Sports Chat . . . . . By Chiltern

Town Making No Change

ROVERS WILL BE A STIFF HURDLE

Even at this late stage of the season, anyone attempting to forecast the two teams who are to lose Second Division status would be a bold man indeed.

This time, there is no Lincoln, Doncaster or Newport definitely booked for the drop before the season's end, leaving the others to fight out between them the tussle to avoid being the second team for the drop.

With things so even at the foot of the table, a solitary defeat can take on a very serious complexion, and that all those involved are fighting desperately can be seen from the results they are achieving.

EVERY match is being made a milestone, and an important one at that, for each single point counts at this stage and so does goal average, which might well be the saving grace for some team.

Therefore, the Town will be viewing their visit to Ewood Park to meet Blackburn Rovers on Saturday in a most serious frame of mind, for after dropping a home point to Cardiff they badly need some reward from this match to restore the balance.

The meeting will have considerable significance for the Rovers, too, for despite the fact that they have not lost a League match this year, they could be involved very easily in the desperate fight at the foot of the table.

Rovers' Seven Games Without Defeat

AS things stand at the moment, they are only three points better off than are the Town, so they certainly cannot afford to lose this match, which is likely to be as hard a battle as the Town have had away from home.

Since 1950 began the Rovers have played seven League matches, of which they have won two and drawn five.

Despite the poor showing of the forwards last Saturday, the Town will not lack confidence in their task, for they have played three games without losing, and the defence is in tip-top form at the moment.

Town Unchanged For Third Week

FOR some little time now, the manager's policy has been to keep as settled a combination as possible, and in pursuance of this, he has announced an unchanged team for the third week in succession.

To some people, some sort of re-arrangement in attack would not have been surprising, but nearly every possible formation has been tried, and this forward line played well enough at Tottenham to earn high praise, so there is no reason why they should not reproduce that form again.

Nothing Wrong With The Defence

THERE might well have been goals to count in the first half last Saturday, but although conditions were definitely in favour of defenders, that did not excuse all the indifferent forward play we saw.

There is nothing wrong with the Town defence as it stands now, but it does need backing up by greater finishing power from the front line.

The Town have probably played more good football and had fewer goals to show for it than any other team in the country this season, and they have not had their share of luck in the run of the ball in front of goal.

Shots Bring Goals And Points

SOME time or other, fortune must begin to run their way, but the forwards can go some way towards helping themselves by having a crack at goal more readily.

Shots bring goals and, in present day football, clever play only counts if it leads to the logical conclusion—goals.

This week, the forwards will have plenty of room on the spacious Ewood Park pitch, and this is a factor which I am inclined to think does make a difference to some members of the Town attack. At least some displays away from home are a distinct pointer to this.

Team: Hughes; Cooke Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Kiernan, Jinks, Stobbart, Wyldes.

Blackburn Players Are Injured

REPORT from Blackburn yesterday was that they were not in a position to announce their team because of slight injuries to several players in last Saturday's match at Coventry.

Five have been receiving treatment, Patterson, Bell, Wharton, Horton and Edds, but, at the moment, it is not thought that any of these players will be forced to miss the match with the Town.

If there is a clean bill of health by the end of the week, the probability is that there will be no change from the team which gained a valuable point at Coventry.

Their Attack Has Been Reorganised

THE team has undergone some reorganisation since the Town beat them 5—2 at Luton in November, but this affects the attack chiefly, for the only change in defence is that Holt has replaced Suart, expensive capture from Blackpool.

Forward, there is a different story, for only Wharton, formerly of Manchester City, retains his place and there are newcomers in Edds, formerly of Plymouth, and Moore, the centre forward from Hull City who made his debut last Saturday.

He was bought to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Westcott to Manchester City.

Edds Was An Inside Forward

EDDS has played against the Town for Plymouth on several occasions, either at centre forward or inside forward and he was seldom used as a winger at Home Park.

The Rovers paid £10,000 for his transfer and he is now keeping Bob Priday, former Liverpool winger, out of the team.

Another well-known name missing from the attack is that of the Irishman, Crossan.

The probable line-up is:

Patterson; Gray, Eckersley; Campbell, Holt, Bell; Wharton, Graham, Moore, Horton, Edds.

Experiments In The Reserve Team?

