Sports Chat . . . . . By Chiltern

Another Town Re-Shuffle

SHANKS TO LEAD THE FORWARDS

Sign of the times is that the Town make seven changes, five of them positional, in another big re-shuffle for their visit to Deepdale to meet the expensive Preston North End team.

Only two players, Hall and Walsh, lose their places as compared with the team beaten at home by Queen's Park Rangers, and both Shanks and Taylor are reinstated in the side.

Shanks, fit again after his attack of tonsillitis which had caused him to miss two matches, returns, not to inside left, where he has appeared fairly regularly recently, but to centre-forward.

Only once before this season, in the home match with Grimsby Town on September 3, has he played there, but he has had a deal of experience in the middle for the Reserves.

One thing of which one can always be certain about Shanks is that he will keep moving about and harassing the defence, and his run of bad luck as a marksman must come to an end sooner or later.

Taylor Was Brilliant In Trial Match

JACK TAYLOR has not been in the League team since that memorable day of November 5 when the Town registered their best victory of the season over Blackburn Rovers.

After that, he was troubled by a strained stomach muscle, and also had an ankle injury which prevented him reaching his best form.

Now thoroughly fit again, I am told that he played brilliantly in the private trial match on Tuesday, and this exhibition caused the manager to decide to give him another chance in the League side in which he has already made 12 appearances this season and scored two goals.

At His Best, He Can Solve This Problem

IF he can only strike the form he produced in the early matches this season, he will relieve a lot of the present anxiety about the inside left position which has been a distinct problem all this season.

What is wanted in the forward line is more use made of the open spaces and realisation that the man who is not in possession of the ball is just as much in the game as the man who is.

Half the secret of good forward play is the ability to take up good position, and when players move into the open spaces, that is when a defence's troubles begin.

Back To The Old Half-Back Formation

IN defence, the Town go back to the old half-back formation with Sid Owen at centre half after two games at left half.

On the whole I think that Owen is more solid than is Hall and is certainly more effective in the air where nothing much eludes him.

Gardiner reverts to his old position at left half following outings at inside left and right half in, neither of which was he at his best.

This week, Gardiner has been receiving intensive treatment for an injury, but is expected to be thoroughly fit by Saturday.

Tactical Switch At Full-Back

TO complete the half-back line-up which has served the Town for the greater part of this season Charlie Watkins is switched to right half.

The remainder of the general post in defence involves Aherne and Cooke exchanging positions at full-back.

This, of course, is a tactical move to combat the danger which will undoubtedly come from Tom Finney if he is fit enough to return to the Preston team.

Cook tackles harder and usually marks his winger closer than does Aherne, and he has had some top-class wingers in his time.

Hughes Is Retained In Goal

THE move will make little difference to either, for each is two-footed, and Cooke has played often on the left flank, though Aherne has not appeared at right back since joining the Town.

Hughes retains his place in goal, as it was obvious that he would, for he must be given a chance to settle down.

Team.—Hughes; Aherne, Cooke; Watkins, Owen, Gardiner; Glover, Kiernan, Shanks, Taylor, Waugh.

Yesterday, the players were playing golf on the Ashridge course. They badly need to avoid defeat at Deepdale and even half the spoils would be a welcome addition to their meagre store.

Preston Are In A Sticky Patch

WHEN Preston went into the transfer market to the tune of about £45,000 for the transfers of Quigley from Sheffield Wednesday and Forbes from Wolves, they did so in the hope that this outlay would enable them to regain their place in the First Division.

However, the Lancashire side have struck a bad patch in which little has gone right for them in Cup or League. Their dismissal from the Cup by Watford has now gone down in football history, and their recent League record is nothing to write home about either.

Of their last eight matches, they have won only two and drawn one, and two of their five recent defeats have been at home.

Finney Is Expected To Return

TRUE, there were signs of improvement at Coventry last Saturday when, even without the guiding genious of Finney, they were able to salvage a point but all the more for that, if the Town can produce their form they showed immediately before Christmas, they should be in the game with a chance.

Yesterday afternoon, it was not certain whether Finney would be back in the North End team, but everything was pointing towards his return, for he has recovered from the attack of tonsillitis which prevented him turning out in the second match with Watford.

Only One Change Is Expected

WITH Finney playing, North End are a vastly different proposition than when he is not, and he is undoubtedly the most dangerous winger in England at the moment

Return of Finney to outside right in place of Docherty is, I am told, the only contemplated change in Preston's team which means that Ramscar, for whom they paid a big fee to Queen's Park Rangers, will be omitted again.

