

"OUT-PATIENTS DEPARTMENT" BUSY AGAIN

TURNER TREATED, BUT ONLY FOR STIFFNESS

Town Manager Going To Scotland This Week-end

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THESE are busy days for Town trainer, Frank King, who again had a long list of "patients" yesterday morning, with the newcomers to his table mainly the results of slight strains or knocks received in Saturday's match with Swansea Town.

Immediately that game was over, he was giving treatment to two victims of the Cup-ties with Ipswich, Ron Cope and Alec Ashworth, both of whom are still out of action and others in the hands of the trainer yesterday were Kelly, Pacey, Turner, McKechnie, Morton and McGuffie.

HAD the Town still been in the Cup and anticipating a tough visit to Norwich, this could have been an anxious week for Manager Sam Bartram, but there is no tension looming up immediately and there is only Saturday's friendly game with Falkirk about which to worry.

Even the Reserves have no match this week-end, because they should have visited Shrewsbury Town, but the Shrewsbury ground is needed for the Cup tie with Middlesbrough.

Although Gordon Turner needed some attention yesterday, it was not through trouble with

the knee on which he had an operation seven weeks ago.

Turner Was Running Off The Stiffness

RATHER was it natural reaction of soreness and stiffness in the thigh muscles after his long lay-off.

"For him it has been just like coming back for pre-season training," Manager Bartram said, but Turner was able to do some training yesterday when he was attempting to run off some of the stiffness.

Kelly played for nearly three-quarters of the match on Saturday after having suffered a painful blow on the cheek-bone and, afterwards, there was some fear

of a fracture, though this has not been confirmed as yet. Mishaps to Pacey and McGuffie are slight, Morton was still being treated for the effects of last Monday's match, while McKechnie's trouble is an accumulation of knocks received these past weeks.

Manager Is Going To Scotland

BY the week-end, the picture will probably be a good deal more optimistic, and the Manager commented, "What will probably do them more good than anything else is a couple of days of easy training."

"We have been pushing them in training recently and they have responded extremely well."

With nothing serious at stake this week-end, the Manager is taking the opportunity of making the trip to Scotland he has had in mind for some time.

And things have developed so that he will be able to have a look at the two forwards who have been recommended to him, because one is playing on Friday evening and the other on Saturday afternoon.

Interest In Webster Has Evaporated

CERTAINLY, the Town need some forward re-inforcements, despite their five-goals scoring spree against Swansea and this match had the effect of removing their interest in Colin Webster, the Welsh club's inside-forward.

Before the match, it seemed reasonable to assume that if Webster had a good game, the Town might be persuaded to make a cash offer, but the Welshman was seldom in the picture and the matter was not mentioned when Trevor Morris, the Swansea chief, and the Town manager met after the match.

"We could not be interested on that display," commented Mr. Bartram afterwards.

Turner Comeback Was The Whole Story

OF course, the whole story of this Town victory, which was surprising in its completeness, was the great comeback made by Turner, which served to cause rather unhappy thoughts of what might have been had he been passed fit a week earlier and been able to play in the third meeting with Ipswich.

No-one could have had a better start than did Turner, because, with the game only a minute old, he was on hand to stab in a low centre from Walden for his 13th League goal of the season.

Understandably enough, he was a little tardy in his approach during the first half, but the longer the game lasted the more his confidence grew and it became more and more plain what his enforced absence had cost the Town in terms of League points and, maybe, Cup glory.

Great First-time Shot By Dave Pacey

UNFORTUNATELY, the Town were unable to consolidate their early success because, after 11 minutes, a badly sliced centre

FOR THE RECORDS

LUTON TOWN 5

Turner (2), Pacey, Fleming.

Lownds.

SWANSEA TOWN 1

McNally (own goal).

LUTON TOWN: Bayn-

ham; McNally, Bramwell;

McGuffie, Kelly, Pacey; Wal-

den, McKechnie, Turner,

Lownds, Fleming.

SWANSEA T.: Dwyer;

Sanders, Griffiths; Johnson,

Nurse, Davies (P); Davies

(R), Williams (H), Donnelly,

Webster, Williams (G).

Referee: J. Powell, Rother-

ham. Attendance: 8,107.

by Williams (H.) was going to safety until it struck McNally on the leg and spun over the line past an amazed Baynham.

In the exchanges that followed, there were certainly no visions of a convincing Town win and it was not until six minutes from half-time that they managed to regain the lead with a glorious goal from Pacey.

Well up in attack, McNally secured possession just outside the penalty area and, seeing Pacey coming up fast, he squared the ball and the left-half hit it first time with such power that it flashed past Dwyer.

Turner Makes One And Scores One

SOME spirited play by the Swansea forwards early in the

second half, brought a couple of good attempts by Reg. Davies but, on the whole, the Town defence was not in much trouble and the Town never looked like dropping a point after they had secured their third goal after 62 minutes.

In this, Turner had a big hand because he lobbed the ball with great accuracy into the goalmouth and Fleming closed in to head a picture goal.

Four minutes later, Turner was in an open space in the inside-left position to accept a chance from a sharp angle for goal number four and, with a minute to go, Lownds had the satisfaction of marking his League debut with a goal when he rammed the ball into the roof of the net.

Turner's Experience A Major Contribution

EVEN allowing for the fact that Swansea were also below strength, this was an amazing win by the Town's depleted team and there is no doubt that Turner's experience was a major contribution to it.

Although he was involved in several heavy tackles, he kept going, finding the open spaces on the left wing with great effectiveness often during the second half.

McKechnie made a bright start, but was worn down by some hard tackling and he has taken much of a buffeting these last weeks.

At the start, Walden looked as if he might take the Swansea

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defence apart, but his finishing was not all that accurate, but Fleming did better after the interval to show an improvement on recent displays in the senior team.

Lownds Not Happy At Inside-left

ALTHOUGH he made some neat touches and used the ball well at times, Lownds did not look happy in his unaccustomed position and, as do many other wing-halves of far more experience than he has, he obviously found the move forward a little disconcerting.

However, he was a great trier and he did as well as anyone could expect in the circumstances.

There was another five star performance from Pacey who is playing brilliant football with remarkable consistency these days and he was a great general in defence.

So, too, was Bramwell, who was captain for the day, a fact he celebrated with a top-class showing.

Kelly Had A Grip On Donnelly

SWANSEA'S gamble in switching Donnelly to centre-forward paid far less dividend than did the risk the Town took in calling on Turner, because Donnelly was never to make the slightest impression on Kelly, despite his facial injury and the centre-half was always a great bulwark.

While he was not so strong as Morton has been, McGuffie had quite a useful game on his first outing in the half-back line this season and the middle line, as a whole, played their part well.

What with penalties and "own goals," McNally is in an unlucky streak, but, for all that, he did a competent job, and Baynham was again in excellent form, always showing the utmost confidence in his handling.

Weakened Reserves Down At Leicester

BADLY weakened by first team calls and forced to field a couple of apprentice professionals in Caleb and Wilsher, the Town Reserves found themselves up against it at Leicester where they were beaten 4-0.

Not even the experience of Morton, who was not 100 per cent fit and played only because of the acute shortage of players, could stop the lively Leicester forwards, led by McIlmoyle, the choice for last season's Cup