

TOWN TRAINER'S BUSY TIME AFTER MATCH

BUT ALL WERE FIT FOR LAST NIGHT

Rough Stuff Should Have Been Stamped Out Early

By Chiltern

NOTHING bearing more resemblance to a casualty clearing station could be imagined than the Town's dressing room after their hurly-burly affair with Chelsea at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

Most of the players needed treatment for abrasions or bruises but, after a week-end of hot baths and massage treatment all lined up for the floodlit friendly at Coventry last night, with the exception of Bob Morton, who joined the England party in London yesterday afternoon.

STAND-IN for Morton at right-half was John Groves, who has performed so capably in that position in the past, and Terry Kelly travelled as twelfth man.

On Saturday night, as trainer Frank King gave treatment to a succession of players, it looked as if more than one would have to miss this extra match and the additional fee that goes with it, but, fortunately, it turned out otherwise.

Skinned knees and shins were commonplace and Brown was complaining about being deaf in one ear after receiving a blow on it.

Should Have Stamped Out Rough Stuff

OFFICIALS of both clubs were inclined to blame the referee for the untoward incidents that occurred.

Certainly, he gave some queer decisions that incensed the crowd and several of them went against the Town.

But his main failure was that he did not stamp out the rough stuff when it first raised its head. Finger-waving in admonishment is no real deterrent and there was a spell in the second half during which he seemed to lose control altogether.

Robust Chelsea got away with a lot and the culmination was the sending off of John Sillett a minute from the end.

John Sillett Had A Long Walk

IT is a long time since a player was sent off at Kenilworth-

road and Sillett received his marching orders for a bad foul on Bingham whom he had roughed unnecessarily on previous occasions.

At first, it looked as if the referee was merely taking the player's name, but then we saw his hand pointing in the direction of the dressing-room.

Sillett had nearly the whole length of the field to walk and Director Tom Hodgson came down in front of the enclosure to make sure that no nastiness developed from the crowd, who were incensed by the Chelsea tactics.

Chelsea Fans Were Threatening

INCENSED, too, were a band of about 50 Chelsea supporters, who waited outside the ground afterwards and were heard to say that they were after the referee and three Town players whom they named.

However, fortunately, they were persuaded to disperse by police and no trouble developed. There is a difference between toughness and roughness and just why Chelsea forgot their undoubted football ability is something that I cannot fathom.

If they are to keep their popularity as a drawing card, they must forget some of the rough stuff and come back to more pure football.

Town Deserved More Goals

AS for the Town, their attacking machine was put out of joint by the rough usage

they received but, at the same time, they were distinctly unlucky not to have scored at least three more goals.

Both full-backs cleared shots off the goal-line, with Matthews well beaten, and in a matter of seconds just before half-time, a Brown header was pushed on to the bar by Matthews and Cummings headed the rebound on to the outside of the far post.

Had the Town not won, it would have been an injustice, especially as they made a genuine attempt to play football and resisted the temptation to descend into the kick and rush category into which Chelsea played themselves.

Holding Ball Became Occupational Risk

HOWEVER, holding the ball became more and more of an occupational risk and this was no match for genuine ball players.

Once or twice, the Town were stung into retaliation but, on the whole, I thought they stood up to the battering bravely and well.

At the same time, they looked like having to be content with one point until Cummings made certain of the other one with a neatly judged lob from about 20 yards that passed over the head of Matthews, who was some way out of his goal.

That came 19 minutes from the end and was a fitting reward for the Town's persistence.

Cummings Blossoming Into A Marksman

WITH three goals in six League matches, Cummings is becoming positively prolific, but it is good to see goals coming from a quarter that is relatively unexpected.

There had been a good start for the Town when Brown put them ahead in eight minutes after Matthews had made a great save from Turner and Adam had crossed the rebound.

Brown stabbed it in from close range and looked to be unlucky later when he flagged offside just before he crashed the ball into the net.

Chelsea's equaliser after 23 minutes, followed a free kick for an innocuous foul by Adam near the centre line.

Free-kicks Were A Danger To Town

PETER SILLETT, one of the best kickers of a dead ball in the business, lofted the ball high into the goalmouth.

With his usual aplomb, Baynam went up for it, but could not retain his grasp of the ball as Block crashed into him.

It fell loose and, as Block centred, Tindall headed it into the corner of the net.

These free-kicks by Sillett posed one of the chief dangers to the Town defence, but Baynam took precautions against a similar occurrence and, more than once, played safe by pushing the ball over the bar.

At one time, I thought Baynam had had a recurrence of

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 2
Brown, Cummings
CHELSEA 1
Tindall

LUTON TOWN: Baynam; Brown, Mawley; Morton, Owen, Pacey; Bingham, Turner, Brown, Cummings, Adams.

