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

Gardiner Back In Team

REPLACES WYLDES AT OUTSIDE-LEFT

After fielding an unchanged team in the last three matches, the Town are making one alteration in their side to meet Sheffield Wednesday at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

This involves the outside-left position which has been filled by Bob Wyldes in the last five matches, but who is now omitted in favour of Doug. Gardiner, who had an outing in this berth for the Reserves at Northampton last Saturday, and achieved a distinct success.

This is not altogether a strange position for Gardiner, for although most of his football career has been spent at wing half, he did play on the left wing on occasions during the war.

Recently though, his appearances here have been limited to the greater part of the League match at West Ham earlier in the season and to last Saturday's outing.

In making this move the manager probably feels that Gardiner's wide experience and his go-ahead style will be of considerable value to the forward line.

Wyldes Promising, But Inexperienced

WYLDES is a youngster of undoubted promise, but few would suggest that he is completely ready for League football yet.

Experience is his greatest need, and Daily Duncan said yester-day that he is a believer in giving a young player a run in the League team, and then letting him develop what he has learnt there on the reserve team.

Wyldes should make the grade in time for he has speed, pluck and a hard shot, and I know that there are great hopes of him at Kenilworth-road.

Injury Brought A Change For Two

IT is rather queer that an injury to a player in a League match which caused a couple of positional changes should result in both those players being chosen later for the positions which necessity caused them to take over then.

Shanks is now filling the left-half berth, and now Gardiner, who was injured at West Ham, but proved a very lively cripple on the left wing, gets his chance there.

Gardiner has played in the forward line previously this season, for he was at inside-left in the Cup-tie with Grimsby Town in January.

Settled Policy Is Being Continued

APART from this alteration, the settled policy with regard to team selection is being continued, and it is bringing results, for the team has not been defeated for four matches, from which they have picked up five points of inestimable value.

Everybody at Kenilworth-road would probably be a whole lot happier if the forwards were scoring goals, but at the present rate at which the team is picking up points the relegation bogey should be swept away with something to spare.

There were no injuries to report after the match at Blackburn, and the team will be:

Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Kiernan, Jinks, Stobbart, Gardiner.

Both Need Points Desperately

THIS will be a meeting between teams urgently in need of points for two vastly different reasons.

The Wednesday have come back into the picture as a promotion prospect, and are now only three points behind their local rivals, the United, and have three matches in hand.

Obviously, to maintain their challenge, they need at least one point from their tussle with in-Town.

Similarly, the Town must not lose this match, otherwise they will lose the slight advantage they have built up, and a win for them will clear the air considerably before the tough Easter programme begins.

Wednesday's Moderate Recent Record

FOR promotion aspirants, Wednesday have a very moderate record for it was not until a week last Saturday when they beat Swansea Town 2-1 at Vetch Field that they recorded their first win in 1950.

They followed up this in more convincing style last Saturday by whipping other contenders for Division I status, Leeds United.

Even those four points only served to bring their total from the last nine matches to 7, which is in marked contrast to the run they had during October, November, and December.

Then they played 13 matches without defeat, and picked up 20 points from them. That spell is serving them in good stead now

No Change In The Wednesday's Team

WITH no injuries to first-team players from last Saturday, the Wednesday are relying on an unchanged team.

Their manager, Eric Taylor, reckons they have had more than their share of injuries this season and three regular League team players, Jordan, Froggatt and Swift are still on the inactive list.

To replace the first two, the Wednesday may dip deep into their coffers and paid big fees for Henry from Bradford and McJarrow from Chesterfield, each of whom scored two goals last Saturday.

Team: McIntosh; Kenny, Bannister; Gannon, Packard, Wilcockson; Marriott, Henry, McJarrow, Tomlinson, Rickett.

Supporters should note that the kick-off is at 3 o'clock.

Meeting Over In A Few Minutes

OVER in almost record time, was the general meeting of Luton Town F.C. shareholders on Tuesday, which was attended by no shareholders other than the Directors.

In fact than five minutes, the business was concluded and this consisted of a resolution which was passed unanimously that the

Doug Gardiner

number of Directors on the Board should be seven.

This followed on the fact that Mr. F. J. Andrews, who has been made a life member of the club, did not seek re-election.

Other retiring Directors, Messrs. A. F. England and H. S. Hewson were re-elected. At the Board meeting which followed, Mr. Charles Jeyes was re-elected Chairman, with Mr. P. G. Mitchell, Vice-Chairman.

Reserves Seek Elusive Win

STILL at the bottom of their section of the Combination Cup, the Town Reserves visit Watford who have two points more than them and will be eager to record their first win since February 11.

Earlier in the season, the Town beat Watford 5—0 and they should hold a fair chance of repeating the double.

The one doubt about the Town team at the moment concerns the right-back position where Jimmy Wilson, fit again after injury may be introduced in place of Mulvaney.

Wilson was twelfth man to the first team at Blackburn last Saturday

First Chance For Raymond Smith

THE manager intends giving Raymond Smith the young left half from Evenwood Town, his first sample of Combination football and the opportunity will be taken to give Hall another rest.

Wyldes will be at outside left with Lawton again leading the line and Stan Northover making another appearance at inside right.

Team: Streten; Wilson or Mulvaney, Lake; Morton, Grimston, Smith; Waugh, S. Newton, Lawton, Taylor, Wyldes.

