Sports Chat . . . *. . . By Chiltern*

Town Leave Out Streten

STOBBART LOSES HIS PLACE, TOO

BELIEVING that the time has now arrived to take drastic steps in an effort to relieve what has become a near-desperate situation, Manager Daily Duncan has made two bold moves for the vital relegation struggle with Queen's Park Rangers at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

He has omitted from the Town team English International goalkeeper Bernard Streten, and George Stobbart, for whom the Town paid their record fee to Newcastle United last October.

STRETEN for whom no enquiries have been received from other clubs although it is a week since he went on the transfer list at his own request, has not been at his best in recent matches, and he has been chosen to play for the Reserve team at Norwich.

Preferred to him is former Welsh Amateur International, Iorwerth Hughes, who was signed as a professional from Llandudno in the latter part of last season, and who will be making his debut in League football.

He was injured at Birmingham last Saturday, but was able to take part in Tuesday's trial match.

Hughes Has Been Playing Well

IT was a bruised thigh muscle which caused his removal to outside left, but, with treatment, it is thought certain that there will be no trace of this trouble by Saturday.

Hughes has been steadily building a reputation for himself in the Reserve team, and has put up a series of brilliant displays.

Stobbart has had a run of nine matches at centre forward and has scored only two goals and on the basis of results alone, it can scarcely be said that he has filled the position adequately.

Walsh Is Likely To Be Leader

PROBABLY it is unfortunate from Stobbart's point of view that he has gained a reputation of being utility player, and he was moved into the middle from what is probably his best position—inside right.

Lack of inches has been against him at centre forward and it has been obviously recently that the Town badly needed someone in the centre with more dash and less craft.

For the present, the manager not decided definitely on the player to lead the attack, but it looks like being Peter Walsh, formerly of Dundalk, who has made seven previous appearances this season and he last played against Hull City on November 19.

Mulvaney Is Under Consideration, Too

WHEN he first came into the side he looked to be the answer to the problem, and he may yet fulfil that promise if as seems likely, he gets a second chance.

Other name under consideration is that of Jim Mulvaney, who has also had previous experience at centre-forward in the first team, although his normal position is full back.

Unfortunately, Mulvaney has been out of the game for several weeks because of a leg injury, but began training last week.

He has not even taken part in a trial match as yet, and the final decision will probably be not to risk playing him in so important a game without previous match practice.

Charlie Watkins At Inside-Left

EITHER Walsh or Mulvaney will be worriers who will take the shortest route to goal, and the other forward change will be at inside left which position will be filled by switching Charlie Watkins from right half.

Charlie, of course, is no stranger to this berth which he held in last season's Cup-ties, and he has appeared at inside forward three times previously this season.

At Sheffield against the Wednesday, he gave a brilliant display, and he has greater experience of the position than has Doug Gardiner who held it last Saturday.

Gardiner Takes Over At Right-Half

THE switching of Watkins presents no difficulty in replacing him at right-half where Gardiner will appear, and the Town thus go back to the half-back line formation which was a fairly regular feature in the early part of last season.

Gardiner is quite used to operating on the right flank, and there have been occasions this season when he and Watkins have changed places during a match to combat a similar move by the opposing inside forwards.

Team.—

Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Gardiner, Hall, Owen; Glover, Kiernan, Walsh or Mulvaney, Watkins, Waugh.

Great Importance Of This Match

NOT since November 5, when the Town beat Blackburn Rovers 5-2 have the home fans had a victory at Kenilworth-road to cheer them up, but the dire need of success in the match with the Rangers is there for anybody who takes a glance at the League table, to see.

Rangers are just below the Town with a point less from a game more, so victory is virtually worth four points in the relegation struggle.

After a great start to the season in which they played their first seven matches without defeat, the Rangers lost nine of their next ten matches, and the relegation shadow has been hanging over Loftus-road for a considerable time.

Mills Is Back From Torquay United

RECENTLY, they have been showing signs of improvement, and their recent forays into the transfer market have gained for them two useful forwards in Neary, formerly of West Ham and Leyton Orient, and Tommy Best, who has already appeared at Kenilworth-road this season with Cardiff City Reserves.

Now, the Rangers have secured from Torquay their former player Don Mills, who was transferred to the Plainmoor club on the understanding that he should return to Loftus-road when the Rangers needed him.

Rangers Re-shuffle Their Attack

MILLS'S sojourn with the West Country club, with whose success this season he has had much to do, has achieved the building-up physically for which the Rangers were hoping, and has given Mills experience which may prove invaluable to them in their present circumstances.

They are also worried about lack of scoring power, and to try to remedy this, have made a re-shuffle of their attack for their Luton visit.

