Sports Chat . . . . . By Chiltern

Injuries Upset A Plan

TOWN WANTED TO TRY OUT ATTACK

Injuries upset a plan which Manager Daily Duncan had in mind to try out in the Reserve team against Birmingham City Reserves at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

With the prospect of Billy Arnison being fit for first team duty very soon, perhaps for the next League match, the manager intended to give a run to the forward line which he hopes will be the one he can field against Leeds United at Elland-road on Saturday week.

This project was found to be impossible because George Stobbart is having treatment for a badly damaged ankle, and Tommy Kiernan has had a recurrence of the lumbago which nearly kept him out of last Saturday's match.

Stobbart will not be fit by Saturday, and it was thought wise to give Kiernan a rest, too.

Stobbart's mishap occurred late in the first half against Swansea in a heavy tackle, and it cut down his effectiveness for the remainder of the match.

Arnison Is Down To Lead The Attack

THE intended move would have been dependent, too, on how Arnison came through his first stiff test in the "A" team at Reading yesterday when he appeared at inside-right.

If this has proved a complete success, he will lead the Reserves' forward line on Saturday, and his appearance in place of Peter Walsh will now be the only front line change from the team which drew at Leicester.

Interesting experiment being made is that of including Wally Shanks at left-half. Behind this is the memory of the fine display he put up in the position after Gardiner had been injured at West Ham in December.

Shanks To Have An Outing At Left-Half

SINCE then there has been a distinct feeling that Shanks should be given another outing there, and, with the first team without a match of any sort on Saturday, the opportunity is too good to miss.

The fact that he is playing does not mean that he has lost his place in the League side, and, as the manager said yesterday, "It will not do any harm to have a look at him at left-half for one match."

In fact, it could be added, that a lot of good might be done, for the Town are none too well off for wing-halves of ripe experience, and the knowledge that Shanks can fill the bill here might well be valuable.

Hopes Are Resting On Arnison's Fitness

THAT is the limit of the experiments being made, though Alec Glover is to continue at inside-right. Defensive changes bring back Mulvaney and Gripton for Wilson and Hall, who are rested.

Team: Streten; Mulvaney, Lake; Morton, Gripton, Shanks; Small, Glover, Arnison, Taylor, Wyldes.

On Arnison coming through these two tests, rests much of the Town's hopes of making a successful bid against the relegation bogey, which has become a real, live menace again since the home defeat by Swansea.

Arnison is the man to bring that punch into the middle, and if he feels no ill-effects after these two outings, then there will be a deep sigh of relief at Kenilworth-road.

Who Goes Down To Division III?

WHO goes down from Division II? It would be a bold man who even at this stage of the season would attempt to forecast the unfortunates who will be appearing in Third Division football next season.

The more one studies the problem, the more complex it becomes, but consideration of the picture as a whole must place the Town in a somewhat precarious position.

Much depends, of course, on what they can pull out in the vital weeks that lie ahead, and any of the present strugglers could get well clear by striking a good patch now.

At Least Nine Are Threatened

WITHOUT a close study of the Second Division table, it is not easy to decide where to draw the line between those on whom the shadow is falling and those who are in the clear.

At the moment there are nine teams who might conceivably go down, and above them are four more who are only one point better off, and who could easily meet with disaster were things to go badly for them.

Those most involved in the struggle just now are Blackburn, Bradford, Luton, Queen's Park Rangers, Plymouth and Coventry.

Add to these Cardiff, Leicester and Grimsby, and you have most of the pieces in this relegation jig-saw puzzle.

Cardiff In Danger Zone For The Moment

CARDIFF, equal on points with Blackburn, but with two matches in hand, one of which is at home, look reasonably safe, but must be considered in the danger zone for the time being.

Continued success in the F.A. Cup could prove a source of embarrassment to them, as it did to Leicester City last season.

Matches in which the lowly teams meet each other might well prove to be the deciding factor, and Queen's Park Rangers have four of these and, in addition, have to meet, at home, promotion aspirants in Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday and Spurs, and Hull City, away.

Coventry Have A Very Hard Programme

WITH a home match in hand, Coventry could get away from the bottom, temporarily at least, but they, too, have to meet four of their near rivals, and, on paper, have the stiffest programme of all.

The Town's list is by no means easy, and the next two matches, both away, will be vitally important for them.

They have one big advantage in that they finish the season with two home matches, and their last match, against Bradford, could be one on which everything depends, though, of course, we hope that the Town will be out of danger before May 6 comes around.

Here Are The Vital Remaining Matches

GRIMSBY TOWN.—(Home), Hull City, Plymouth, Bradford, Cardiff, Leeds, Bury, Brentford. (Away). Sheffield Wednesday, Chesterfield, Leicester, Blackburn, Leeds, Spurs, Swansea.