Angus Morrison, for whom Manchester City made a bid three weeks ago has been restored to centre forward, and the probable team is:

Newlands; Walton, Cunningham; Horton, Waters, Forbes; Finney, Quigley, Morrison, Knight, Anders.

Wilson At Left-Half For Reserves

THE Reserves still pointless after three matches in the Combination Cup competition, will be hoping to open their account when Watford visit Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

They are making an interesting experiment in giving Jimmy Wilson a run at left half. This is a move which has been in the manager's mind for some time, and Wilson did occupy this position with Peterborough before he joined the Town.

Shortage of full backs has prevented the move being made previously, but now that Mulvaney is fit, he will partner Leslie Lake.

Stobbart Named For Inside-Right

IF George Stobbart has recovered from the injury he received in training last week, he will be at inside right, and the other inside-forward position will be filled by Leslie Slatter, who has not had an outing in the Reserve team recently.

Walsh will lead the forwards, and Streten will be making his first home appearance this season in the Reserves. Team:

Streten; Mulvaney, Lake; Morton, Hall, Wilson; Small, Stobbart, Walsh, Slatter, Wyldes

Percy James is going into hospital for a minor operation which should not keep him out of the game very long

Vauxhall Expecting A Big Gate

VAUXHALL MOTORS are hoping for support from local fans for their replay Amateur Cup-tie with Cambridge Town on Saturday, and are preparing for a much bigger gate than they usually accommodate at Kimpton-road.

Cambridge are bringing a considerable following with them, and this is likely to be another hard-fought Cup-tie.

Following their performance in holding Cambridge last Saturday, the Motors are confident that with ground advantage, they will qualify to visit Bournemouth Gasworks in the next round.

Doubts About The Probable Line-up

THEY are forced to make a change because of the injury to Lloyd, and his place at left-half will be filled by Bill Hare, if he has recovered from the muscle trouble which caused him to drop out just before last Saturday's match.

If Hare is unable to play, Cosgrove will move to left half, and Curson will come into the attack.

If another replay is necessary, it will take place on Hitchin Town's ground on Wednesday. Team:—

L. Joyner; K. Andrews, W. Weston; H. Marriott, T. Kelly, W. Hare (or G. Cosgrove), R. Chappin, K. Brazier, K. Chambers, G. Cosgrove (or R. Curson), K. Sharp.

Scottish A.C.F. Will Wear Rangers' Shirts

EVERYTHING is ready for the A.C.F. International match between England and Scotland which is to be played at Kenilworth-road on Saturday morning.

Scotland, who will play in the traditional blue shirts, presented to them by Glasgow Rangers, are going into the match full of confidence in their ability to strike a blow for the land of the thistle.

They already have victories to their credit over some of the best amateur teams in Scotland.

The England team is composed mostly of amateurs who are on the books of First and Second Division teams. They also play in their national colours, white shirts and black shorts.

Leicester Here On Jan. 28

LEFT without a match on Saturday week because they are out of the F.A. Cup and no League fixtures have been arranged for that day, the Town have fixed up a friendly match with Leicester City at Kenilworth-road.

In view of the stirring battles between the two teams last season, this encounter may raise more interest than is usual in friendly fixtures.

Town Colts Had A Fine Victory

One of the best performances in the South Midlands League last Saturday was achieved by the Town Colts in beating Cambridge Town.

They were helped by the marksmanship of Lawton, who scored three times, and the points gave them a welcome lift in the Premier Division table.

Potton United showed championship form in piling on seven goals against Kempston Rovers, and the main challenge to their supremacy may come from Wootton Blue Cross, who had a very good win over Bedford St. Cuthbert's.

In Division I, Kent's provided a severe test for the leaders, Baldock Town, who scraped through by the odd goal in three.

The Dunstable "Derby" ended in a narrow win for AC-Sphinx, who thus maintained their recent improvement.