THE Town Reserves are also away this week, and they will be hoping to pick up points to add to their meagre store in the Combination Cup competition when they meet Northampton at the County Ground on Saturday.

The Manager has delayed final choice of the team, and is considering making some experiments in the forward line.

One of these might be to include Gardiner at outside-left where he played well at West Ham after having to move from left-half through injury. If that is carried out, Waugh would move to outside-right.

Lawton Will Be In The Attack

SHOULD that move not be made, then it is likely that Walsh will be at outside-right, though it is possible that a place will be found for him in an inside position.

Jack Taylor is fit again and will be at inside-left, and the line will be led by Lawton, who has not had a reserve team outing recently.

The defence is a little uncertain, but is likely to read.—Streten; Mulvaney, Lake; Morton, Hall or Gripton, Gardiner or Ruffett.

Jimmy Wilson is fit again, and present plans are to take him north as twelfth man to the first team.

Local "Derby" Game At Kenilworth Road

ATTRACTION at Kenilworth-road on Saturday will be the first appearance there this season in a South Midlands League match of the Town "A."

As things have turned out this is to be a local "derby" game, for their opponents are Hitchin-road Old Boys, who have done splendidly in their first season in the Premier Division and are among those with a chance of gaining championship honours.

Neville Ronson is available for the Town and Willie Aherne, the wing-half, may have an outing in the forward line.

Team: D. Parkin; Thompson (J.), Smith; G. Turner, Pemberton, Horner; forwards from Cullen, Slatter, J. Groves, Baxter, Aherne (W.), Ronson.

Improved Vauxhall Are Unchanged

WHAT slight fear there was of Vauxhall Motors being concerned in the fight to avoid relegation from the Premier Division of the Spartan League was removed last Saturday when they gained a narrow and dramatic win over Hoddesdon.

Despite the fact that there was little in it at the end, the team gave an improved showing, and the two newcomers in the forward line, James and Janes were particularly impressive.

Accordingly, for their home match with Slough Centre on Saturday, the team will be unchanged:—

R. Cullis; K. Startin, J. Gemmell; T. Kelly, R. Lloyd, G. Cosgrove; R. Chappin, B. Brandham, A. Janes, E. James A. Morgan.

Luton Amateur Are Satisfied, Too

A SIMILAR state of affairs exists in Luton Amateur's camp, for their much-changed team gave a vastly improved display in holding promotion aspirants, Yiewsley, to a draw last Saturday following their heavy defeat the previous week.

This week, the Amateur pay a visit to Rickmansworth in the Spartan League and will field an unchanged team:—

R. Weller; J. Norman, D. Smith; K. Owens, S. Fensome, J. Williams; R. Day, V. Cooper, B. Smith, B. Devonish, A. Russell.

The Seaward Trophy Match On Saturday

THE annual match for the Seaward Trophy for which Luton Schoolboys invite a selected team to meet them will be held at Kenilworth-road on Saturday morning, when Reading provide attractive opposition.

Since the inception of this match, the main object of which is to benefit the funds of the Old Peoples' Club in which Cllr. Seaward takes a great interest, Luton have not been able to win the trophy, but they are hoping to be more successful this time.

Reading's team includes four boys who have played for Berkshire this season, and although they have not been very successful in the English Schools Shield since the war, in earlier years they reached the semi-final on three occasions, and won the Shield in 1919-20.

Honours For Two Of This Team

LUTON'S team has been chosen as follows:—

Haines (Tech.); Evans (Denbigh-road), Reed (Old Bedford-road); Fletcher (Denbigh-road), Tottingham (Surrey-street), Wheelhouse (Tech.); Clarke (Tech.) Killacky (Beech-hill), Warrington (Stopsley), Rakowski (Tech.), capt., Glenister (Tech.).

Two members of this team were in representative matches last Saturday.

Fletcher played right-half for South against the North in the junior (under 14) International Trial at Crewe, and Rakowski was at inside-right in the Midland Counties XI against London Boys at Charlton. Saturday's match will be refereed by Percy Stevens, of Luton.

NORMAN MOORE, Blackburn Rovers' latest capture from Hull City.

No Amateur Debacle This Time

Luton Amateur 1, Yiewsley 1.

After a 7—1 defeat at Yiewsley the previous week, Luton Amateur made five changes but still could not find a goal-scoring combination.