Mills is included at inside left—his first appearance of his second spell with the Rangers.

Tommy Best Leads The Forwards

ONLY McEwan of the forwards retains the position he held in the F A Cup-tie with Everton last Saturday.

Neary switches from centre-forward to outside-right, with Wardle moving to the left wing in place of Hudson

Leading the line will be Best, who was at inside-left last Saturday.

The defence remains the same, and the team will be:

Allen; Powell, Heath; Hatton, Chapman, Farrow; Neary, McEwan, Best, Mills, Wardle.

Rangers' chief scout, Alf Ridyard, told me yesterday that Ted Duggan is completely fit again and did very well in the Reserves a week last Saturday and in a private trial match last week.

Reserves Hoping For Better Things

THE Town Reserves have made a poor start to their career in the Combination Cup competition in which they were hoping to make something of a splash this season.

Two defeats have been a bad set-back to their hopes, but they are hoping to do better at Norwich on Saturday.

They will have a hard task for the City have one of the most successful reserve teams in the Combination, and will certainly be a hard nut to crack at Carrow-road

Stobbart Will Be At Inside-Right

CONSTITUTION of the Town team has not been settled definitely, but Morton will be back in the middle line where a place may be found for Percy James. Streten will be in goal, and Stobbart at inside-right.

Main doubt about the attack concerns the centre-forward position filling of which will depend on the eventual choice for the first team.

But if Walsh is selected for the senior team and Mulvaney is given a further rest, Shanks, if he has fully recovered from his severe attack of tonsillitis, may be given a try-out there.

Team from: Streten; Wilson, Lake; Morton, Gripton, Ruffett, James; Small, Stobbart, Shanks, Mulvaney, Walsh, Taylor, Wyldes.

Vauxhall Face Their Biggest Test

VAUXHALL MOTORS face their biggest test of the season on Saturday, when they go to Cambridge for the first round of the Amateur Cup.

This match will be a great attraction, and a gate of over 10,000 is assured. The Motors are taking about 60 supporters with them, and are hoping to force a replay at least.

Cambridge have not been quite so powerful as usual this season, though they have been doing well recently.

They and the Motors are old rivals, and Vauxhall have gained some good results on the Cambridge ground.

Should Add To The Striking Power

KEN BRAZIER, fit again, returns to the Vauxhall forward line in place of Brandham, which should add to the striking power of the attack

Chappin is again preferred to Bennett, and young Terry Kelly retains his place at centre-half which means that Bill Hare remains at left-back to the continued exclusion of Bill Weston, who, with Galloway, will travel as reserves Team:

L. Joyner; K. Andrews, W. Hare; H. Marriott, T. Kelly, R. Lloyd; R. Chappin, K. Brazier, K. Chambers, G. Cosgrove, K. Sharp.

South Midlands League

Champions Lost Points At Home

Although Potton United had no League match on Saturday, their championship prospects in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League were given a decided fillip by the defeat of Cambridge Town.

Last season's champions fell at home to Rushden, who could be a championship hope themselves.

Wootton Blue Cross look like being in at the death, too, and their single goal win at Marston establishes them in second place.

Next to them are Wolverton Town, who also obtained the only goal at Stewartby.

Consistent Baldock Town brought their number of wins into double figures and secured their grip on the leadership of Division I, while Houghton Rangers look as if they might run away with the title of Division II (Section "A").

AC-Sphinx, even with ground advantage, were no match for them and now take over bottom place.

PREMIER DIVISION

Cambridge Tn 0, Rushden Tn 3
M'n Shelton Rvrs 0, Wootton B.C. 1
Stewartby Wks 0, Wolverton Tn 1

DIVISION I

Baldock Tn 4, Biggleswade Tn 1
Davis Ath 4, Bedford Lynton Wks 6
St N'ts St Mary's 1, Bdfd Corinth'ns 3

DIVISION II—SECTION "A"

AC-Sphinx 0, Houghton Rngrs 6
Luton Amateur 3, Electrolux 0
Peartree O.B. 2, Leighton Utd 2
Vauxhall Mtrs 3, Baldock Tn 3

DIVISION II—SECTION "B"

Bedfd N'th End 4, M'n Shelton Rvrs 2
Bdfd St Cuthbert's 5, Queen's Wks 3
Bedford Tn "A" 7, Stewartby Wks 1
Wootton B.C. 0, Harrold Utd 4

Another Young Marksman

Good individual scoring feats are occurring weekly in Luton and South Beds Youth League and this week the palm goes to J. Marlow, who scored six times for Luton Argyle against Old Beechillians "A."