CHELSEA: Matthews; Sillett (P.), Sillett (J.); Martinson, Scott, Saunders; Brabrook, Groves, Tindall, Stubbs, Black.

Referee: H. V. A. Stott, Boston. Attendance: 24,064.

his shoulder trouble but, afterwards he told me that although he had had something of a buffeting, he was all right.

Pacey Kept Close To Greaves

OTHER than the goal, Baynam was seldom in real trouble and he was helped by the fact that the Chelsea forwards seemed to have a distinctly hazy idea of where the goal lay.

In this respect, Greaves, who is looked upon as a golden prospect, was a big offender but it may have been that, in common with some of the Town forwards, this was not the sort of match in which he could shine.

Creditably, Pacey, obviously playing to orders, kept close to him for much of the match but, at the same time, there were occasions when Greaves showed how dangerous he can be by popping up in an open space.

Great Display By Owen Again

EARLY on, Brabrook looked as if he might become troublesome and Hawkes seemed a bit ill at ease, but the full-back persevered against the displaced England outside-right from whom there came less and less danger as the game wore on.

Nor was there a lot of trouble from Block who was pretty well held by Dunne who, however, could use a lot more crispness and decision in his clearances.

Big man of the Town team in more senses than one, was Owen, who seems to play better and better as the years roll by. There was never any doubt about who was boss on the field and he marshalled and rallied his forces with all the ability of a general.

Bingham Could Have Been Used More

AGAINST him, Tindall had something of a thin time because Owen was completely dominating in the middle of the field. Like Pacey, Morton was

sound and capable, getting through his work in an unobtrusive way and, once again, solidness at half-back stood the Town in good stead.

Forward, main honours went to Bingham, who could have been brought into the game with benefit, a great deal more especially in the first half.

Always he looked to have the beating of John Sillett, but the service he received did not allow him to exploit it to the full.

No Sort Of A Game For Ball Players

AGAINST the other Sillett, Adams, I thought, could have fared better had he persisted in taking the ball up to him.

He could have had the beating of him for speed, but the full-back had the better of the argument in the end.

Not so accurate in his passing as usual, was Cummings, but, as

Greyhound Racing

IT'S LONG ODDS ON SUCH AN ODD FINISH

IT was a night of surprises at Luton Stadium on Saturday. Outsiders shared the honours with the favourites, and in the fourth race the field came home in trap sequence.

A complete sequence finish is highly unusual, and yesterday the judges were trying to work out the odds on this happening again.

I (410 yds)—1 SAGITTARIUS (4), 2 Bendigo (2), 3 Sugar Lass (3), 4 Butcher (3), 5 Tiger (1), 6 Old Coat (5). 8, 1, 2, 2, dist. 24.58. Off 6.48.

Betting: 5-4 SAGITTARIUS, 3-1 Butcher, 4-1 Bendigo, 6-1 Sugar Lass, Tiger, Old Coat. Forecast £1 2s. 3d.

II (470 yds)—1 BALLY FAIRY (5), 2 Black Sam (4), 3 Mandy (1), 4 New Mexico (3), 5 Bear Brand (6), 6 Red Leather (2) reserve. 4, 11, 1, 6, dist. 27.74. Non-runner Lumpy. Off 7.09.

Betting: 5-4 BALLY FAIRY, 5-2 Black Sam, 4-1 Mandy, 10-1 Bear Brand, New Mexico, Red Leather. Forecast 19s. 3d.

III (410 yds)—1 JUNIOR (4), 2 Westfield Boy (1), 3 Double R (3), 4 Persil (6), 5 Red Light (5), 6 Page One (2) reserve. 5, 1, 3, head, 2, 24.93. Non-runner Just-a-bit. Off 7.30.

Betting: Evens Double R, 3-1 Persil, 4-1 Westfield Boy, 6-1 JUNIOR, 10-1 Red Light, Page One. Forecast £8 14s. 3d.

IV (410 yds)—1 CHANTRY (1), 2 Rooney (2), 3 Lilly's Jim (3), 4 Mark Twain (4), 5 Gusto (5), 6 Phadadis (6). 1, 1, neck, 8, 10, 24.89. Off 7.52.

Betting: 2-1 Lilly's Jim, 5-2 Rooney, 7-2 Phadadis, 4-1 CHANTRY, 8-1 Mark Twain, 10-1 Gusto. Forecast £2 15s. 3d.

V (470 yds)—1 DONNA (2), 2 Lay Off (1), 3 Ash Tray (6), 4 Legal Tender (4), 5 Party Line (5), 6 Matt Dillon (3). 4, 3, 8, 4, 1, 27.33. Off 8.13.