LEICESTER CITY.—(Home). Plymouth, Bury, Luton, West Ham, Grimsby, Leeds, Preston. (Away) Barnsley, Sheffield United, Swansea, Plymouth, Q.P.R., Southampton.

BLACKBURN ROVERS.—(Home) Swansea, Southampton, Luton, Preston, Grimsby, West Ham. (Away) Plymouth, Leeds, Coventry, Sheffield United, Preston, Barnsley, Q.P.R.

CARDIFF CITY — (Home) Leeds, Coventry, Barnsley, Q.P.R., Brentford, Sheffield United, Southampton. (Away) Chesterfield, Southampton, Luton, Grimsby, Brentford, West Ham, Preston, Hull.

BRADFORD — (Home) Spurs, Barnsley, Sheffield United, Southampton, Q.P.R., Chesterfield, Swansea. (Away) West Ham, Grimsby, Leeds, Chesterfield, Preston, Coventry, Luton.

LUTON — (Home) Bury, Cardiff, Sheffield Wednesday, Barnsley, Brentford, Chesterfield, Bradford. (Away) Leeds, Leicester, Spurs, Blackburn, Plymouth, Barnsley, Hull.

Q.P.R. — (Home) Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Chesterfield, Spurs, Swansea, Leicester, Blackburn. (Away) Hull, Plymouth, Bradford, Cardiff, Swansea, Bury.

PLYMOUTH — (Home) Sheffield United, Q.P.R., Swansea, Luton, Leicester, Southampton, Bury. (Away) Leicester, Blackburn, Grimsby, Preston, Coventry, Leeds Barnsley.

COVENTRY.—(Home) Sheffield Wednesday, Spurs, Blackburn, Plymouth, West Ham, Hull, Bradford, Barnsley. (Away) Southampton, Bury, Cardiff, Brentford Chesterfield, West Ham, Sheffield Wednesday.

Vauxhall Have Some Team Doubts

FOR their hardest Spartan League test of the season—a visit to the leaders, Briggs Sports—Vauxhall Motors have not yet been able to decide on the final constitution of their team.

There are doubts about the fitness of Ken Andrews and Bill Hare and it is hoped that one or the other will be able to partner Bill Weston.

Terry Kelly returns to centre-half and George Cosgrove is recalled at right half. Six forwards have been named, notable absentees being Brazier and Chambers.

Hoping To Reach The Final Of A Cup

THE goalkeeper, Joyner, who was injured last Saturday, has recovered and will be in the team which will be chosen from:

L. Joyner; K. Andrews, W. Weston, W. Hare; G. Cosgrove, T. Kelly, R. Lloyd; R. Chappin, R. Brandham, L. Galloway, K. Sharp, E. Bennett, A. Morgan.

When the Motors entertained Briggs earlier in the season, they lost by the only goal.

The second team will be fighting for a place in the final of the Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup when they meet Shillington, unbeaten leaders of Division I of Luton and South Beds League at Barton on Saturday.

Their team will be:

R. Cullis; W. Ayres, K. Startin; P. Barford, R. George, F. Bunning; J. Paul, P. Adair, J. McCabe, R. Curson, J. Biggs.

County Boys' Club Field Unchanged At

LAURIE HICKMAN, the Waterlow's centre-half, in whom Luton, Spurs and Arsenal have been taking an active interest, plays for the Bedfordshire Boys' Clubs against London in the national quarter-finals of the N.A.B.C. inter-county competition on the Town ground on Saturday morning.

Bedfordshire have reached this stage by beating Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, and are hoping to go further by accounting for the powerful London team.

The County's side will be the same as that which beat Suffolk:

S. Holmes (Luton); G. Leit (Bedford), F. Aycock (Dunstable); G. Smith (Luton), L. Hickman (Dunstable), B. Groom (Luton); P. Jens (Luton), R. Bliss (Dunstable), C. Harris (Luton), R. Flecknell (Dunstable), A. Saxty (Luton).

Reserves: Pettifer (Campton), Bateman and Groom (Dunstable).

Luton Amateur Are Satisfied

SATISFIED with the team that did duty in their last match, Luton Amateur are making no change for their home meeting with Henley Town in the Spartan League at Stockingstone-road on Saturday.

Team: T. O'Neill; J. Norman, D. Smith; R. Day, S. Fensome, J. Williams; D. A. Smith, K. Owens, V. Cooper, M. Green, A. Russell.

South Midlands League

The Title Issue Is Open Now

The issue at the head of affairs in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League was opened up considerably by the unexpected defeat of the leaders, Potton United, at the hands of Marston Shelton.

