2 Ouzo; Roman None (Aug 28, up 5, 24.24, Aug 30, up 1, 24.08); Roundabout (Aug 28, up 4, 24.36, Sept 9, up 5, 23.92).

9.30 (470 yds)—442 Happy Lad; 121 Little Noddy; 322 Olive; 613 Shamrock Lad; 214 We Four; 155 Whispering Sands; reserve 161 Rooney.

9.50 (410 yds)—314 Deuce; 6 Hamlin; 166 Headwind; 223 Rasputin; 542 Rusty Boy; Vera Lynn (Aug 26, up 2, 24.51, Aug 28, up 1, 24.60).

SELECTIONS

7.30—No Reply (Old Coat, Blue Peter)

7.50—Long Nose (nap), Brag, Pip Emma

8.10—Gaynor (Hi Gang, Old Fella)

8.30—Faith (Compete, Tony Token)

8.50—Hitchcock (Rascal, Yellow Speck)

9.10—Jackie Jones (Eve's Joy, Gay Fox)

9.30—Little Noddy (Olive, Shamrock Lad)

9.50—Rasputin (Rusty Boy, Deuce)

CHILTERN'S FORECASTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION I

Arsenal v Manchester City
Aston Villa v Blackpool
Bolton W v Nottm Forest
Burnley v Luton Town
Everton v Leeds

Leicester C v W.B.A.
Manchester U v Tottenham
Portsmouth v Blackburn
Preston v Birmingham

West Ham v Chelsea
Wolves v Newcastle

DIVISION II

Barnsley v Sheffield U
Bristol C v Liverpool
Cardiff v Grimsby
Charlton v Middlesbrough

Fulham v Derby
Huddersfield v Brighton
Lincoln C v Bristol Rov
Scunthorpe v Rotherham

Sheffield Wed v Leyton O
Stoke v Swansea
Sunderland v Ipswich

DIVISION III

Bournemouth v Doncaster
Bradford C v Southampton
Brentford v Halifax
Colchester v Plymouth

Hull v Accrington
Mansfield v Chesterfield
Norwich v Rochdale
Notts C v Bury

Reading v Tranmere
Southend v Q.P.R.
Swindon v Newport
Wrexham v Stockport

DIVISION IV

Aldershot v Port Vale
Barrow v Darlington
Carlisle v Shrewsbury

Chester v York

Crystal Palace v Bradford
Exeter v Torquay
Gateshead v Millwall
Gillingham v Coventry

Hartlepool v Northampton
Oldham v Walsall
Southport v Crewe
Warrington v Workington

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DIVISION I

Airdrie v Rangers
Celtic v Raith
Dunfermline v Motherwell
Hibernian v Queen of the South

Partick v Falkirk
St. Mirren v Hearts
Stirling A v Clyde
Third Lanark v Aberdeen

DIVISION II

Arbroath v Berwick
Ayr v Cowdenbeath
Brechin v Stranraer
Dumbarton v Dundee U

East Fife v Morton
East Stirling v Forfar
Hamilton v Alloa
St. Johnstone v Queen's Park

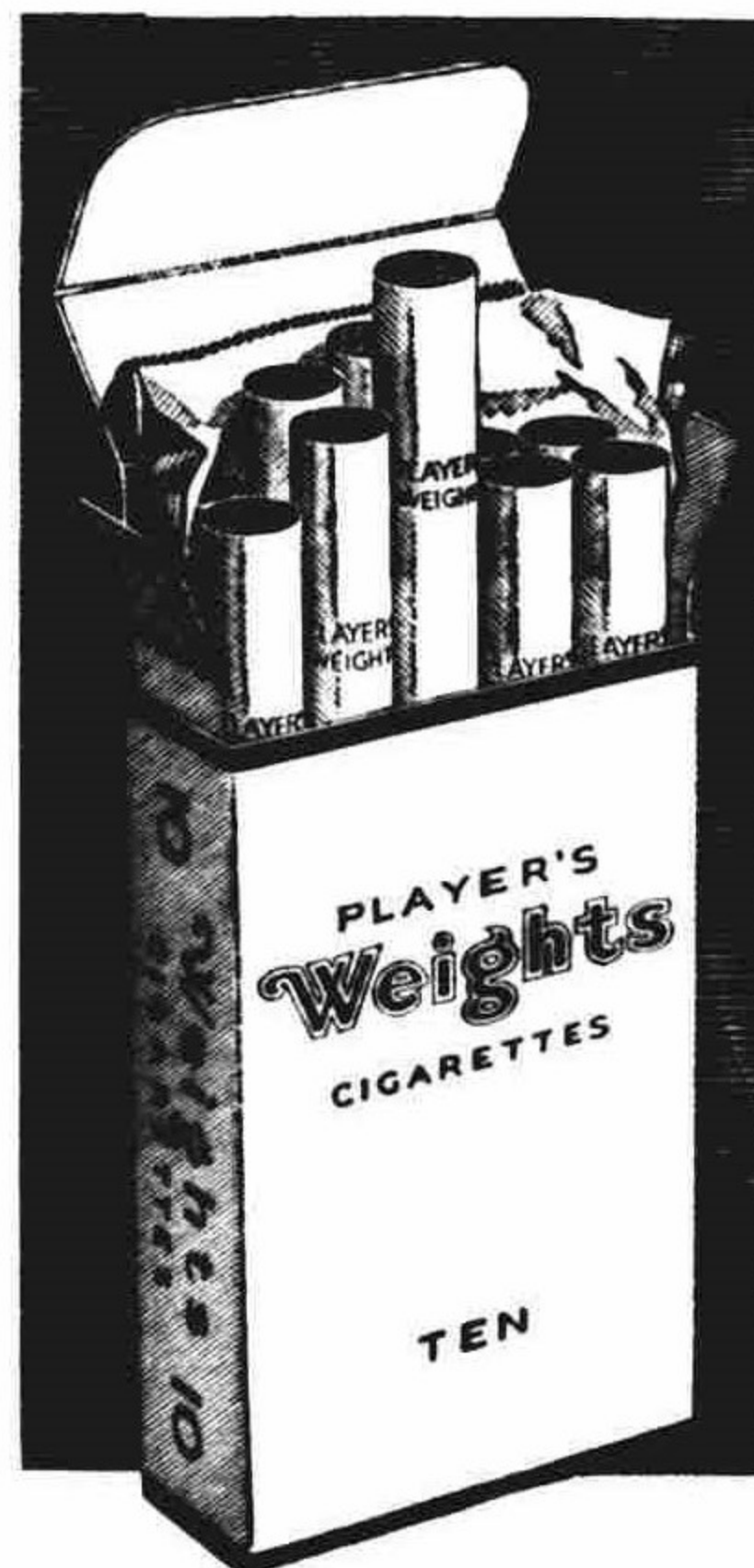
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SELECTIONS

TEN HOME.—Arsenal, Manchester U, Wolves, Fulham, Sheffield Wed, Stoke, Brentford, Norwich, Crystal Palace, Watford.

FOUR AWAY.—Blackpool, Bristol Rovers, Southampton, Northampton.

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