PREMIER DIVISION

Bdfd St Cuthbert's 0, Wootton B.C. 2
Bletchley Tn 4, Hitchin-rd O.B. 1
Luton Tn Colts 4, Cambridge Tn 2
Marston Shelton Rvrs 5, Pearetree O.B. 1
Potton Utd 7, Kempston Rvrs 0
Stewartby Wks 2, Arlesey Tn 0

DIVISION I

AC-Sphinx 3, Waterlow's 2
Bdfd Corinthians 2, Percival Ath 1
Biggleswade Tn 5, Davis Ath 0
Kent's Ath 1, Baldock Tn 2
St Neots and District 1, Lynton Wks 1

DIVISION II

Section "A"

AC-Sphinx 1, Electrolux 5
Baldock Tn 4, Skefko Ath 1
Pearetree O.B. 3, Houghton Rngrs 6
Vauxhall Motors 4, Luton Amateur 2

Section "B"

Queen's Wks 0, Cranfield Utd 3

A Century Was Nearly Reached

Free scoring was a feature of the games in Luton and South Beds Youth League on Saturday.

The 12 matches produced 94 goals, and top scorers were Luton Argyle Juniors, for whom M. Parker netted six times.

DIVISION "A"

Vauxhall Colts 4 (N Chappin, D Kilby, R Goldsmith, A Millson), Luton Argyle 2 (P L Griffiths, M Dixon).
Old Beechillians "A" 0, Park Rngrs 7.
West Park 7 (D Leck 3, B Draycott 2, P Clorey, J Yardley), Electrolux Colts 0.

DIVISION "B"

Round Green Rngrs 4 (P Roberts 2, C Chester, K Brandham), Sundon Park Y.C. 1 (Stromach).
Moordale Ath 5 (B Harradence 4, D Ralph), Sundon Y.C. 1 (S Hull).
Limbury O.B. 6 (R Lampriere, J Wildman, G Clarkson, L Clinton, D Blake 2), Old Beechillians "B" 1.
Hayward-Tyler Jnrs 0, Vauxhall Jnrs 9 (M Jones 3, K Field 2, M Gustard, J Humphrey, J O'Neill, G West).
Barton Y.C. 5, Beechwood Y.C. 7 (R Evans 2, P Clarke 2, A Rowe 2, J Hammett).

DIVISION 14/16 YRS.

Langley Rngrs 3 (L Jackson 2, B Wright), Caddington Y.C. 2 (B Pain, G King).
Luton B.C. Colts 0, Luton Argyle Jnrs 12 (M Parker 6, J McSuvaney, G Jones, A Cohen 2, H Hutchings, G Heathcote).
Greendale Ath 2 (E Busterfield, E Emsbury), St Columba Y.C. 4 (M Pratt 2, R Reed, B Killacky).
West Park Jnrs 10 (J Phillips 6, P Moir 3, A Smith), Dunstable Pioneer B.C. 2 (S Stoker, R Holland).

Vauxhall Qualify For A Semi-Final

Luton's sole representative in the last four of the Beds Intermediate Cup are Vauxhall Motors, who had to fight all the way against Foundry Equipment at Leighton Buzzard.

Shillington, Luton League leaders, also had a close tussle against Shortstown, but gained a place in the semi-finals.

Shortstown 2, Shillington 3.
Harrold Utd. 3 Bedford North End 2.
Foundry Equipment 2, Vauxhall Motors 3.
Eaton Bray 3, Green End Utd. 4.

Hockey

Luton Began Badly Again

Berkhamsted 2, Luton 2

Once again Luton took time to settle down, and before they came into the game they found themselves two goals down.

However, their forwards proved quite dangerous, and OLIVER reduced the arrears before half-time.

After the interval the home side adopted fast, raiding tactics by their wingers, but the Luton defence was not beaten again, and the visitors gradually dominated the play.

OLIVER equalised, but in spite of persistent pressure they were unable to snatch the winning goal.

Kent's Continue Their Winning Sequence

Tabulator 1, Kent's Athletic 4

Continuing their run of successes, Kent's played extremely well against strong opposition.

They started at a very fast pace, and INGRAM scored after only two minutes. Their forwards found each other with long passes, and split the home defence time and again. Further goals were added by INGRAM, KENDALL and ANGELL.

Tabulator pressed during the last ten minutes and obtained a consolation goal.

Result of a mixed match on Sunday was Kent's Ath 6, S.E.R.L. 0.

Kent's goals were scored by Angell (3), Tyrell, Parrish and Scanes.

Flawless Work By The Defences

Luton Ladies 6, Letchworth 0

With both teams at full strength, this match was keenly fought, and though there was no score both sides had their chances.

Defences were usually on top, though, and the Luton backs did well to keep the quick, hard-shooting Letchworth forwards out.