Wootton Blue Cross, second in the table, failed to profit by this lapse, for they lost a high-scoring match at Welwyn Garden City, but Wolverton are well-placed for a successful challenge.

They gained a rousing victory at Arlesey, who are never easy to beat on their own ground, and by winning their four outstanding matches, can reach parity with Potton.

In Division I. Baldock look to be odds-on favourites for the titles especially as their nearest rivals, Letchworth Town, dropped two home points to Shefford, who thus took revenge for an earlier defeat at home.

The two St. Neots teams seem to be enjoying a revival, and St. Mary's gained a fine win over Lynton Works, and, on this form should get clear of the bottom position. Their success leaves luckless Davis Athletic isolated at the bottom of the table, and they went down heavily at Dunstable.

Houghton Rangers struck another telling blow in their fight for the championship of Section "A" of Division II. by accounting for Vauxhall Motors, and they now hold a clear lead of nine points.

PREMIER DIVISION

Arlesey Tn 2, Rushden Tn 6
Bedf'd St Cuthbert's 3, Luton Tn Colts 1
Hitchin-rd O.B. 4, Kempston Rvrs 1
Marston Shelton Rvrs 1, Potton Utd 0
Peartree O.B. 6, Wootton Blue Cross 4
Stewartby Wks 2, Stony Strat'd Spts 3
Wolverton Tn 4, Vauxhall Mtrs 2

DIVISION I

AC-Sphinx 6, Davis Ath 0
Lynton Wks 4, St Neots St Mary's 5
Letchworth Tn 1, Shefford Tn 2
Kent's Ath 3, Bedford Corinthians 6
St Neots and Dist 4, Percival Ath 2
Waterlow's 0, Baldock Tn 3

DIVISION II

Section "A"

Houghton Rngrs 4, Vauxhall Mtrs 2
Baldock Tn 6, Peartree O.B. 0

Section "B"

Bedf'd St Cuthbert's 1, Bedf'd N.E. 3
Marston Spts 1, Stewartby Wks 1
Wootton Blue Cross 0, Queen's Wrks 6

Golf

The Winners Were Also Qualifiers

South Beds monthly medal competition was also the qualifying round for the "Evening News" trophy.

A. H. Clark, winner in Division I, does not wish to play in this competition, so the place went to L. G. Randall. In Division II. F. Holbrook qualified.

Leading returns—

Division I

A. H. Clark (10) 69, L. G. Randall (+2) 71, J. Cattenach (3) 72, D. B. Miller (3) 73, W. Radford (12) 73, F. Oliver (9) 75, H. Willock (11) 75.

Division II

F. Holbrook (18) 71, M. A. Clark (24) 72, L. W. Lake (17) 72.

Greyhound Racing

Runners And Selections For Luton On Saturday

6.30 (410yds).—61 Cumbrian; 56 Little Pat; 136 Little Rio; 616 Lorna Doone; 431 Major Slater; 151 Zonia. Reserve: 614 Brownie.

6.50 (470yds).—252 Emery; 622 Ginger; 265 Margaret's Pal; 162 Pickles; 52 Silver Jet; 231 Squatter. Reserve: 111 Pat's Dislike.

7.10 (410yds).—Bubbles (Jan 19, tp 3, 24.84; Feb 2, tp 3, 24.88); 163 Danilo; 334 Lazy Snowball; 33 Quicksilver; 142 Squeaker; 2 Toby Gay. Reserve: 116 Blythe Girl.

7.30 (470yds).—343 Allen's Mate; 246 Bee's Wing; 224 Carol; 214 Como; 542 Jack Mack; 42 Miss Primrose. Res: 521 Andy.

7.50 (410yds).—432 Black Satin; 611 Dream Girl; 313 Fates Style; 54F Hillside; 541 Mofet's Mony; 46 My Boy (Jan 25, tp 1, 24.90).

8.10 (675yds).—415 Blue Bob; 551 Coquette; 413 Dark Again; 421 Peach Melba; 333 Sally's Pride; 452 Solar Star. Reserve: 244 Moonshine.

8.30 (470yds).—114 I Wonder; 244 Lucky Deal; 211 Mary's Pet; 562 Tiny; 156 Traveller; F54 Whipsnade. Reserve: 21 Badger.

8.50 (410yds).—145 Blue Cross; 625 Cherry Brandy; 14 Cosmopolitan; 54 Desert Rat; 424 Joe Rook; 533 Wedgwood. Reserve: 135 Castle Meadow.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Major Slater (Cumbrian, Zonia).
6.50 Ginger (Squatter, Emery).
7.10 Toby Gay (Squeaker, Danilo).
7.30 Como (Jack Mack, Bee's Wing).
7.50 Black Satin (Dream Girl, Fates Style).
8.10 Solar Star (Blue Bob, Sally's Pride).
8.30 Mary's Pet (nap) (I Wonder, Tiny).
8.50 Blue Cross (Joe Rook, Desert Rat).