Russell showed early promise and gave the Yiewsley defence a harassing time, but after 18 minutes the Amateur went into arrears when Weller was beaten by a fine shot from PIKE.

Weller played well in goal and was largely responsible for keeping Yiewsley at bay, for the Amateur's half-backs experienced difficulty in holding the lively forwards.

After the interval the Amateur fought back hard and had a fair share of the play. Eventually, DAY put them on level terms with a first-time shot that gave the visitors' goalkeeper no chance.

The Amateurs' defence was a good deal more solid that in the previous match.

Luton Amateur: R. Weller; I. Norman, D. Smith; K. Owens, S. Fensome, J. Williams; R. Day, V. Cooper, B. Smith, A. Devonish, A. Russell.

Golf

Ties In Both Divisions

There were ties for first places in both Divisions of the monthly medal competition at South Beds on Saturday.

L. W. Thomas won Division I with the best score over the odd nine holes and on a similar basis, F. Holbrook took the prize in Division II.

DIVISION I

L W Thomas (6)	77
W Radford (12)	77
L G Randall (+ 2)	78
G H Cleveley (7)	80
L E Mayes (8)	80

DIVISION II

F Holbrook (18)	72
M A Clark (24)	72
R Virgo (16)	75

Dunstable Ladies' Narrow Win

Dunstable Downs Golf Club Ladies gained a narrow win over South Beds Ladies on Friday.

South Beds		Dunstable Downs	
Mrs Crew	1	Mrs Oakins	0
Mrs Woods	0	Mrs Arnold	1
Mrs Cleveley	0	Mrs Wood	1
Mrs Olney	0	Mrs Holmes	1
Mrs Janes	0	Mrs Robinson	1
Mrs Robinson	0	Mrs Howard	1
Mrs Strange	0	Mrs Lovell	1
Mrs Randall	0	Mrs Lyle	1
Mrs Browning	1	Mrs Carter	0
Mrs Hill	1	Mrs McQuilton	0
Mrs Horsler	1	Mrs Tipper	0
Mrs Saxby	1	Mrs Maddigan	0
Mrs Aylott	½	Mrs Sprawson	½
Mrs Kay	½	Mrs Iken	½
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Woburn Qualify For Leighton Cup Final

Woburn Athletic, at home to Foundry Equipment, beat them on Saturday to reach the final of the Leighton Challenge Cup. They won decisively, 5—1, Crees scoring a fine hat-trick.

Cricket

All Away Matches For Luton Corinthians Next Season

"We shall be starting the season again soon, and, like the original Corinthians, from whom we have taken our name, we shall do battle away from home," said Mr. I. MacKay, a vice-president of the Luton Corinthian Cricket Club, at the Club's annual dinner and dance at the "Leicester Arms" on Monday.

Mr. MacKay said that last season the club had been over-enthusiastic, and had run two teams.

This season they were fielding only one, and all their matches would be played away from home, for it had been decided to give up the ground at Peter's Green.

Difficulties in travelling to the ground had meant that there had not been sufficient interest in the upkeep of the table.

JAMES TO PLAY

Mr. MacKay concluded by saying that there were only three vacant dates on the fixture list.

The Corinthians of long ago were still remembered in history by the success they met with, battling on "away grounds" and he hoped Luton Corinthians would be able to emulate their more famous namesakes.

Mr. S. Smith, the club secretary, told a reporter afterwards that they were fortunate in obtaining the services of Luton Town footballer Percy James, who played cricket for Oxfordshire last season, and the promise of occasional appearances by Terry Matthews.

Hockey

Poor Shooting By O.D.s

Old Dunstablians 1, Welwyn G.C. 2

Poor shooting and bad finishing cost Old Dunstablians victory, for they had ample opportunities to win easily.

Their defence was not at its best either, and both the visitors' goals were obtained after defensive lapses.

Welwyn's forwards were always the more dangerous, and were quicker on the ball. They scored once in each half before the Old Boys retaliated with a goal by BROWN.

Warren, A McKelvie and Marshall were the best of a below-standard home side. Warren played splendidly in goal.

Old Dunstablians: C Warren; H Oakley, P Orme; A Powell, S Blake, P McKelvie, W Marshall, A McKelvie, K Brown, P Neil, J Cadger.

Kent's Defence Was Not Strong Enough

Bluehearts 5, Kent's Ath 0

Despite a strong Kent's defence, Bluehearts found openings, and applied heavy pressure. There was no doubt that the home team were deserving winners, for they were very strong in all departments.