Luton were a trifle unfortunate in that several good shots went wide of their mark, but considering the evenness of the teams a draw was a fair result.

Luton Ladies: Aldridge; Keens, Hawkins; Kelham, Bowen, Hazell; Francis, Cumberland, Wilson, Maynard, Woodhouse.

Vauxhall Both Lucky And Unlucky

Cambridge Town 1, Vauxhall 1

Although Cambridge had more of the play in a hard-fought first round Amateur Cup-tie, Vauxhall can consider themselves unfortunate in having to replay on Saturday.

They took the lead after ten minutes when good work by Brazier resulted in CHAMBERS, Vauxhall's best forward, scoring.

This slender lead was maintained until seven minutes from the end when RICHARDSON converted a penalty for a foul by Cosgrove.

The Motors' defence played splendidly and Joyner, Weston and Kelly between them saved many dangerous situations. Weston, a last minute deputy for Hare, was the best full-back on the field.

The forwards and wing-halves, on the other hand, did not give as good an account of themselves as usual.

Chambers did his best to hold the attack together, but generally lacked support.

A rib injury to Lloyd shortly before half-time meant a defensive re-shuffle and Cosgrove moved to outside-left.

This did not help the Vauxhall cause and they rarely got going after the interval.

Most surprising was the smallness of the attendance which was 6,000, only half of what had been expected.

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

Town Had Chances To Overcome Bad Start

By Chiltern

LUTON TN. ..... 1 QUEEN'S PARK RGS. 2

Two vitally important relegation points were virtually won and lost in the first eight minutes of this match at Kenilworth-road.

During that short spell, debutant Iorwerth Hughes had the disappointing task of picking the ball out of the back of the net twice, and in stunned silence the Luton fans watched the Town's attempt to make a successful rally.

Despite the tearaway start which the Rangers gained, this was yet another match which the Town should not have lost. They had sufficient of the play in the first half to have wiped out their arrears and, again after the interval, enough scoring chances came their way for them to have turned the tables on the Rangers.

The old fault—that of lack of finishing power—manifested itself again, though, and it was this failing, more than anything else, which brought to the Town what cannot be described as other than disaster.

Yet although they had a great deal of the play, the Town did not reveal the cleverness in midfield which they have shown in most recent matches.

Nor was this replaced by more direct methods, and, for the most part, even the short passing was inaccurate. Occasionally the forwards moved with quickness and precision, and this was when the scoring chances occurred, but there was just no one able to crack the ball past Allen, who, considering the amount of pressing which the Town did, had a comparatively light afternoon.

Luton's only goal came four minutes from the interval, when Kiernan did a tricky bit of work on the left wing, and placed the ball into the middle for WATKINS to head the ball into the net as Allen advanced.

That put the Town back into the game after the Rangers had enjoyed a lead of two goals for most of the half.

The game was only two minutes old when MILLS put them ahead with a close-range shot after Best had headed the ball down from Neary's corner.

Six minutes later, NEARY made a run down the wing in the course of which he passed Aherne easily, and then made a shot that surprised Hughes and found a gap inside the near post.

In the second half, the Town lacked cohesion, and there were few smooth movements.

Yet there were opportunities of equalising, but these went very much astray, and, at the end, Rangers were going along easily, and even threatening to increase their slender lead.

SCRAPPY PLAY

The game followed much the lines expected in a desperate struggle on the result of which so much depended, and there was much scrappiness and much big kicking, often aimless and often up in the air.

There were weaknesses throughout the Town team. The defence did not cover well, and only Cooke in this department could be called a real success, and he has played better a number of times this season.

Neither Gardiner nor Owen used the ball to advantage, and Hall, though he did nothing seriously wrong, did not command the middle of the field.

Aherne found Neary a little more than he could manage, and was slow in recovery. As for Hughes, after the early shocks, he settled down to give a confident display, and he was never in much difficulty.

There was little fire or snap about the forwards' work. Waugh was the best of a mediocre line, but Glover could have taken all the honours in this match had he been able to finish off his midfield play accurately.

Watkins did not look too happy at inside left, Kiernan had a patchy sort of game, and Walsh who missed a couple of chances, was usually overshadowed by Chapman.

LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Gardiner, Hall, Owen; Glover, Kiernan, Walsh, Watkins, Waugh.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS. Allen; Powell, Heath; Hutton, Chapman, Farrow; Neary, McEwan, Best, Mills, Wardle.

Referee: W. Ling, Cambridge.

