

BROXBURN SURPRISED THE 'STAR' AT HOME

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NEWTONGRANGE STAR, the Lothians Scottish Junior Cup "hope," were surprised at home by lowly Broxburn Athletic in the Edinburgh and District League on Saturday. Athletic won 3-0.

Athletic, whose first goal was scored by former Star player Sclater, had too much dash for the home side, who played two reserves. Pryde and Hardie (penalty) completed the scoring.

ECK HOPE IS FIT

NEWTONGRANGE STAR outside left Eck Hope, blown off a 16ft. ladder early this week, was considered by secretary Jimmy Kirkwood a certain non-starter for tomorrow's Scottish Junior Cup fifth round third replay with Blairgowrie at Central Park, Cowdenbeath (writes Laurie Cumming.)

But Eck had other ideas. Surprised Star officials and team mates saw him turn up for training last night and pass a severe fitness test. Eck casually remarked: "Did you really think I wouldn't be o.k. for Saturday?"

The Newtongrange team is—M'Kay; Robertson; Hutchison; Cockburn, Dingwall, Burt; Sneddon; Allan, Young, Haughney, Hope.

6½ Hours—Unfinished 'Marathon' Again On March 19

ON February 5, Blairgowrie and Newtongrange Star kicked off in their Scottish Junior Cup tie. Six weeks later, on March 19, this marathon tie, still undecided, goes on again for the fifth time to determine who gets a place in the sixth round.

The teams drew 1-1 on Saturday and were due to meet again this week-end, but the S.J.F.A. have given "Blair" permission to play in their Perthshire Cup final against Auchterarder Primrose at Muirton Park on that date.

Bid For Same Venue

The "marathon" tie will be resumed on March 19, and Central Park, Cowdenbeath, if available, will again be the venue.

The teams have already been in opposition for 6 hours 55 minutes, Saturday's game being abandoned after five minutes of extra time.

"Endless" Tie Now A Threat To Local Tournaments

LOCAL competitions as well as the national ties are being seriously held up by the protracted Scottish Junior Cup tie between Newtongrange Star and Blairgowrie. When the weather clerk took a hand in the third replay at Central Park, Cowdenbeath, on Saturday, and forced abandonment after five minutes of extra time, it seemed as if the tie were fated to remain undecided.

As in the previous games, both sets of forwards missed scoring chances a-plenty. A deflection off Gray helped Bird to open the scoring for Star, and five minutes from the end of the second half, Sharp gave Blairgowrie an equaliser that was deserved on the run of play.

FOR the fourth successive time, Newtongrange field an unchanged team on Saturday. Their Scottish Junior Cup fourth round tie with Blairgowrie, if not possible, for Hope has been injured and may have to replace him. At the moment, therefore, the team reads: Mackay; Haughney, Hutchison; Robertson, Dingwall, Bird; Sneddon, Neilson, Young, Cockburn, Hope or another. A strong following will travel to Central Park, Cowdenbeath.

Nitten Ahead By 'Assist' Goal

Despite dreich weather, 3000 spectators turned up at Central Park, Cowdenbeath, this afternoon to watch this third replay of the fifth round Scottish Junior Cup tie between Newtongrange Star and Blairgowrie.

Newtongrange Star — M'Kay; Pryde and Robertson; Cockburn; Dingwall, and Bird; Sneddon; Allan, Young, Haughney, and Hope. Blairgowrie—Thompson; Fordyce and Duncan; King, Gray, and Adams; Abernethy, Grant, Gilchrist, Sharp, and Cant.

Referee—Mr W. Kerr, Glasgow. Blairgowrie attacked right from the start and forced two corner Both Grant and Cant had good scoring efforts before Gilchrist beat the crossbar with M'Kay beating Newtongrange combined better on the slippery surface, but luck deflected by Gray to open the 35-yard drive from BIRD account in 15 minutes.

Following this unexpected success, the Blairgowrie forward faded out and Newtongrange siege on homson's goal. almost beat the goalkeeper another long-range shot, Young, Allan, and Haughney had narrow misses. After had sent a screamer inches Thompson distinguished him a series of spectacular saves all angles. Half-time.

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