Kent's forwards were unable to make any headway against the home defence and, in fact, they were often forced on the defensive themselves to keep out the lively Bluehearts forwards.

For Kent's, Addis and King were outstanding.

Newcomers Added Punch To Vauxhall

Vauxhall Motors 3, Hoddesdon 2

After being a goal up at half-time, Vauxhall fell away, and soon after the interval were in arrears. They remained a goal down until five minutes from the end, and then scored twice in two minutes to snatch victory.

Hoddesdon settled down more quickly than the Motors, and, but for the good work by Cullis, would have taken an early lead. JAMES and Janes, two newcomers to the Vauxhall team introduced punch into their attack, however, and just before half-time the former gave them the lead after good work by Morgan.

The visitors soon equalised after the change-over, and keeping up the pressure they took the lead.

Pulling themselves together, Vauxhall took the upper hand again and after a fine shot from James had struck the post, JANES obtained a good equaliser.

Two minutes from time Vauxhall won a corner, from which JAMES scored direct.

Lloyd, at centre-half, was the Motors' best defender, and James was the best pick of the forwards.

Vauxhall.—R. Cullis; K. Startin, J. Gemmell; T. Kelly, R. Lloyd, G. Cosgrove; R. Chappin, R. Brandham, A James, E. Janes, A. Morgan.

Town And City Had Goal-Shy Attacks

By Chiltern

Luton Town 0 : Cardiff City 0

There are goalless draws and goalless draws, and this ranked as one of the least interesting of the species, for with defences so much on top, there were long spells of drab play, especially in the second-half.

It was the second time this season that these teams had played against each other and failed to score, and the longer this match lasted, the less likelihood there seemed of goals coming.

The Town should have made certain of a much-needed victory before the interval was reached, for they gained the upper hand to such an extent that the times when Cardiff threatened danger could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

Yet with so much of the play, the Town produced surprisingly few shots, and little went right for them at close quarters.

Near approaches to goal were when a terrific shot by Kiernan was deflected by Montgomery just enough to send the ball wide, and when Watkins saw his drive hit the bar and bounce over.

Sometimes brilliant in mid-field and showing more constructive ideas than the Cardiff forwards, the Town's work broke down prematurely far more often than should have been the case, but there were sufficient openings for them to have been a couple of goals up at the interval.

The second half was a different story, with the Town forwards getting more and more into the grip of the sound City defence, and with the Cardiff forwards becoming more assertive.

BLAIR A DANGER

Only member of the City front line to worry the Town defence, though, was Blair, and he might easily have snatched the lead for his team, especially when he scraped the top of the bar with a grand shot.

Apart from one occasion when Stobbart broke through and then could not force the ball past the oncoming Joslin, the Town never gave real promise of going ahead in the second half, and the attack, as a whole, was thrown right out of gear by the hard, accurate tackling of the Cardiff defence.

Only satisfactory feature from the Town point of view was the showing of the defence, which kept a blank sheet for the second week in succession.

Outstanding men were Cooke, Owen and Aherne, and they formed a solid barrier which meant the end of many a Cardiff raid.

Owen blotted Evans out of the game, and Aherne, giving one of his best displays since joining the club, saw to it that Grant had little opportunity to display his speed and cleverness.

International wingers mean little to Cooke, who again held one without difficulty in Edwards, who has a host of Welsh caps to his credit.

LIGHT DAY FOR HUGHES

Behind them, Hughes had a light day, but was always ready to cope with anything that came his way, and revealed good anticipation and a safe pair of hands.

Watkins and Shanks were two hard-working wing halves, though the latter was not so successful as he was against Tottenham, and Watkins had one spell during which little went right, and he could not hold up Blair. Apart from that, though, he did his work efficiently.

The forwards were something of an enigma, for they did well enough in their approach work before the interval to have crowned it with goals.

Kiernan was the pick of the line during this period, when they played a far superior brand of football to that revealed by Cardiff, but the whole line lost its rhythm in the second half, when it was seldom a dangerous force.

Montgomery held Jinks, who was not so impressive as on his first appearance, and who was not a potential goal-scorer often in this match.

Stobbart did plenty of foraging and started some good movements, but did not find things going his way in the goalmouth.