Vauxhall Won Despite Injuries

Vauxhall Motors 3, Letchworth Town 2.

Vauxhall, with a two-goal lead at half-time, changed round in their Spartan League match and were playing well enough to build up to a substantial win.

They soon scored again, but then they lost their goalkeeper and centre half.

Their re-shuffled team still played well enough to hold on to the lead.

BRANDHAM, who played well at inside right soon put the Motors ahead and after Joyner had made a couple of good saves from the Letchworth forwards, CHAPPIN increased the margin.

For the remainder of the first half, Letchworth were confined to their own half and only the brilliance of Bennett, their goalkeeper, prevented them from falling further into arrears.

After the resumption it was still all Vauxhall and CURSON scored after a brilliant forward move. Then came the calamity and Joyner was carried off the field with a badly cut lip and Hare left the field for 20 minutes with a leg injury.

Sharp donned the goalkeeper's jersey and played well though he was beaten twice by GRAY, the second time from a penalty kick.

VAUXHALL MOTORS: L. Joyner; W. Ayres, W. Weston; P. Barford, W. Hare, R. Lloyd; R. Chappin, R. Brandham, L. Galloway, R. Curson, K. Sharp.

Number 13 Did Not Worry Shillington At All

If Shillington approached their Luton and District League match at Baldock in any spirit of trepidation because it was their 13th in the competition this season, they did not show it, for they registered another comfortable victory.

As a result of it, they drew further ahead in Division I. for their nearest rivals, Hitchin-road Old Boys, were beaten by Rootes Sports, back to their best form after their lapse of the previous week.

Position in Division II remains unchanged, for the four leading teams all won with some degree of ease, and the leaders, Caddington, reached double figures, thanks to some fine shooting by W. Upton, who scored six goals.

Another fine scoring feat was that achieved by J. Corrie, of Chaul End Athletic, who, from outside-left, scored five goals at Cockernhoe.

At the other end of the scales, Kent's Athletic added to the troubles of Davis by beating them soundly, and, on this form, the former may be due for a rise in the table.

TOTTERNHOE WILL BE THERE

That Totternhoe mean to be in at the finish when the Division III championship fight is decided, is clear from their convincing recent form, and they scored 16 times against Royal Naval Old Comrades, for whom nothing went right from beginning to end. Of this total, Witts obtained seven goals, which made him leading scorer of the day.

Mild surprise in this Division was that Shillington, who have a bright chance of winning the title, dropped a home point to West Park. They cannot afford to miss opportunities like this.

The leaders, Luton Social, had considerable difficulty in accounting for Leagrave British Legion, but managed it by the odd goal.

Strength of Luton Co-op Y.C., favourites for the Division IV championship, was proved by the way they overcame Horseshoe Athletic, who now drop to third place.

Hayward-Tyler won convincingly, but it looks as if their leadership is only temporary.

Improving rapidly are Boys' Battalion, who have been languishing near the foot of the table for some time, but on their form in beating Pioneer Corinthians, they should not be there much longer.

Bells Park's win over R.A.F. Association means that they are almost home and dry as winners of Division V.

DIVISION I

LUTON CRUSADERS 0, EATON BRAY 5.
LUTON BREWERY 3 (F Grummitt, A Grummitt, Chambers), LIMBURY O.B. 2 (Weston, Lawrence).
NORTON RNGRS 0, HOUGHTON RNGRS 4 (Collins 2, Jones, Duchart).
BALDOCK O.B. 2, SHILLINGTON 7 (E Flint 3, Croft 2, W Saunders, Cawdell).
HITCHIN-RD O.B. 2, ROOTE'S SPORTS 4.

DIVISION II

BARTON RVRS 6 (Jepps 2, Edey, Stoten, opponent 2), AMALGAMATED TOBACCO 2 (Bird, Haddon).
DAVIS ATH 2 (Plater 2), KENT'S ATH 7 (Cairns 2, Leakey 2, Watts 2, Barrall).
CADDINGTON 10 (W Upton 6, Fullarton 2, Ginger, Clark), FARLEY RNGRS 1 (Green).
GLENDALE 2 (Knapton, Crawford), CRAIG ATH 5 (Bradley 2, Ptolomey, Jones, Mooney).
NAPIER SPORTS 5 (B Bachini 3, Cubberley 2), PERCIVAL ATH 2 (Haggar, Mann).
COCKERNHOE 2 (Barker 2), CHAUL END ATH 6 (Corrie 5, Dachombe).