DIVISION 14/18

Section "A"

Old Beechillians "A" 1 (G Large), Luton Argyle 11 (J Marlow 6, R Boylen 2, F Claridge 2, A Dyson).
West Park 4 (B Draycott 2, P Mair), Westoning Jnrs 1 (Evans).

Section "B"

Round Green Rngrs 1, Vauxhall Jnrs 12.
Moordale Ath 4, Sundon Park Y.C. 3 (Walters 2, Stromack).
Limbury O.B. 4 (R Lampriere 2, D Blake, P Punter), Sundon Y.C. 2 (E Wright, C Isaacs).

DIVISION 14/16 YRS.

Luton Argyle Jnrs 2 (J Hull, M Decanc), Waterlow-rd B.C. 6 (n Bowers 4, K Flecknell, C Proctor).
St Columba Y.C. 1 (R Reed), West Park 5.
Limbury O.B. Jnrs 5 (P Steing, P Morgan, T Bailey, D Morgan, J Simmons).
Dunstable Pioneer B.C. 1 (L McMillin), Vauxhall Minors 3 (C Clearey, A Winslett, L Broome).

Glendale Keep The Luton Flag Flying

Only Glendale from this end of the county go into the semi-finals of the Beds Junior Cup.

They beat fellow-members of Division II of Luton and South Beds League, Napier Sports, in a hard fought struggle.

Glendale 2, Napier Sports 1.
Spandit Sports 4, Cranfield Utd. 7, (after extra time).
Dunton 4, Heath Utd. 2.

Gripton Was Emergency Goalkeeper

BIRMINGHAM CITY R 5
LUTON TOWN R. 2

An injury to Hughes which handicapped him severely almost throughout the match and which eventually meant his transference to outside left had something to do with the severity of the Town Reserves' defeat at St. Andrew's.

At the same time, Birmingham, who included big money transfer men in Boyd, Jordan and Higgins, deserved their win, though not by such a margin.

Hughes showed quite useful form on the wing, and Gripton, who replaced him in goal, made some excellent saves. The centre half berth was taken over by Pemberton, who defended stubbornly, though previously, whilst at left half, he had been worried by the wiles of the former Tottenham player Jordan.

Twice early on, Walsh nearly gave the Town the lead with very good efforts, but Birmingham gradually took the upper hand and led at the interval by goals from JORDAN, McKEE and HAVENGA.

The Town's hopes looked brighter when SMALL reduced their arrears five minutes after the interval, but another goal from HAVENGA put Birmingham on top again, and O'HARA got the fifth.

Fighting back again, the Town were rewarded by a goal from TAYLOR, who was left with a simple chance.

Best of the Town forwards was Wyldes, and Small was quite dangerous at times. Five goals against them scarcely did justice to the plucky work of the Town's defence.

BIRMINGHAM CITY RES.—Robertson; Trigg, Blake; Boyd, Duckhouse, Ferris; Havenga, Jordan, Higgins, McKee, O'Hara.

LUTON TOWN R.—Hughes; Wilson, Lake; Ruffett, Gripton, Pemberton; Small, James, Walsh, Taylor, Wyldes.

First Cup Hurdle Too High For Town

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN ..... 3 GRIMSBY TOWN ... 4

There were two main reasons why Luton Town have no further interest in the F.A. Cup this season. One was that their forwards missed chances in the most prodigal manner, and the other that the defence could not prevent Briggs going one better than his scoring feat at Blundell Park the week before.

In the closing stages the game flamed into most violent life when Kiernan scored twice in the space of a minute.

Only a goal behind and with a minute to go the Town saw an outside chance, and marshalled all their forces in the penalty area for a corner just before the end.

This failed to bring an equaliser, as did a free kick seconds later, and the Town left the field defeated in a match in which they had had nearly 75 per cent of the play.

Which merely served to emphasise the unassessable value of having such a great opportunist as Briggs.

During the whole of the match only half a dozen chances came his way, but he snapped up four of them in that quick, decisive manner of his.

With more than double that amount of openings sprinkled among the forward line, the Town failed signally to force home their territorial advantage.

Starting with their customary sparkle, they could have been leading comfortably before the the match was 20 minutes old, but their finishing failed them and, instead, it was Grimsby who turned around with a two goals lead.

TOWN STRUCK BACK

Both came from BRIGGS, the first with a hard, close range shot that Streten half stopped, and the second with a header from a high centre by McStay, which the centre-forward reached before Streten.

Looking rather more workmanlike in the early stages of the second half, the Town struck back with a goal headed by WAUGH after Kiernan had sent Glover away with a perfect pass.