Both wingers, Glover and Wyldes were disappointing. Neither made much impression on the opposing full-back, and Glover held up the attack too often. Wyldes had more direct ideas, but was not able to carry them out consistently, and he found Stitfall a big stumbling block.

LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Kiernan, Jinks, Stobbart, Wyldes.

CARDIFF CITY: Joslin; Stitfall, Sherwood; Baker, Montgomery, Hollyman; Grant, McLaren, Evans, Blair, Edwards.

Referee: R. J. Burgess, Reading.

Attendance: 15,071.

Luton League

A Changed Situation At The Top Of Division II

Main interest in the Luton and South Beds League programme last Saturday was contained in Division II, where the leading teams, Caddington and Napier Sports, both suffered defeats.

Caddington's failure against Amalgamated Tobacco was the more unexpected for their opponents had won only one previous match, but they scored six times against the leaders whose defence was not so reliable as usual.

Their forwards did their best to retrieve the situation, but the four goals they obtained were not sufficient to save a point.

Napier must have expected a hard fight at Barton, and they were not disappointed, for the Rovers showed bright form and deserved their clear-cut victory.

This success puts Barton in second place, and the failures of the leaders open up the way for Craig Athletic, who had a big win, to make a bid for championship honours.

Almost unobserved, too, Spandit Sports have come into the running, and Glendale, who inflicted on Davis another double-figures defeat, hold an outside chance.

Position at the head of this Division, the most intriguing in the League, is:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Caddington	23	15	4	4	90	40	34
Barton Rvrs	22	16	0	6	74	33	32
Napier Spts	20	14	2	4	92	37	30
Craig Ath	20	12	4	4	83	34	28
Spandit Spts	20	13	1	6	71	39	27
Glendale	21	13	1	7	84	47	27

In view of Amalgamated Tobacco's improvement, Kent's Athletic obtained a very timely win which lifts them one place in the table.

COCKERNHOE'S SUCCESS

The only game in Division I enabled Cockernhoe to press their claims for runners-up honours in Division I, for they beat other fancied candidates in Luton Brewery, for whom this was the second defeat on successive Saturdays.

No change at the head of affairs in Division III, where Luton Social, Totternhoe and Heath United are fighting out a great battle for honours.

Heath's success over Shillington was one of the best achievements of the day, and Shillington have little hope now of landing this championship.

After a long spell of defeats, the bottom dogs, Royal Naval O.C., revived and gain a point from West Park in a match which produced six goals.

Luton Co-op Y.C., now second in Division IV., and firm favourites for the championship, show no sign of weakening, and had an easy win over Luton Gasworks. They have dropped only two points so far.

Still hoping for the best are Hayward-Tyler, who lead the way, but have played six matches more than the Co-op.

Holding a big chance of going through the season without suffering a League defeat are Bells Park, champions of Div. V, and they took their total of League goals to 138 by their runaway win over Brewery Res.

Their own success over Social Reserves and Hart Hill Rangers' defeat improves R.A.F. Association's chances of finishing as runners-up in this Division.

DIVISION I

LUTON BREWERY 0, COCKERNHOE 3 (Claridge, Weston, Barker).

DIVISION II

DAVIS ATH 0, GLENDALE 14 (Young 3, Knapton 3, Wells 2, Banks 2, Horton 2, Lightfoot, Robinson).

CHAUL END ATH 0, SPANDIT SPORTS 2.

KENT'S ATH 4 (Leakey 3, Humphrey), LILLEY RNGRS 1 (Payne).

FARLEY RNGRS 2 (Hall 2), CRAIG ATH 6 (Bradley 2, Copkey 2, Jones 2).

AMALGAMATED TOBACCO 6 (Haddon 3, Grindley, Bird, Garry), CADDINGTON 4 (Austin 2, Fullarton, Clark).

BARTON RVRS 3 (Stoten, A Virgin, Janes), NAPIER SPORTS 0.

DIVISION III

NAPIER SPORTS 0, TOTTERNHOE 4 (Cosin 3, Tucker).

AVONDALE ATH 1 (Driver), LIMBURY 1 (Guy).

HEATH UTD 5 (Higgs 2, Dibden 2, Baines), SHILLINGTON 0.

KENSWORTH 1 (Punter), ELECTROLUX 2.

OLD LUTONIANS 4 (Anderson 3 Chalkley), JACOLL SPORTS 0.