DIVISION III

JACOLL SPORTS 4 (Clews, Bunyan, Fine, opponent), ELECTROLUX 1.
HEATH UTD 5 (Minall 2, Baines, Walduck, opponent), OLD LUTONIANS 1 (Smith).
SHILLINGTON 2 (T Saunders, Lyn), WEST PARK 2 (Wesley, Costello).
LUTON SOCIAL 2 (Walker 2), LEAGRAVE B.L. 1.
TOTTERNHOE 16 (Witts 7, Bull 4, Tucker 3, Duckering, Janes), ROYAL NAVAL O.C. 1 (Curchin).
KENSWORTH 4 (Punter 3, Bishop), AVONDALE Ath 3.

DIVISION IV

HARLINGTON 2, GLENDALE 6 Burton 3, Hull, Thompson, opponent).
LUTON CO-OP Y.C. 5 (Wright 2, J Allen 2, D Allen), HORSESHOE ATH 0.
OLD BEECHILLIANS 0, HAYWARD-TYLER 6 (J Manton 2, R Manton 2, Browning, Foskett).
BOYS' BRIGADE SNRS 8 (Warner 2, Causer 2, Offer, Algar, Nash, Rix), PIONEER CORINTHIANS 0.
ADAMANT ATH 7 (McMahon 4, Chalkley 2, Bell), LUTON UTD 1 (Pickles).
PERCIVAL ATH 1, CHALTON RVRS 2 (Cross 2).
SUNDON ST. MARY'S 4 (Day 2, Roe 2), LUTON GASWORKS 1 (Ring).

DIVISION V

LUTON BREWERY 5 (Baylis 3, Dimmock, Trott), KENSWORTH 2 (Martin, Dell).
LUTON SOCIAL 10 (D Jackson 4, B Jackson 2, Williams 2, Bryce, Parsons), BIDWELL 2 (Startup, B Denton).
EATON BRAY 4 (Roe 2, Horne, BATES), CADDINGTON 2 (L Upton, Austin).
LEA VALLEY 3 (Odell 2, Robb), WARDEN HILL ATH 6 (Pratt 2, Lloyd, Holt, J Cole, R Cole).
ADAMANT ATH 1 (Barker), WALCOT ATH 5 (Barker, Gentle, Morgan, Hawkes 2).
BELLS PARK 6 (Hughes 3, Weeks 2, Fensome), R.A.F. ASSN 1 (Dixon).

Billiards

A Draw Keeps Them Ahead

Although they could do no more than draw with Luton Social, Luton Conservatives still lead in Division I of the Snooker Section of Luton and District Clubs' League.

In Division II, their team has drawn level with the leaders, Luton Social.

BILLIARDS

DIVISION II

Liberal "B" 1, Beech Hill 3
Luton Cons 4, High Town 0

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	P	G
Luton Cons	12	9	2	1	76	38
Beech Hill	12	9	2	1	66	33
High Town	12	5	1	6	36	18
Luton Labour	10	2	1	7	28	14
Luton Liberal	10	0	2	8	18	9

SNOOKER

DIVISION I

Leagrave Legn 1, Luton Liberal "A" 3
Liberal "B" 2, Beech Hill 2
Luton Social 2, Luton Cons 2

DIVISION II

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

Highest break: 46, by A. Buckland (Luton Cons).

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	P	G
Luton Cons	13	7	4	2	64	32
Luton Liberal "A"	13	6	4	3	58	29
Beech Hill	11	6	4	1	58	29
Luton Social	11	5	3	3	48	24
Vauxhall	12	4	4	4	46	23
Luton Liberal "B"	11	2	4	5	40	30
Leagrave Legion	11	1	3	7	32	16
Percivals	11	1	3	7	30	15

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	P	G
Luton Social	16	10	4	2	86	43
Luton Cons	16	10	3	3	86	43
High Town	15	9	4	2	82	41
Labour "A"	13	7	4	2	68	34
Beech Hill	15	5	5	7	62	31
Percivals	17	6	4	5	62	31
Leagrave Legion	15	5	3	7	56	28
Davis "A"	14	4	4	6	50	25
Labour "B"	15	3	5	7	44	22
Davis "B"	15	1	6	8	44	22
Dominion Social	15	0	3	12	32	11

Another Chapter In Town's Tale Of Woe

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN ..... 1 SWANSEA TOWN ... 2

Latest chapter in the Kenilworth-road tale of woe was unfolded on Saturday when the Town continued on their curious career of inability to win a home League match.