That goal brought more action at the Grimsby end, but the finishing continued to lack decision, and more chances went astray.

Next shock came 19 minutes from the end when, with the Town almost entirely on the offensive and battling away for the elusive equaliser, BRIGGS broke away, beat Hall, and after a long run, planted the ball firmly past Streten.

That seemed to end the Town's hopes, and nothing looked more certain than Grimsby's appearance in the fourth round when BRIGGS obtained a "soft" fourth goal with everybody standing still waiting for the whistle to go for offside.

Following that came the Town's fighting finish in which KIERNAN twice rammed the ball high into the Grimsby net, but these successes came too late to set the example which the other forwards sorely needed.

The Town's biggest need was a strong, hard-shooting centre-forward, for Stobbart did not fill the bill on these lines and failed with the chances which came his way.

Neither did Gardiner provide the answer to the inside-left problem, and he, too, was guilty of hurried shooting.

CLEVER IN MIDFIELD

Both Glover and Waugh were clever in midfield, and the former was the more dangerous of the two, but both tended to delay their centres too long.

The length of time which the moves took to develop was a failing of the forward line, and when Kiernan made those shrewd, quick passes which he produced occasionally, they were a sure pointer to what was required.

Yet the class football in this match came from the Town, for Grimsby's play was devoid of frills, but they made ground with the minimum waste of time.

Luton's man of the match was Billy Cooke, who was up and down the field all through the second half. His strong, determined work and well-made passes caused the Grimsby defence no end of worry, and Owen, too, did his share in keeping the Town attacking in the second half.

Naturally, the all-out nature of the Town's offensive during that period meant that the defence was depleted, and Hall found his hands full whenever Briggs obtained possession of the ball on the ground.

For all that, and Briggs's scoring success, Hall had quite a good match, and so did Aherne, who gave McStay less room in which to work than he did the previous week.

With Cooke adopting an attacking role in the second half, Watkins was content to fall back and cover up, with the result that not so much was seen of him as is usual.

Streten was not the completely confident goalkeeper of a few weeks ago, and he must shoulder blame for the first two goals.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Hall, Owen; Glover, Kiernan, Stobbart, Gardiner, Waugh.

GRIMSBY TOWN: Bircham; Fisher, Harnby; Johnston, McMillan, Duthie; McStay, Shearer, Briggs, Cairns, Hair.

Referee: A. Holland, Barnsley.
Attendance: 18,843.

Two Luton Teams In The Senior Cup Semi-Finals

Two Luton clubs, Percival Athletic and Vauxhall Motors, qualified for the semi-finals of the Beds Senior Cup on Saturday.

Percival's win at Biggleswade was the feat of the day, for Vauxhall had more difficulty in disposing of Arlesey Town.

Kent's Athletic and Hitchin-road O.B. both put up plucky fights, but were dismissed.

Vauxhall Won After Shocks

Vauxhall Motors 3, Arlesey T. 2

Although Vauxhall did practically everything but score in the first half against a plucky Arlesey side, it was the visitors who got the goals, and they built up a 2—0 lead through LILLEY before the Vauxhall forwards retaliated.

Only lack of punch in front of goal kept the Motors' forwards out, but Langham, in goal for Arlesey, made some spectacular saves. At the other end, Joyner had a fairly easy afternoon.

Vauxhall quickly rallied, and two good goals by CHAMBERS, who played well at centre-forward, put them on level terms.

The last ten minutes of the game rarely saw the ball beyond the Arlesey goal area, yet their defence stood up to the bombardment well, and only let the Motors' forwards through once more. MARRIOTT scored the all-important goal.

VAUXHALL: Joyner; Andrews, Hare; Marriott, Kelly, Lloyd; Chappin, Brandham, Chambers, Cosgrove, Sharp.

Richards Was Percival's Star

Biggleswade 2, Percival Ath. 3

A brilliant first half "hat-trick" by RICHARDS, Percival's best forward, demoralised Biggleswade, and they were rarely in the picture until the second half.

They were awarded a penalty, but Smith shot straight at Stead, who had little difficulty in saving.

Richards was still very dangerous after the interval, and twice he made two smart efforts.

Biggleswade settled down, and the Luton defence had a difficult period.

Stead was in brilliant form, however, and saved some hard drives He was finally beaten by Smith, though and four minutes from the end the Biggleswade centre-forward scored again.

Percival Ath.: Stead; Palmer, Whyman; Kearney, Dolling, Totts; Aylen, Wilmott, Richards, Pugh, Lewis

Kent's Made A Brave Exit

Potton United 2, Kent's Ath. 0

Kent's Athletic met a strong Potton side, and before the game was three minutes' old they were a goal down.