WEST PARK 3 (Wesley 2, Kirby), ROYAL NAVAL O.C. 3 (B Conybere, Costigan 2).

SKEFKO ATH 0, LUTON SOCIAL 5 (Chambers 2, Bryant, Gifford, Miller).

DIVISION IV

LUTON UTD 4 (Pickles 2, Higgs, Tompkins), PERCIVAL ATH 0.

BOYS BATTN SNRS 1, BARTON RVRS 2 (Burgoin, Brightman).

HORSESHOE ATH 5 (Anderson 4, Gilmour), CHALTON RVRS 2 (Ashby 2).

PIONEER CORINTHIANS 0, HAYWARD-TYLER 6 (J Manton 2, R Manton 2, Smith, Glenister).

LUTON GASWORKS 0, LUTON CO-OP Y.C. 6 (Wright 3, Evans 2, Allen).

OLD BEECHILLIANS 0, HARLINGTON 2.

DIVISION V

BIDWELL 7 (Denton 3, Gower 2, Tomlin 2), KENSWORTH 1 (Hazel).

LILLEY RNGRS RES 2 (Rodell, Kendall), LEA VALLEY 1 (Cutting).

CADDINGTON "B" 7 (Austin 3, F Morgan 3, Upton), EATON BRAY RES 2.

VILLA RVRS 2 (Gibbs, L Davie), ADAMANT ATH 0.

WARDEN HILL ATH 4 (Pratt, R Cole, J Cole, Dixon), HART HILL RNGRS 2 (Owen 2).

BELLS PARK 9 (Fensome 2, King 2, White 2, Weeks, Hughes, opponent), LUTON BREWERY RES 1.

LUTON SOCIAL RES 1, R.A.F. ASSN 8.

Rugby

No Holding The O.B.s

Old Lutonians 57
R.A.F. (Bletchley) 0

The R.A.F. side had no defensive plan capable of holding out the Old Boys, who played an attacking game throughout and who scored almost at will.

Had the Air Force team had a determined tackler, the score would have been considerably less.

The Old Boys' pack, although more sternly challenged, gave their outsides plenty of the ball. These played an open game with the ball being handled confidently, and all the three-quarters, halves and wing forwards scored—a record for the club.

Tries were scored by Hine (4), P Smith (2), Thorpe (2), Marshall, Connors, Jeffs, Pugh and Edmonds. Muse kicked a penalty goal and made six conversions, while Connors took advantage of a diversion caused by Fensome losing his shorts to drop a goal.

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

'A' XV Nearly Saved The Day

Old Lutonians "A" 8, Cassiopeians 10

A hard-fought game, between two evenly matched teams resulted in a narrow win for the visitors, who played with slightly more vigour

Cassiopeians scored first and maintained their lead until after the interval, when Mead touched down and Shepherd scored the extra points to enable the Old Boys to draw level.

The visitors went ahead again with another goal, and though Irvine reduced the margin with a try near the posts the kick went wide.

The Old Boys had a slender chance to gain the winning points with a penalty kick from the halfway line, but, unfortunately, the ball sailed narrowly wide of the upright.

Vauxhall Wasted Scoring Chances

Harpenden 9, Vauxhall 3

Had Vauxhall made full use of all their chances they could have won this game easily.

They had several good scoring opportunities in the first few minutes, but wasted them all.

Harpenden obtained their points from two penalty kicks and a splendid try from their hooker.

Vauxhall retaliated with a try by scrum half Jones, who scored after a magnificent twisting run from the home side's "25" yard line.

To a great extent a strong wind prevented open play and accurate kicking, but at the same time it brought both full backs well to the fore. James was particularly strong in defence and positional play. Also well in evidence by their defensive play were Booth and Hobbs, and Bland will be remembered by Harpenden for his constant proximity to the ball, which worried them considerably.

Vauxhall: James; Phipps, Dellar, Southwell, Hobbs; T Barker, Jones; Williams, Squires, Draper, Gudgin, H Barker, Bland, Brook, Booth.

Third String Left It Very Late

Biggleswade 6, Old Lutonians Extra "A" 8

A strong Old Boys third string fought back fiercely in the second half, and with a six points deficit, finally won a tough match.

Early in the second half Cameron went over by the corner flag after a fine individual effort, and Everett touched down just before full time. Kelly converted with a fine kick to give his side a deserved victory.