Luton League Produced Few Surprise Results

There were few upsets in form in the Luton District and South Beds League programme on Saturday.

One of the few which does come into this category was that the Division II leaders, Caddington, dropped a point to Chaul End Athletic.

In point of fact, it was not a bad performance on Caddington's part for Chaul End are a strong side, but with their nearest rivals, Napier Sports, winning consistently, the leaders cannot afford to drop points.

An interesting finish seems in prospect here, for Napier are seven points behind, but have four games in hand.

Also in the reckoning are Craig Athletic who shared the points in a remarkable game at Lilley which produced 10 goals.

Farley Rangers ended their unlucky run with a win over Davis Athletic who have taken only 3 points from 15 games.

There were only three fixtures in Division I and Rootes Sports' win over Toddington Rovers—they clinched matters in the closing stages—puts them in third place.

NO CHALLENGE YET

They are level on points with Hitchin-road O.B.'s and Cockernhoe, who did well to draw at Houghton, are close behind. There is no challenge yet though to 100 per cent. Shillington.

Luton Social, leaders of Division III show no signs of weakening and another clear-cut win enables them to maintain their advantage over Totternhoe, who were also successful.

Neither of these teams can afford to slip up for Shillington are lying handy.

Best scoring feat in this Division was by Avondale's centre-forward, Emmerson who scored five times.

It seems to be only a question of time before Luton Co-op Y.C. regain the leadership of Divison IV.

They whipped Pioneer Corinthians soundly and, so far, have dropped only two points out of 28.

Nothing seems more certain than that unbeaten Bells Park will take the championship of Division V.

They gained their usual victory despite stubborn resistance from Luton Social, who were plucky fighters.

DIVISION I

ROOTES SPORTS 5 (Worboys 2, Gidding, Daniels, Norris), TODDINGTON RVRS 1 (Astbury).
HOUGHTON RNGRS 2 (Harvey, Badstevener), COCKERNHOE 2 (Ward 2).
BALDOCK O.B. 2 (Coote 2), LIMBURY O.B. 1 (Jones).

DIVISION II

COCKERNHOE 2 (C Webb, Farmer), NAPIER SPORTS 6 (B Bachini 3, Cubberley, Warren, Hooton).
DAVIS ATH 1 (Kelly), FARLEY RNGRS 2 (Neal 2).
BARTON RVRS 5 (A Virgin 2, Jepps 2, Jones), PERCIVAL ATH 1.
GLENDALE 2 (Horton, Knapton), SPANDIT SPORTS 6.
LILLEY RNGRS 5 (R J Perrins 2, Saunders 2, R Perrins), CRAIG ATH 5.
CHAUL END ATH 0, CADDINGTON 0.

DIVISION III

SKEFKO ATH 3 (Howarth 2, Mitchell), AVONDALE ATH 5 (Emmerson 5).
HEATH UTD 6 (Minall 4, A Baines, D Higgs), ROYAL NAVAL O.C. 1 (Tingey).
LUTON SOCIAL 4 (Brown 2, Walker 2), NAPIER SPORTS 0.
ELECTROLUX 0, SHILLINGTON 3 (Ansell 2, Croft).
JACOLL SPORTS 1 (Saunders), WEST PARK 0.
LEAGRAVE B.L. 2 (Dillingham, Pain), LIMBURY 1 (Goodhart).
TOTTERNHOE 3 (Witts, Bull 2), KENSWORTH 0.

DIVISION IV

LUTON CO-OP Y.C. 9 (Wright 4, Allen 2, Brown 2, Hearn), PIONEER CORINTHIANS 2 (Terry 2).
SUNDON ST. MARY'S 1 (A Odell), ADAMANT ATH 4 (Shekle, Kinnear 3).
LUTON GASWORKS 1 (Ring), BARTON RVRS 3 (Stapleton 3).
GLENDALE 1 (Creamer), HORSESHOE ATH 3 (Anderson 2, White).
BOYS' BATTN SNRS 1, LUTON UTD 2 (Barnes 2).
HARLINGTON 2, PERCIVAL ATH 2.