Their early goal, scored by KING, gave the home side confidence and for the next quarter of an hour Kent's defence was hard pressed, though they kept the eager Potton forwards out for the rest of the first half.

After the change-over, Kent's did most of the pressing, but though Bleaney and Randell went close they were unable to equalise.

Meyrick and Randell played exceptionally well and Dimmock, 'n goal saved some good shots.

Towards the end, W. POTTON, in a home break-away, added to the lead. Kent's were pressing when the final whistle went.

KENT'S ATHLETIC: Dimmock; Morgan, Naylor; Watts, Carroll, Sing; Bleaney, Randell, Bierton, Meyrick, McMurdie.

Old Boys Were Disappointing

Shefford 3, Hitchin-road O.B. 1

Hitchin-road Old Boys never looked like beating a lively Shefford side, and though their forwards tried hard enough they were seldom dangerous in front of goal.

Their defence was not as sound as usual either and the energetic home forwards were quick to take advantage of defensive errors.

Shefford scored twice through WILLIAMS and PIKE in the first half and COTTON added a third after the interval.

A. STRAPP obtained a consolation goal for the Old Boys, but although they made a brief but spirited rally directly after this they were unable to reduce their arrears further.

HITCHIN ROAD O.B.: Tottingham; Kilby, Burgess; Day, McCrum, Hewitt; Firmin, A. Strapp, Clark, D. Strapp, Horsler.

Kimpton Faded Out In Cup Match

London Colney Res 4, Kimpton Rov 2

After being on level terms at half-time in their Third Round Mid Herts Benevolent Cup match with a strong London Colney reserve team, Kimpton faded badly, and the home side built up a 4—1 lead.

Five minutes from the end Kimpton were awarded a free kick 15 yards outside the penalty area, and left-back COLEMAN scored with a well-placed shot. Their other scorer was SYMONDS

In the First Round of the Mid Herts Charity Cup, Kimpton Reserves suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Wheathampstead Reserves, and were beaten 9—0.

Luton League

Toddington's Plucky Bid To Check The Leaders

Toddington Rovers made a plucky attempt to bring to an end the long string of consecutive wins gained by Shillington.

They began well enough by taking a 2—0 lead, but then had the misfortune to lose their goalkeeper through injury.

He returned, but was much handicapped. Twenty minutes from the end the score was 4-4, and then Shillington put in a tremendous finish which brought them five goals.

This success makes Shillington hotter favourites than ever for the Division I. title, and it will be difficult for any of their rivals to overhaul them.

Rootes Sports keep among the top flight, and they had a good win over Eaton Bray.

Showing signs of improvement are Luton Crusaders, who just failed to return with a point from Houghton.

Junior Cup-ties depleted the Division II. programme, but Caddington went a step nearer to realising their championship ambitions with another big win, this time over Cockernhoe.

Their chief rivals, Napier Sports, had no match, but Craig Athletic, handily placed to take advantage of slips by the leaders, gained two more points in the most convincing manner.

So, too, did Luton Social and Totternhoe in Division III., while Shillington, by no means out of the running here, were comfortable winners.

Most important match of the day in Division IV. was that between promotion seekers Hayward-Tyler and Luton Co-op. Y.C., the latter being unbeaten in the League so far.

They maintained their record and had built up a 5-0 lead before Hayward-Tyler managed to reply.

One of the surprises was the defeat of consistent Horseshoe Athletic by Sundon St. Mary's, who are said to be playing some very good football.

Two marksmen with nap hands were Stapleton for Barton Rovers, and R. Cole, who scored all Warden Hill's five goals in their 5-5 draw at Bidwell in Division V.

But the best scoring feat was attained by Martin, the Kensworth Reserves' centre-forward, who scored eight of his team's nine goals and missed a penalty into the bargain.

DIVISION I

HOUGHTON RANGERS 3, LUTON CRUSADERS 2 (McDonald, Francis).
TODDINGTON ROVERS 4 (Astbury 2, Janes 2), SHILLINGTON 9 (T Saunders 3, W Saunders 2, E Flint 2, O Chamberlain 2).
NORTON RANGERS 1 (Curtis) LIMBURY O.B. 3 (Jones, Weston, Clark).
ROOTES SPORTS 4, EATON BRAY 1 (Linc)

DIVISION II

CADDINGTON 5 (Ginger 2, Upton, Fullarton, Currant), COCKERNHOE 1 (Ayres).
CHAUL END ATH 5 (Beasley 3, Gower, Corrib), KENT'S ATH 1 (B Peel).
CRAIG ATH 7 (Copley 2, Jones 2, Bradley, Hunt, Hooker), DAVIS ATH 0.