Prominent in the pack was Hurst, whose fine play was an object lesson to the other forwards.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C. GROUND

South Midlands League, Premier Division

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th

LUTON TOWN COLTS v. HITCHIN ROAD OLD BOYS

Kick-off 3.15 p.m.

ADMISSION: Stand or Enclosure—Adults 1/6, Boys 1/-. Bobbers' Stand and Terraces—Adults 1/-, Boys 6d.

Greyhound Racing

Runners And Selections For Luton On Saturday

6.30 (410yds).—162 Bab's Pet; 523 Black Beauty; 146 Digger; 564 Ferdinand; 452 Jamie II; 525 Quaint. Reserve: 112 Grace Style.

6.50 (470yds).—156 Black Joe II; 316 Blucy's Pal; 661 Castle Meadow; 323 Dark Weather; 343 House Warmer; 235 How Odd. Reserve: 344 Mad Hatter.

7.10 (410yds).—Brindy (Feb 16, tp 1, 24.78; Feb 22, tp 5, 24.83); 351 Eastern Silver; Hobo (Mar 2, tp 3, 24.94; Mar 11, tp 5, 24.75); 165 Min's Pal; 343 Old Road; 6 Roundabout. Reserve: 223 Win's Boy.

7.30 (410yds).—6 Chief Officer; 232 Feet First; 66 Gorgeous Gussie (Mar 18, tp 1, 24.42); 451 Karlie; 52 Rubber Band; 542 Snoek. Reserve: 5 No More.

7.50 (470yds).—3 Blue Lamp; 462 Bubbles; 652 Freedom; 666 Paul Temple; 2 Sonny D.; 451 Tiny.

8.10 (410yds).—421 Black Wings; Fair Judgement (Mar 16, tp 1, 24.75; Mar 18, tp 1, 24.35); 36 The Tiler (Mar 16, tp 4, 24.47); 535 Wally's Pup; Whistling Grass (Mar 2, tp 6, 24.54; Mar 8, tp 1 24.54); 444 Wilfred.

8.30 (470yds).—224 Clancy; 432 Gem Cutters; 561 Jack Mack; 141 Metropolitan; 314 No Limit; 444 Whipsnade. Reserve: 321 Claus.

8.50 (410yds).—225 Blue Romance; 544 Cherry Brandy; 215 Dark Hazard; 323 Jim's Return; 555 Mistake; 513 Speakeasy. Reserve: 313 Sandy.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Jamie II (Black Beauty, Digger).
6.50 How Odd (Dark Weather, House Warmer).
7.10 Hobo (Eastern Silver, Old Road).
7.30 Feet First (Karlie, Snoek).
7.50 Blue Lamp (nap) (Sonny D., Tiny).
8.10 Fair Judgement (Black Wings, Wilfred).
8.30 Gem Cutters (Jack Mack, Whipsnade).
8.50 Jim's Return (Blue Romance, Dark Hazard).

South Midlands League

A Blow To Wootton's Title Hopes

Bad blow to the hopes of Wootton Blue Cross of winning the championship of the Premier Division of the South Midlands League was their home defeat by Arlesey.

While they were faltering, Rushden Town were making no mistake against Marston Shelton, and have regained second place.

Still in the lead are Potton United, who finally dashed what slight hopes Vauxhall held of being among the honours.

Also very much in the fight with a chance are Hitchin-road O.B., who gave their goal average a fillip by scoring seven times at Kempston.

Maintaining their recent improvement, Luton Town "A" recorded an easy win at Wolverton, where Slatter did the "hat-trick," and they should be well clear of the foot of the table by the end of the season.

In Division I, Letchworth had an unexpectedly hard struggle with St Neots and District, whom they beat by the only goal.

Mild surprise here was contained in Davis Athletic's feat in taking a point from Queen's Works.

Foot-of-the-table struggle in Division II (Section "A") pushed AC-Sphinx further into the mire as the result of their home defeat by Pearetree O.B.

In Section "B," both Cranfield and Harrold contenders for the title, won with plenty to spare.