Time was, not so long ago at that, when one of the hardest tasks in the Second Division was to gain two points from Luton's ground, but things are different now, and judging from recent results, visiting teams now look upon Kenilworth-road as sort of happy hunting ground, or a "home from home."

Yet the woeful story could have been a tale of triumph had the Town possessed a marksman of a little more than average deadliness, for they had sufficient opportunities in the first 25 minutes to have ensured that Swansea made their long return trip unrewarded.

That looked more than a possibility when STOBBART put the Town ahead by driving the ball high into the net after Shanks had headed it on from Waugh's corner, with the game only 10 minutes old.

That represented a confident start, but it was not enough, for another goal was badly needed and might have had the effect of taking some of the sting out of Swansea's power of recovery.

Despite the fact that the Town forwards played some delightful football, it was not brought to its logical conclusion, with the result that halfway through the half, the team found themselves back where they had started.

TWO TO SWANSEA

A quick breakaway by the Swansea forwards left O'DRISCOLL with a chance, which he took without wasting time.

After that, Swansea's breakaway began to hold more threat, and it was not altogether a surprise, even though the Town had done more of the persistent pressing, when BEECH gave them the lead two minutes before half-time.

Making a promising enough start to the second half, the Town raised hopes that they would rescue something from the burning, but, even though for a time Swansea mistakenly fell back on defence almost completely, the Town's chances gradually vanished.

In fact, well before the end, it was fairly obvious that they would have to look to some other match for points with which to improve their highly-dangerous League position.

The forward line never moved so smoothly in the second half as it had done earlier, and the right wing of Stobbart and Kiernan, which functioned so cleverly earlier, was not prominent often.

Stobbart, slowed up to some extent by an ankle injury, often came into the middle in an attempt to snatch the elusive equaliser, but things did not work out that way.

SHANKS WORKED HARD

No one worked harder than Shanks, a lively leader whose effectiveness was spoilt by his inability to finish, and Waugh had a very good game in which he led James a rare dance.

The experiment of giving the amateur, Northover, his chance, did not come up to expectations, and the speed at which play was fought out in the heavy going was probably a little too much for him.

Cooke added yet another splendid performance to the long list he has built up this season and was again the outstanding Luton defender.

Next in line was Hughes for his brilliant anticipation and excellent saves, especially in the second half, and, despite some minor lapses, Owen was in good form, too.

Neither wing half had a particularly happy day, and their lot was not made easier by the fact that Paul and Burns were allowed to come through with the ball so often.

Aherne had a moderate sort of game, and though he did nothing seriously wrong, there were occasions on which he did not inspire complete confidence.

LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Aherne, Cooke; Watkins, Owen, Gardiner; Stobbart, Kiernan, Shanks, S. Northover, Waugh.

SWANSEA TOWN: Canning; James, Keane; Paul, Weston, Burns; O'Driscoll, Lucas, Beech, Allchurch, Scrine.

Referee: W. J. Edwards, Yeovil.

Attendance: 15,205.

Around The Rugby Fields

The Referee's Jersey Caused Confusion

Queen's Works 6, Luton 3.

There was none of the customary fire, usually associated with games between these old standing rivals, when Luton visited Bedford on Saturday.

Luton, without six of their regular first team players, were not quite so confident as usual, although the reserve players acquitted themselves very well.

The home side opened the scoring when a kick was charged down, and the attacker gathered the ball, evaded Connelly's tackle and scored wide out. Their second try was obtained through a defender mistaking the referee for a player, as he was wearing a similar jersey to the home players, and going across to mark him instead of the wing three-quarter, who scored! The cause of this confusion was rectified at once.

The game livened up in the second half, but many mistakes were made by both sides and there was far too much kicking ahead. Luton responded to Queen's tries with a nice forward breakaway from their own "25," the ball being passed and dribbled down the field for Hammond to go over. Play became much faster, but Luton's efforts were too late to overcome the home side's defence.

Luton: Connelly; Blamire, Hewison, Dickinson, Hawkes; Temple, Ralley, Hammond, Tucker, Johnson, Lowther, Pooley, Perry, Skinner, Tooley.

Old Boys' Rally In Second Half

Letchworth 3, Old Lutonians 18

Letchworth started at a cracking pace and the Old Boys had very few chances in the first half.

In fact, when the interval came, Letchworth were in front through a well-taken penalty goal.

After the change-over, however, the Old Boys came into their own, and their back division scored three tries.

Thorpe celebrated his return to the side by obtaining two and helping Lynn to score the other. Muse was in fine form and converted all three.

Finally, the Luton pack heeled well and gave Connors the opportunity to kick their first dropped goal of the season.