DIVISION III

LEAGRAVE B.L. 2 (Gibbons, Marne), OLD LUTONIANS 5 (Anderson 3, Whalley, Chalkley).
SHILLINGTON 3 (Cole, Lyn, Ingram), NAPIER SPORTS 0.
AVONDALE ATH 0, TOTTERNHOE 9 (Witts 3, Janes 2, Waits 2, Bull, Tucker).
LIMBURY 3 (Dean, Daniels, Lovett), JACOLL SPORTS 5 (Crews, Saunders, Bunyan 3).
ELECTROLUX 0, LUTON SOCIAL 8 (Walker 3, Gifford 2, Miller 2, Brown).

DIVISION IV

CHALTON ROVERS 8 (Ashby 3, Piper 2, Harrison, Lane, Brinklow), LUTON GAS WORKS 1 (Ring).
OLD BEECHILLIANS 0, PIONEER CORINTHIANS 5 (Griffiths 2, Harris, Corderoy, Burgin).
SUNDON ST MARY'S 3 (Woodbridge, Day, Odell), HORSESHOE ATH 2 (Anderson, Gilmour).
HAYWARD-TYLER 2 (J Manton, Davis), LUTON CO-OP Y.C. 6 (Harburn 2, Wright 2, Allen, Evans).
LUTON UTD 0, ADAMANT ATH 5 (Kinnear 3, Palmer 2).
BARTON ROVERS 7 (Stapleton 5, Bennett 2), HARLINGTON 1.
GLENDALE 1 (Mead), PERCIVAL ATH 1.

DIVISION V

LUTON BREWERY 6 (Chambers 3, F Grummitt, Hodge, Baylis), CADDINGTON "B" 1
WALCOT ATH 1 (McGeorge, Gentle Startin), VILLA ROVERS 2.
LEA VALLEY 0, BELLS PARK 7 (Fensome 2, Hughes, Childs, White, Weekes, Wood).
R.A.F. ASSOCIATION 2 (Chapman, Fensome), HART HILL RGS 1 (Owen).
BIDWELL 5 (Clarke 2, Anthony, Tomlin opponent), WARDEN HILL ATH 5 (R. Cole 5).
KENSWORTH RES 9 (Martin 8, Dell), EATON BRAY RES 2 (D Horne, Cox).
ADAMANT ATH RES 0, LUTON SOCIAL RES 2 (Snoxell, Naylor).

Greyhound Racing

Runners And Selections For Luton On Saturday

6.30 (410yds).—435 Black Beauty; 534 Dandy; 564 Downside; 243 Lucky Scar II; 445 Phantom; 466 Sphinx.

6.50 (470yds).—221 Blue Romance; 431 Brownie; 234 Dark Weather; 162 Jamie II; 111 Pat's Dislike; 215 Squatter. Reserve: 264 Harvest King.

7.10 (410yds).—45 Black Pepper; 113 Castle Meadow; 6 Faithful Johnny (Dec 26, tp 4, 24.97; Dec 31, tp 4, 25.95); 332 Ginger Wine; Judy Gay (Dec 1, tp 1, 24.92; Dec 10, tp 1, 25.05); 453 Old Road. Reserve: 115 Crescent King.

7.30 (470yds).—543 Allen's Mate; 552 Carol; 614 Carpenter; 232 Como; 545 Coquette; 644 Sound Box. Reserve: 145 Long Leas.

7.50 (470yds).—52 Biro; 313 Dark Knight; 635 Hillside; 141 I Wonder; 163 Panda; 354 Seldom Led. Reserve: 652 Wilfred.

8.10 (410yds).—556 Bill; 154 Duke; 62 Fluid Bobby; 536 Judge; 453 Lincoln; 221 Referee. Reserve: 661 Red Coat.

8.30 (470yds). — 615 Coalition; 442 Good Intent; 412 Mofet's Mony; 365 Montrose; 324 No Limit; 456 Suzanne. Reserve: 421 Mary's Pet.

8.50 (410yds).—134 Ashwood; Brown Rover (June 30, tp 1, 25.00; Dec 31, tp 3, 25.09; Jan 1, tp 4, 25.02); Cosmopolitan (Jan 1, tp 3, 24.84; Jan 7, tp 4, 24.81); 462 Mad Hatter; 543 Young Tom; 553 Yvonne's Dream. Reserve: 44 Little Pat (Dec 31, tp 5, 25.05).