DIVISION V

LUTON BREWERY 4 (Hodge 2, Rodell, F Grummitt), LILLEY RNGRS 1 (Brown).
R.A.F. ASSN 1 (Wilkinson), WARDEN HILL ATH 1.
CADDINGTON 7 (R. Ginger 2, L Upton, Austin, Goodham, Mardle, Kempston), LEA VALLEY 0.
BELLS PARK 3 (Childs 2, Fensome), LUTON SOCIAL 0.
ADAMANT ATH 2 (Evenden, Kennedy), KENSWORTH 2 (Dell, Card).
HART HILL RNGRS 6 (Blazill 3, Walters, Betts, opponent), EATON BRAY 2 (Giltrow, Simmons).
WALCOT ATH 5 (Startin 2, Gentle 2, Morgan), BIDWELL 2 (Startup 2).

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shillington	10	10	0	0	54	11	20
Hitchin-rd O.B.	12	7	3	2	42	21	17
Roote's Spts	12	8	1	3	36	23	17
Cockernhoe	13	6	4	3	34	23	16
Toddington Rvrs	14	6	3	5	50	42	15
Eaton Bray	14	7	1	6	39	35	15
Luton Brewery	10	5	3	2	29	31	13
Houghton Rngrs	13	5	1	7	42	45	11
Norton Rngrs	14	5	1	8	26	37	11
Baldock O.B.	14	4	2	8	29	52	10
Limbury O.B.	13	2	1	10	22	34	5
Crusaders	13	0	2	11	12	61	2

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caddington	16	13	2	1	64	21	28
Napier Spts	12	10	1	1	62	22	21
Barton Rvrs	15	10	0	5	49	25	20
Craig Ath	13	7	4	2	54	22	18
Glendale	14	8	1	5	42	37	17
Chaul End Ath	15	7	2	6	36	28	16
Spandit Spts	12	6	1	5	42	28	13
Lilley Rngrs	10	5	2	3	28	16	12
Cockernhoe	14	5	0	9	36	48	10
Percival Ath	13	3	3	7	12	33	9
Farley Rngrs	13	3	1	9	10	50	7
Kent's Ath	11	1	3	7	25	30	5
Davis Ath	15	1	1	13	18	85	3
*Amal Tobacco	7	0	1	6	11	44	1

* Amalgamated Tobacco Co have taken over fixtures and records of Streatley Sports.

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Luton Social	17	13	3	1	74	15	29
Totternhoe	18	13	2	3	69	34	28
Shillington "A"	16	12	2	2	57	29	26
Old Lutonians	17	11	2	4	43	25	24
British Legion	18	8	2	8	46	55	18
Heath Utd	13	8	1	4	66	30	17
Limbury	15	7	3	5	42	28	17
Jacoll Sons	17	7	3	7	47	53	17
Skefko Ath	15	5	3	7	35	31	13
West Park	14	6	1	7	28	29	13
Kensworth	15	5	2	8	29	37	12
Electrolux	17	5	1	11	30	44	11
Avondale Ath	18	5	1	12	34	62	11
Napier Spts "A"	18	2	1	15	21	65	5
Royal Naval O.C.	16	1	1	14	20	94	3

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harward-Tyler	19	14	2	3	93	27	30
Horseshoe Ath	19	13	2	4	64	30	28
Luton Co-op	14	12	2	0	67	11	26
Adamant Ath	16	11	1	4	74	24	23
Barton Rvrs	14	9	0	5	44	29	18
Glendale	15	7	3	5	33	39	17
Sundon St Mary's	15	7	2	6	33	42	16
Luton Utd	15	7	0	8	38	42	14
Chalton Rvrs	16	6	1	9	38	44	13
Pioneer Corinth'ns	16	5	1	10	39	52	11
Percival Ath	14	3	3	8	22	49	9
Old Beechillians	17	3	3	11	24	79	9
Harlington	15	4	0	11	22	51	8
Boys' Battn Snrs	12	2	0	10	27	40	4
Gasworks	13	2	0	11	18	77	4

DIVISION V

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bells Park	17	16	1	0	87	12	33
R.A.F. Assn	18	12	2	4	50	34	26
Hart Hill Rngrs	18	11	0	7	61	30	22
Walcot Ath	17	10	1	6	63	35	21
Villa Rvrs	17	7	5	5	51	36	19
Caddington "B"	18	9	1	8	71	61	19
Luton Social Res	17	8	2	7	47	39	18
Warden Hill Ath	17	8	2	7	56	49	18
Lilley Rngrs Res	14	7	3	4	43	39	17
Bidwell	17	6	1	12	55	60	13
Eaton Bray II	17	6	1	10	52	58	13
Luton Br'w'ry Res	11	6	0	5	38	35	12
Kensworth Res	16	3	2	11	38	81	8
Lea Valley	17	1	1	15	18	109	3
Adamant Ath Res	15	0	2	13	17	67	2

A Success Still Evades Reserves

Norwich City Reserves 3, Luton Town Reserves 1.