Betting: 2-1 DONNA, Ash Tray, 4-1 Lay Off, 8-1 Legal Tender, Party Line, Matt Dillon. Forecast £1 14s.

VI (410 yds)—1 HOUGHTON

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR TONIGHT

7.30 (410 yds)—442 Chub; 2 Della; 66 Pancho; 144 Rose Vale; 616 Trunk; 315 Why Not; reserve 153 Marilyn.

7.48 (470 yds)—3 Abbot; 122 Johnny B; 654 King Creole; 333 Netta; 462 Saxton Boy; 453 Slipper; reserve 46 Vera Lynn.

8.06 (410 yds)—6 Bluebell; 152 Day Out; Gwendoline (Oct 9, to 5, 24.98, Oct 14, to 6, 24.76); 3 Mischief; 624 Tramp; 6-4 Very Useful; reserve 426 Gaynor.

8.24 (410 yds)—Black Magic (Oct 9, to 6, 24.17, Oct 14, to 1, 24.46); 54 Free Gift; 162 Greeting N; 165 Hi Gang; 342 Hawk Eye; 263 Ohio.

8.44 (470 yds)—314 Big Sue; 421 Brag; 53 Freight Train; 216 Little Noddy; 211 Olive; 13 Sandy Lane.

9.04 (410 yds)—452 Compeer; 511 Grammie; 231 Jewel; 114 Raspatus; 455 The Case; 554 We Four.

9.22 (470 yds)—41 Ringer; 115 Drabute; 146 Pip Emma; 441 Robin Hood; 623 Spirit; 342 Western Wind; reserve 5 Lily.

9.40 (410 yds)—416 Hay Time; 252 Inn; Pandora (Oct 7, to 4, 24.66, Oct 11, to 4, 24.62); 4 Ribbon; 64 Speedy; 21 Suzanne; reserve 46 Vera Lynn.

I have said previously, this was no sort of game for pure ball players, especially when it took on the pitched battle look in the second half.

Turner looked as if he would be dangerous when the half-chance developed, but he was another to suffer from the heavy tackling of the Chelsea defenders.

Hope For No More Brawls Like This

AFTER his three goals against the Brazilians, it looked as if Brown had really found his shooting boots when he found the net early on and, indeed, with a bit of luck running his way, he could have had a hat-trick.

Against a strong centre-half in Scott, he led the line with plenty of courage and looked more like the player he was last season.

Altogether, this, for me, was a creditable display by the Town which brought to an end the Chelsea successes on this ground. But let us hope that we see

no more brawls of this nature. Excitement there was and tension towards the end, but the rich promise of good football there was at the start, just faded out.

Groves Reserves' Match-winner

NOW that their injury troubles are over, the Town Reserve are developing into a workmanlike combination and it was a good performance to return from Fratton Park, Portsmouth, with both points, even if it was by the only goal.

This was secured early on by John Groves, who was the best forward and whose ability to use the ball and his experience has had much to do with the improvement in the Town attack.

Best player on the field was Kelly who was completely dominating at centre-half, and there was very good support for him at full-back.

Brilliant Display By Collier

HERE, McNally, who has had some trouble in finding his feet after recovery from injury, was very impressive, and Danie had his best match since being promoted to the reserve team.

In goal, Collier was in brilliant form which promised well for the Town when he returns from Germany, his Army service completed in less than a fortnight.

The "A" team took a point from Newbury, but the fourth team were unfortunate in their home match with Headington "A".

Not only were they beaten 2-0 by a team crippled by injuries, but they lost Ted Duggan, who was hurt in the second half. He has damaged considerably, ligaments in a leg and it looks as if he will have to have a long lay-off.

Vauxhall Missed Their Chances

CAREER of Vauxhall Motors in the F.A. Cup ended at the hands of Hitchin Town, who scored twice in the space of three minutes in the last quarter of an hour.

For their dismissal, Vauxhall had only themselves to blame because scoring chances came their way in the first-half, but they just could not find the finishing power.

Their old problem of finding a centre-forward deputy for Randall still remains, nor were they well served at outside-right. Despite the Town's match, the attendance was 1,002.

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Cowdenbeath v Forfar
Dundee U. v Berwick Rangers
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Montrose v Hamilton
Stirling Albion v Morton
Stranraer v Dumbarton

SELECTIONS
TEN HOME. — Blackpool
Tottenham, Wolves, Charlton,
Sheffield Utd, Bournemouth,
Plymouth, Q.P.R., Crystal Pal.,
Port Vale.

FOUR AWAY — Bolton,
Bristol Rovers, Newport, Millwall.

THREE DRAWS.—Blackburn
v Arsenal; Cardiff v Stoke;
Southend v Southampton.