SELECTIONS

6.30 Phantom (Lucky Scar II, Sphinx)
6.50 Pat's Dislike (Blue Romance, Dark Weather).
7.10 Ginger Wine (nap) Judy Gay, Old Road).
7.30 Como (Allen's Mate, Carol).
7.50 Dark Knight (Panda, Biro).
8.10 Fluid Bobby (Referee, Lincoln).
8.30 Mofet's Mony (Montrose, Good Intent).
8.50 Mad Hatter (Cosmopolitan, Ashwood).

Billiards

High Town Fell Unexpectedly

Defeat of High Town, leaders of Division II of the Snooker section of Luton and District Clubs League, opens up the leading positions.

Luton Social, who won easily, are now challenging, but Luton Conservatives, who also have a chance, were held to a draw by Davis "B".

DIVISION I

Beech Hill 2 Luton Labour 2
Liberal "A" 3, Luton Social 1
Vauxhall 2, Leagrave Legion 2
Highest breaks: 85 by J James, Liberal "A"; 64 by R Holland, Luton Labour "A."

	P	W	D	L	P	G
Luton Liberal	12	9	3	0	70	33
Luton Conservative.	11	7	4	0	66	33
Vauxhall	12	4	6	2	56	28
Luton Labour	11	4	3	4	40	20
Beech Hill	12	3	2	7	36	19
Luton Social	12	1	5	6	36	18
Leagrave Legion ..	12	0	3	9	24	12

SNOOKER

DIVISION I

Vauxhall 3, Percival 1
Luton Social 1, Beech Hill 3
Luton Conservative 3, Liberal "B" 1

	P	W	D	L	P	G
Luton Conservative	9	7	2	0	54	27
Beech Hill	9	4	3	2	42	21
Liberal "A"	8	4	3	1	40	20
Luton Social	9	4	2	3	38	19
Vauxhall	9	4	2	3	38	19
Liberal "B"	9	1	3	5	28	14
Leagrave Legion ..	8	1	2	5	24	12
Percival	9	0	2	7	16	8

DIVISION II

Percival 1, Labour "B" 3
Davis "B" 2, Luton Conservative 2
Labour "A" 2, Davis "A" 2
Beech Hill 3 High Town 1
Dominion Social 0, Luton Social 4

	P	W	D	L	P	G
High Town	13	7	4	2	70	35
Luton Social	13	7	4	2	66	33
Luton Conservative	12	6	3	3	54	27
Leagrave Legion ..	12	5	3	4	52	26
Labour "A"	10	4	4	2	48	24
Beech Hill	11	4	4	3	46	23
Davis "A"	11	4	3	4	44	22
Percival	13	3	5	5	44	22
Davis "B"	11	1	6	4	34	17
Labour "B"	11	2	3	6	30	15
Dominion Social ..	11	0	3	8	18	9

Golf

Points Bogey Winners At South Beds

J. A. Alcock (6) and T. T. Brown (6), 36 points each, tied in the First Division points bogey at South Beds on Saturday, and the prize went to the former who was the winner on the odd holes

Other scores were: L. G. Randall (plus 2), 34 points; J. Cattenach (3), 33; D. B. Miller (3), 33 R. F. Fletcher (8), 33.

SECOND DIVISION

R. Overhill (18), 34 points; F. Cain (22), 33; F. Dervan (20), 33; J. W. Clark (15), 32; F. Holbrook (18), 32.

Rugby

18 In A Row For O.B.s

Old Lutonians 9, De Havilland (Hatfield) 0

The Old Boys' eighteenth consecutive victory was chiefly memorable for the robustness of the play and the air of "vendetta" which crept over the field without causing either injury or hard feelings.

Although finding their opponents a handful, the home pack contrived to give their backs a fair share of the ball, and a heel from the loose gave Pakes an opportunity to force his way to the line for Marshall to score.

A little later Muse, from the full-back position, joined in the Old Boys' attack to send Lyne over.

The visitors' defence tightened up considerably in the second half and the Luton attacks were, for the most part, frustrated. Muse, added the Old Boys' last points when he kicked a neat penalty goal from a not-too-easy position.

Experience A Big Factor

London Hospital 19, Luton 0

The more experienced London side proved too strong for Luton, who, although in no way disgraced, were defending more often than they were attacking.

The scrums were very equal, but the home side were dominant in the lines out. Luton attacked at the beginning and Hawkes, Pooley and Oakley had several good runs.

A neat service from the Hospital scrum sent their threequarters away and the ball was given cleanly to the right winger, who outpaced the defence to score. Luton then conceded a penalty which was quickly followed by a try.