Old Lutonians: Muse; Marshall, Lynn, Thorpe, P. Smith; Connors, Jeffs; Shepherd, Macdonald, Trendall, Heanue, N. Smith, Edmonds, Fensome, Pugh.

Luton "A" Forwards Were In Great Form

Luton "A" 6, Queen's Works "A" 0

Only sound defensive work by Queen's backs prevented Luton from running up a bigger score, for their forwards were in grand form and gave their backs plenty of the ball.

The home backs responded well and used the ball cleverly, although there was too much running across the field instead of towards the line.

Whenever Queen's put on pressure they were thwarted by a determined defence which cleared well. Luton's scorers were Thorpe and Boswell.

Old Boys' "A" Had An Easy Victory

Old Lutonians "A" 24, Letchworth "A" 3

Fielding a strong team, Old Lutonians "A" had things very much their own way and scored almost at will.

Rayner obtained the first try after a spectacular run from the halfway line, and Shephard converted.

A simple try by Mead completed the first-half scoring, and after the interval Bavister, Pakes and Cameron (2) all touched down, and Shephard converted twice.

Letchworth's points came from a penalty.

Old Lutonians "A": Boulding; Mead, Cameron, Bavister, Rayner; Pakes, Macdonald; Moss, Jephson, Dellar, Farr, Colley, Irvine, Wildman, Shephard.

Old Boys' Extra "A" Had To Fight Hard

Old Lutonians Extra "A" 11, Old Hertfordians Extra "A" 3

Good tackling by the Luton defence kept the Old Hertfordians at bay after they had scored soon after the start, and from then on the game developed into a hard battle.

Gill equalised when he took advantage of a defensive slip, and Bowers added the extra points.

After the change-over Pitcher finished off a good movement by the threes with a perfect dropped goal, and the last try was obtained by Williams, who beat his opponents by sheer speed to touch down by the corner flag.

Hockey

Luton's Luck Was Out

Luton 1, Stevenage 3.

Despite miserable weather conditions, this game, played on Sunday, proved to be exciting and enjoyable.

Stevenage were fortunate to be two up at half-time.

Eventually Luton's efforts were rewarded when RYLATT reduced their arrears.

At this stage Luton were having by far the more of the play, but in a breakaway Stevenage scored again. Luton got the ball into the net, but the goal was disallowed owing to a kicking infringement.

No further scoring took place, though a slight smile from Dame Fortune might have evened the scores.

Depleted Luton Team Had A Hard Fight

Leighton Buzzard 5, Luton Ladies 2

Luton Ladies were two short when they visited Leighton, and were soon fighting hard to keep the scoring down.

Leighton had a slight slope in their favour in the first half and, taking full advantage of this, they scored four quick goals, to which Luton could only reply once. After the interval Luton reduced their arrears, but the home side quickly scored again.

Goals Came From Errors In Defence

LEICESTER CITY RES. 1
LUTON TOWN RES. .. 1

Both the goals scored at Filbert-street on Saturday came as the result of defensive errors, and in almost the identical way.

There should have been other successes for each team, for some good openings were worked out, but, on the whole, a draw was an equable result, although the Town had slightly the better scoring opportunities.

The strong, experienced City team made a good start when they took the lead in the 13th minute through DEWIS, who nipped through quickly when Lake made a bad back pass, and gave Streten no chance from close range.

Strangely enough, it was also a mistake by the City's left back, Kirkman, which led to the Town's equaliser shortly after the interval. In this case, TAYLOR came through to beat McGraw easily.

On the whole, Luton gave quite an encouraging display, and were good value for their point. Despite the fact that Hall was below his best, the defence was sound, and Chisholm, the Scottish International, playing at centre-forward, received few chances.

Star of the Town defence was Morton, who was very strong in the tackle, and, in addition, was almost their most effective attacker, for he nearly scored on two occasions.

Willie Aherne, brought in as a late deputy, did quite well, and used the ball to good advantage.

Full-back honours went to Wilson, who came right into his own in the second half, but Lake had only a fair game. Streten, though, was in top form, and made several top class saves.

Although Glover did not give real promise of settling down permanently at inside right, he saw to it that Small had plenty of material, and made many finely judged passes on the inside of the full-back.

Small responded brilliantly, and was the Town's best forward. Wyldes, too, was always dangerous, but Taylor was rather patchy, and Walsh seldom got away from Barratt.

LEICESTER CITY: McGraw; McGregor, Kirkman; Johnston, Barratt, Dunne; Garvey, Hines, Chisholm, Dewis, Edwards.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Wilson, Lake; Morton, Hall, Aherne (W); Small, Glover, Walsh, Taylor, Wyldes.