Success in the Combination Cup competition still evades the Town Reserves, but they should have had a point from their visit to Carrow-road.

Their big chance seemed to have come early in the game when after LAKE had converted one penalty kick for a foul on Mulvaney, they were awarded another when Small was pulled down.

After doing so, the referee consulted a linesman, and then altered his decision to give Norwich a free-kick, apparently for offside

Another goal at that stage would have given the Town a 2—0 lead, and the City would have been hard pressed to wipe that out.

As it was, they got on level terms before half-time when HOLLIS headed through from a centre which Streten should have cleared.

Not until 12 minutes from the end did the City manage to gain the lead for the first time, and then HOLLIS raced through to score with a low shot

Two minutes later, HOLLIS did the trick again, and dispelled any hope of a late Town rally to rescue the point of which they had seemed to be assured.

The defence was quite reliable despite the fact that Wilson's attack of lumbago caused a late change which brought in Pemberton, who played well

Star of this department though, was Morton, who was in great form, while Gripton, despite the scoring success of Hollis, had a good game.

The attack was not well balanced and the honours were shared by Mulvaney and Small.

The former led the line with any amount of dash and enthusiasm, and was unlucky not to get his name in the scorers' list. Small had a brilliant first half, but was not so prominent afterwards.

NORWICH CITY RES.: Ephgrave; McCoy, Arnold; Atkinson, Holmes, Tobin; Doldine, Driver, Hollis, Foan, Morgan (G).

LUTON TOWN RES.: Streten; Lake, Pemberton; Morton, Gripton, Ruffett; Small, James, Mulvaney, Taylor, Wyldes

Rugby

End Of A Great Run Of Success

Old Lutonians 3, Old Cantabrigians 5.

After a winning sequence of 18 games, Old Lutonians were narrowly beaten—by a successful conversion kick — for the first time this season.

They were, however, weakened to some extent, and their three-quarter line, re-fashioned because of injuries, never settled down.

The visitors' try came mid-way through the first half, when good work by their three-quarters ended in their left wing touching down for a try which was converted in great style.

The Lutonians maintained considerable pressure after this, and their defence tightened up, but their usual smooth-running attacks were rarely seen.

One great effort pinned the visitors on their own line, and after several scrums Lynn snapped up a chance and scored. Muse, who had previously failed narrowly with a long penalty kick, saw his good attempt to add the extra points just fail.

Old Lutonians: Muse; Marshall, Lynn, Ironmonger, Hine; Connors, Jeffs; Shepherd, MacDonald, Trendall, Smith, Heanne, Edmonds, Fensome, Pugh.

Old Boys Lost After Leading

Bletchley Town 4, Hitchin-road Old Boys 1

After an exciting first half the Old Boys changed over a goal in front, but then the home team piled on the pressure, equalised, and built up a comfortable lead.

The Old Boys' goal came during a strong raid, when a harassed defender headed past his own goalkeeper. Just before half-time Bletchley were awarded a penalty, but Tottingham, who played a grand game, had little difficulty in saving.

Directly after the interval HEWITT deflected a shot into his own goal, and Whamond, with a hard drive, gave the home side the lead.

The Old Boys tried to open out the game, but too many of their passes went astray, and Bletchley gradually got on top.

The Old Boys' left back, Nelson, was carried off half-way through the second half, and with a re-shuffled defence, Tottingham was beaten twice more.

Hitchin-rd Old Boys: Tottingham; Burgess, Nelson; Saunders, Hewitt, Day; Firmin, D Stapp, Clark, A Stapp, Horsler.

Angling

Juniors Caught "Specimens"

Two junior members of Leighton Buzzard Angling Club had a red-letter day on Sunday.

They were George Lathwell and Peter Read, who, while fishing in the Brickyard Pit at Grovebury-road, caught three fine perch.

Lathwell's fish weighed 2lb. 6oz. 9½dr., and Read caught two weighing 2lb. 1oz. 13½dr. and 1lb. 14oz. 4½dr. respectively. Both the larger fish rank as club specimens.