PREMIER DIVISION

Bletchley 3, Bedford St Cuthbert's 2
Kempston Rvrs 1, Hitchin-rd O.B. 7
Marston Shelton Rvrs 0, Rushden Tn 4
Potton Utd 3, Vauxhall Mrs 1
Stewartby Wks 1, Pearetree Old Boys 4
Wolverton Tn and B.R. 2, Luton Tn "A" 6
Wootton Blue Cross 1, Arlesey Tn 2

DIVISION I

Lynton Wks 1, AC-Sphinx 3
Queen's Wks 1, Davis Ath 1
Letchworth Tn 1, St Neots and Dist 0
Kent's Ath 6, Percival Ath 0
Waterlow's 3, St Neots St Mary's 2

DIVISION II

Section "A"

AC-Sphinx 1, Pearetree Old Boys 5
Baldock Tn 3, Houghton Rngrs 5
Skefko Ath 3, Luton Amateur 4

Section "B"

Cranfield Utd 9, M'ston Shelton Rvrs 0
Harrold Utd 7, Queen's Wks 0
St Neots St Mary's 2, Stewartby Wks 2

Cricket Score Was Prevented

Kempston R. 1, Hitchin-rd. O.B. 7

Although the Old Boys scored only twice in the first half of their South Midlands League match they dictated the play.

Had it not been for great work by the home goalkeeper, they would have run up a cricket score.

A SHARP gave them the lead after 15 minutes and INGLE increased it just before half time.

After the interval the Rovers were completely swamped and HODGES (3), INGLE and DAY added further goals.

Kempston obtained their consolation goal with less than a minute to go.

HITCHIN ROAD OLD BOYS: G Payne; J Burgess, T Kilby; W Day, B McCrum, E Hewitt; C Firmin, A Strapp, G Ingle, D Strapp, A Hodges.

Youth League

Caddington's Vital Points

A "hat-trick" by Pain gave Caddington Y.C. vital points in their top of the table struggle with Vauxhall Minors in the 14-16 years Division of Luton and South Beds Youth League.

DIVISION "A"

Luton Argyle 0, Vauxhall Colts 3 (D Kilby 2, A Million).
Electrolux Colts 1, Old Beechillians "A" 3 (M Franklin 3).

DIVISION 14/16

Luton Boys' Club Colts 0, Langley Rngrs 5 (M Coves 3, L Jackson, J Fountain).
Waterlow-rd Boys' Club 7 (K Flacknell 2, B Bowers, C Proctor, B Groom, 2 o.g.), 1st Coy Luton B.B 0.
Vauxhall Minors 2, Caddington Y.C. Jnrs 3 (B Pain 3).
Dunstable Pioneer B.C. 5 (J Summerfield 3, Campbell, L Ramsey), Luton Argyle Jnrs 8 (M Parker 4, R Austin, W Humphrey, D Northcott).

Billiards

'Double' Hopes Are Bright

Luton Conservative Club are champions of Division II of the billiards section in Luton and District Clubs' League.

Their chances of a double by winning the Division I title, too, were improved by the failure of Liberal "A" to beat Vauxhall.

Division II of the snooker section was won by High Town, with Labour "A" and Luton Conservative level on points as runners-up.

DIVISION I

Luton Cons 4, Beech Hill 0
Luton Liberal 2, Vauxhall 2
Luton Labour 1, Luton Social 3

DIVISION II

Beech Hill 3, Labour 1
High Town 4, Luton Liberal 0

Highest break: 74 by J James, Luton Liberal "A."

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	G
Luton Cons	21	15	5	1	122	61
Luton Liberal	20	13	6	1	110	55
Luton Social	22	8	6	8	96	48
Vauxhall	20	5	9	6	82	41
Luton Labour	19	6	5	8	66	33
Beech Hill	20	3	3	14	50	25
Leagrave Legion	20	2	4	14	42	21

DIVISION II (Final table)

	P	W	D	L	F	G
Luton Cons	16	13	3	1	100	50
Beech Hill	16	11	2	3	82	41
High Town	16	7	3	6	58	29
Luton Labour	16	2	4	10	44	22
Luton Liberal	16	0	6	10	36	18

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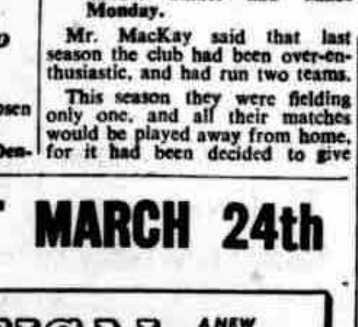

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