Youth League

Park Rangers Sparkled

One of the best performances in Luton and South Beds Youth League last Saturday was accomplished by Park Rangers, who beat West Park, who hold second place in Luton "A."

Another notable performance was by Electrolux Colts, who in drawing at Westoning gained their first point of the season.

In Division "B," Moordale were beaten for the second week in succession and Limbury O.B., their most recent conquerors, deprive them of second place.

Surprise in the 14/16 years section was the home defeat of Vauxhall Minors by Waterlow-road B.C.

DIVISION 14/18 YRS "A"

West Park Ath 1 (J R Yardley), Park Rangers 5 (K Crawley 2, R Archell, M Farrell, D Soper).
Limbury 0, Luton Argyle 3 (R Boylen, P Palmer).
Westoning Juniors 3 (Daley 2, Jones), Electrolux 3.

DIVISION 14/18 YRS "B"

Moordale Ath 4 (J Higgins, R Whitby, E Harrington, N Lewis), Limbury O.B. 5 (D Blake 3, R Lampriere, P Kent).
Hayward-Tyler Juniors 1, Sundon Y.C. 2 (S Hull 2).
Round Green Rangers 6 (P Roberts, R Carlin, R Brown, F Burgoyne, C Chester 2), Old Beechillians "B" 4 (J Lawrence, D Shelding, R Parkinson, J Geary).
Barton Y.C. 8, Sundon Park Y.C. 2 (S Smith, S Stromach).

DIVISION 14/16 YRS

St. Columba Y.C. 2 (M Pratt 2), Langley Rangers 7.
Dunstable Pioneer B.C. 2 (M Tyler, D Burgess), Luton Boys' Club 2.
Vauxhall Minors 2, Waterlow-rd B.C. 3 (K Philpotts, B Bowers, K Flecknell).
Luton Argyle Juniors 0, Limbury O.B. Juniors 2 (B Brown, o.g.).

CORRECTED RESULT

Greendale Ath 0, Vauxhall Minors 4.

Old Boys Were Opportunists

Hitchin-road Old Boys 4, Kempston Rovers 1

Hitchin-road Old Boys were lucky to win their South Midlands League match by as big a margin as three goals, but they thoroughly deserved their victory and gave the Kempston team a lesson in opportunism.

They built up a two goals interval lead through INGLE, who played a lively game at centre-forward and held his line together well.

After the change-over the Old Boys might have been content to rest on their laurels, but were shaken into attack when the Rovers won a corner from which THOMPSON scored.

The Old Boys found themselves fighting against a defence which had tightened up considerably, but STRAPP beat the goalkeeper again when he netted from 15 yards and INGLE put the result beyond doubt when he scored from the penalty spot after Firmin had been tripped inside the area.

Hitchin-road Old Boys: Tottingham; Burgess, Kilby; Day, McCrum, Hewitt; Firmin, Strapp, Ingle, Bousted, Brown.

More Progress By Youth XI

Bedfordshire 2, Leicestershire 0

Bedfordshire scored a goal in each half to beat Leicestershire in their F.A. County Youth Championship match at Biggleswade.

After only 13 minutes BIGGS opened their account with a low, hard shot which gave the goalkeeper no chance. Leicestershire were roused after this, and Ames made many spectacular saves to keep their eager forwards out.

Bedfordshire were able to hang on to their precarious lead throughout the second half, in spite of great pressure from the visitors, and nine minutes from the end PAYNE put them safe when he took advantage of a defensive lapse.

BEDFORDSHIRE: P Ames; D Oakley, C Rose; P Green, L Hickman, T Kelly; T Payne, M Howes, G Strange, J Biggs, D Cook.

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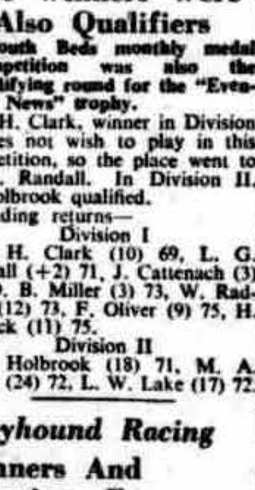

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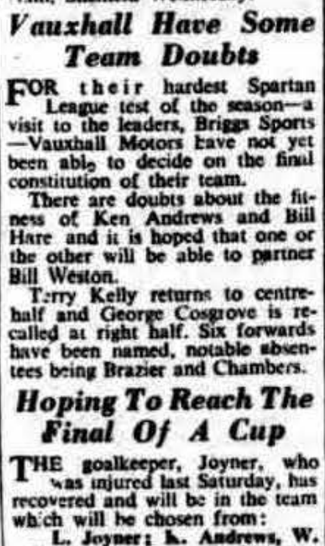

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