The Brickyard is rarely fished now since a considerable drop in the water level some years ago. While large fish were known to be in the pit before the drop in water level, it seems to have been overlooked recently that fish of specimen size might still breed in the weedy shallows

After the fish had been weighed they were taken still alive, and put in the Ousel at Bridge-street, Leighton Buzzard.

Peter Read, a nephew of Ted Read, one of the foremost anglers in the district, lives at 8, Market-square, Leighton, and George Lathwell at 31, Mill-road, Leighton.

Golf

Winner Of A Cup For Which 114 Entered

W. R. S. Osborne (2) beat N. Maskell (16) by 3 and 2 in the final of the Benning Cup at Dunstable Downs on Sunday.

In this knock-out competition played off handicap, there were 114 entries originally.

Superior Pack Beat Luton

Luton 3, Old Elizabethans 20.

Superiority in the pack accounted for the visitors' easy victory, and their service to their backs was extremely good from the start.

Even so it was Luton who opened the scoring, when the ball was sent back cleanly and Temple passed to Dickinson, who drew the full-back and sent Skinner over for a spectacular try. The kick failed narrowly from very wide out.

Despite their fine service, the visiting backs could not penetrate Luton's defence, and their lead was gained by two tries, one converted, by the Old Boys' forwards, who played very fiercely and handled very well.

For a period in the second half the Luton forwards were on top, and their backs had some opportunities that showed, given service, they are capable of using the ball. However, the visitors gained supremacy again and added three further tries by their forwards.

Luton: Connelly; Skinner, Dickinson, Hewison, Hawkes; Temple, Huntington; Johnston, Powell, Hammond, Skelton, Pooley, Davies, Boswell, Tooley.

Phipps's Tries Saved Determined Vauxhall

Vauxhall 6, Coventry Welsh 6

Vauxhall, entertaining a strong Coventry team, were in determined mood, and played well to force a draw.

The visitors opened the scoring with an unconverted try, started by their forwards from a line-out and concluded in fine style by their three-quarters.

Play continued to be vigorous, with neither side yielding until Coventry increased their lead with a simple penalty goal.

This setback stimulated Vauxhall rather than discouraged them, and they obtained two tries through Phipps. His first was a spectacular effort, resulting from a breakaway and a run through from his own "25" line.

Play continued even, with Vauxhall having slightly the better of things in the closing stages, but their was no further scoring.

Vauxhall: Southwell; Phipps, Holmes, Hobbs, Dellar; Waller, Jones; Guslein, Williams, Squires, Barker, Brook, Bland, Evered, Booth.

Victory Was Reward For Opportunism

Old Lutonians Extra "A" 6, Old Verulamians 0

In a not very inspiring game the Old Lutonians were rewarded for their opportunism, and in two breakaway they obtained two unconverted tries.

The first came when Hurst ran 25 yards with the ball to touch down, and the second when their forwards took the ball at their feet to the line for Martin to score.

The Lutonians combined better than they have been doing of late, but there is room for improvement in the handling of their three-quarters.

Billiards

First Setback For Leaders

Surprise in Luton and District Clubs League last week was the defeat of leaders of Division 1 of the Snooker Section, Luton Conservatives, by lowly-placed Liberal "B."

It was the leaders' first setback of the season, but they remain at the head of affairs.

DIVISION I

Leagrave Legion 2, Luton Labour 2
Luton Social 3, Beech Hill 1
Luton Cons 3, Vauxhall 1

DIVISION II

Beech Hill 3, High Town 1
Luton Labour 2, Luton Cons 2

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	P	G
Luton Liberal	12	9	3	0	70	35
Vauxhall	13	4	6	3	58	29
Luton Labour	12	4	4	4	44	22
Luton Social	13	2	5	6	42	21
Beech Hill	13	3	2	8	38	19
Leagrave Legion	13	0	4	9	28	14

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	P	G
Luton Cons	9	6	2	1	54	27
Beech Hill	9	6	2	1	48	24
High Town	9	5	1	3	34	17
Luton Labour	9	2	1	6	26	13
Luton Liberal	8	0	2	6	14	7

SNOOKER

DIVISION I

Percival 2, Vauxhall 2
Beech Hill 1, Luton Social 3
Liberal "B" 4, Luton Cons 0

DIVISION II

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

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	P	G
Luton Cons	10	7	2	1	54	27
Luton Social	10	5	2	3	44	22
Beech Hill	10	5	2	3	44	22
Vauxhall	10	4	3	3	42	21
Liberal "A"	8	4	3	1	40	20
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