



On Wednesday we played our third game in the Avon Insurance Combination when we met Brighton & Hove Albion at home. As this programme went to press before the match I cannot comment on the result or our performance, however I hope we were able to secure all three points and continue our good start in the league. Thankfully we have managed to lessen the injury problems and it shouldn't be too long before we see Keith Ryan and Paul Emblen returning to football. It is always a problem when a player has been out for a long period, it does take time to recapture fitness and in particular match fitness. Unless a player is completely ready there is not point returning him to Lawrie for possible inclusion in the first team squad. The next step is to regain first team fitness by coming off the bench and gradually attaining maximum potential. Our next match in the Combination is this coming Thursday 28th when we take on Bristol Rovers here at Adams Park, kick off 2pm. This match has been moved from the scheduled Wednesday owing to Rovers involvement in a cup tie the same evening. Please try and get along to the match, we appreciate your support.

Hopefully it will not be too long before we see Dave

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Carroll and Paul Emblen challenging for a place in the Avon Insurance side. The injuries to the four key players this season has been very frustrating, it is a testament to the remaining players of how well they have performed with such a small squad available. The players themselves have been working through pain barriers and levels of fitness that have to be maintained under treatment. The longer a player is out the longer it takes for him to prepare for football. Even the reserve side can be a long way away when kicking a ball for the first time in six months. For Sean in particular he will be anxious to test his knee as soon as possible and no doubt will expect to return within a week of passing out of Dave Jones physio department. One major worry is with four injuries that we will collect two or three more at the same time. So far we have been lucky to keep the others moving, despite receiving the odd knock as players are always susceptible to do.



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