The second half was played at a cracking pace, and Luton were called upon to defend more than attack, although they made a number of very good efforts. These, however, were too orthodox to succeeded against the ability and speed of the home side. Orton and Oakley brought off some fine tackles, but the home side added two further tries, both of which were converted. Towards the end, Luton used their pack well, and some rousing dribbles were seen. The ball, on two occasions, was taken from inside Luton's "25" almost to the home side's line, and only the most courageous defence prevented them taking it over.

LUTON.—Connelly, Hawkes, Thorpe, Temple, Oakley; Orton, Huntington; Hammond, Peirson, Johnston, Skelton, Pooley, Tooley, Powell, Davies.

O.B.s Went Down By Narrowest Of Margins

Old Lutonians Extra "A" 5, Wasps Extra "B" 6

Old Lutonians lost by the narrowest of margins after a keenly fought match between evenly matched sides.

Wasps scored an unconverted try in the first half against the run of the play, but after the interval Cameron ran from the halfway line with the ball at his feet to score a try which Smith had little difficulty in converting.

The Wasps swung to the offensive, and the Lutonians' defence was penetrated again when a three-quarter slipped through and scored another unconverted try.

Injuries Upset The Vauxhall Plans

Bedford Athletic 25, Vauxhall 3

Depleted by injuries, Vauxhall were forced to make numerous positional switches which weakened them considerably.

Even then they were further weakened by injuries sustained in this match.

The game opened with lively movements by both sides, but Bedford forced the pace and scored two quick tries, one of which was converted.

Vauxhall gained their only try directly after this when Hobbs and Holmes combined splendidly for the latter to touch down.

At this stage the visitors were upset by two more injuries, and this loss began to tell on them. Their deficiencies, plus the strong Bedford wingers, overcome the Vauxhall defence and they scored three more tries, converting one. A superbly taken penalty goal from the halfway line, and an equally good dropped goal, completed Bedford's score.

The depleted Vauxhall team, although beaten, were in no way disgraced.

VAUXHALL: Booth; T Barker, Holmes, Hobbs, Phipps; Dellar, Jones; Gudgin, Williams, Pauling, Hambrook, H Barker, Bland, Brook, Evered.

Hockey

Luton Made A Bad Start

L.M.S. Wembley 3, Luton 2.

Luton's defence was soon hard pressed and the home team were three goals up after only twenty minutes.

The visiting forwards seemed unable to get going and made little impression on the home defence. OLIVER managed to break through once and he scored a good goal.

In the second half Luton had rather more of the play and THOMPSON further reduced their arrears.

After their lapse the Wembley defenders tightened up and Luton, in spite of pressure, were unable to equalise.

Another Field Day For Nightingale

Kent's Athletic 5, Stevenage 0

Nightingale had another field day on Saturday, when he scored four of Kent's five goals.

Stevenage never really settled down, and they used short passing movements, whereas Kent's swung the ball about with great success.

Kent's defence was in fine form and fed their forwards astutely. NIGHTINGALE'S opportunism was rewarded with four goals, and ANGELL obtained the other.

Luton Ladies Beaten By Late Goal

Welwyn Garden City 1, Luton Ladies 0

In a hard, fast match on Saturday, Luton Ladies put up a very creditable performance against the Hertfordshire side, and until the final stages of the game it looked as though the match would be drawn.

Then however, the pace quickened, and Welwyn pressed strongly. Aldridge, in goal, played splendidly, but 10 minutes from the end she was beaten and the only goal of the match was scored.

Table Tennis

Toddington Boy Takes Another Step Forward

Playing in the fourth round of the "Daily Mirror" National Table Tennis Tournament (Boys' Singles), John Brian Bertrand, of Toddington, beat Leonard Shaw, of St. Neots, 21-18, 21-10, 21-15.

Replies

C., Luton.—When Luton met Grimsby Town in the Third Division (South) on October 9, 1920, the result was Luton 3, Grimsby 1. Simms (2) and Bookman scored for Luton and Storer for Grimsby. At Grimsby the following Saturday, Luton won 1—0, Simms scoring.

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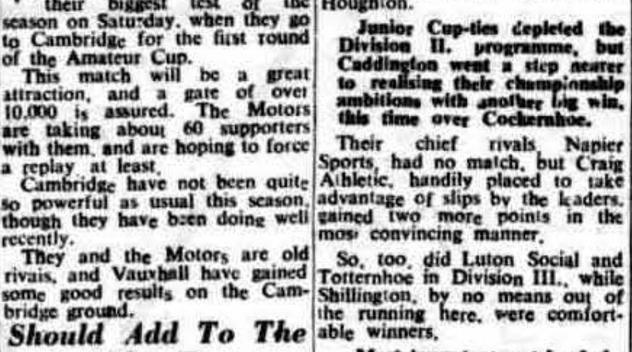

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