"A" Team Visiting Q.P.R. To-day

TO-DAY, the "A" team are away to Queen's Park Rangers, leaders of the London Mid-week League, and will field a team mostly consisting of the younger professionals, though a trial is being given to Harry Day, an outside-left, who has played for the England A.T.C. team, and whose local club is Rootes Sports.

Willie Aherne is retained in the forward line after his three goals feat last Saturday, and Gordon Turner will be making his first appearance as a professional.

Team:

D. Parkin; Thompson (J), Fenberton; Turner, Ruffett, Smith; Cullen, Slatter, Lawton, Aherne (W), H. Day.

Motors' Strong Team To Meet Town "A"

VAUXHALL MOTORS have no match in the Spartan League on Saturday, but their South Midlands League team has an interesting trial of strength with Luton Town "A" at Kimpton-road.

Vauxhall will be strongly represented, for they will include Lloyd, Kelly, Chappin, Brandham, James and Biggs, who were in the first team against Slough Centre last Saturday.

All the remaining members of the side have played in the Spartan League team and it will be a test for the Town. Team:

L. Joyner; W. Ayres, R. Lloyd; H. Marriott, T. Kelly, T. Pearce; R. Chappin, R Brandham, L. Galloway, E. James, J. Biggs.

Amateur Experiment In Attack

AS Luton Amateur have doubts about the availability of one or two players for their heavy Easter programme, they are trying out a new forward formation for their home match with Chelsea Mariners in the Spartan League on Saturday.

B. Smith moves from centre-forward to outside right, Green will lead the line, and there will be a first chance at outside-left for a newcomer, Barrall, who has had a few games in the second team at left half. Team:

R. Weller; J. Norman, D. Smith; K. Owens, S. Fensome, J. Williams; B. Smith, W. Cooper, M. Green, B. Devonish, A. Barrall.

Complete Recovery By Broadmead II

Moreton End School 1, Broadmead School II 3

Although Moreton End scored first, Broadmead came back strongly, equalised and won comfortably. Their goal scorers were MARKS, INNS and NURSE.

Dyson and Neill were their best defenders, and Inns and Sharp shone in attack.

Broadmead School: P. Dyson; P. Mitchell, V. Gritten; J. Barnes, G. Neill; S. Dadlesh; M. Sharp, J. Marks, T. Inns, R. Nurse, J. King.

South Midlands League

Nightmare Day For The Leaders

Becoming more complex every week is the position of the top of the Premier Division of the South Midlands League, and on Saturday only one of the six leading teams managed to escape defeat.

That distinction went to Wootton Blue Cross, who put themselves back into the running with a great win at Cambridge.

Both Wootton and Rushden were beaten heavily, and if the latter's pillion was not entirely expected, no one could have dreamt that wooden spoonists, Stewartby, would score six times without reply against Rushden.

Five of the six teams at the foot of the table picked up full points, the exceptions being Marston Shelton, and they gained a draw with Peargree O.B. at Welwyn Garden City.

At the top, **Potton still hold a clear lead of two points over Wootton, and, despite their defeat, Rushden are very much in the championship picture.**

In Division I, Letchworth's chances of finishing at the top were improved by Baldock's partial failure at Bedford, and Letchworth now have points behind and have two games in hand.

It now looks very much as if Houghton Rangers' opponents in the play-off for the championship of Division II, will be Cranfield United, who struck a telling blow towards winning their section by their narrow win over their challengers, Harrold United, Cranfield now have full points from 16 matches.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bedford St Cuthberts O. Arbury Tn	4						
Bletchley Tn 2, Wolverton Tn 2							
Cambridge Tn 1, Wootton B.C. 2							
Kempston Rvrs 3, Vauxhall Mtrs 2							
Luton Tn "A" 1, Hitchin-ed O.B. 2							
Pearces O.B. 1, Marston Shelton Rvrs 1							
Stewartby Wks 6, Rushden Tn 0							
Stony Stratford Spts 4, Potton Utd 1							

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bedford Corinthians 1, Baldock Tn 1							
St Neots and Dist 1, AC-Sphinx 1							
St Neots St Mary's 3, Queen's Wks 0							
Shefford Tn 2, Letchworth Tn 0							
Waterlow's 4, Lymton Wks 3							

DIVISION II

Section "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baldock Tn 2, Biggleswade Tn 2							
Leighton Utd 1, Houghton Rngrs 2							
Vauxhall Mtrs 2, AC-Sphinx 1							

Section "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bedford Tn "A" 1, Wootton B.C. 0							
Cranfield Utd 3, Harrold Utd 1							
Marston Shelton Rvrs 1, Bedford N.E. 4							
St Neots Town 2, Queen's Wks 3							
Stewartby Wks 3, Olympic Wks 3							

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Potton Utd	19	9	2	8	44	45	20
Wootton B.C.	24	15	2	7	58	36	32
Rushden Tn	24	14	2	8	54	37	30
Hitchin-ed O.B.	24	13	3	8	61	60	29
Cambridge Tn	24	12	3	9	54	44	27
Luton Tn "A"	24	11	3	10	47	43	25
Wolv'ton Tn & B.R.	23	9	6	8	44	45	24
Vauxhall Mtrs	23	9	5	9	44	45	23
Bletchley Tn	19	9	2	8	54	48	20
Bedford Corinthians	19	9	2	8	41	43	20
Pearkes O.B.	23	8	4	11	47	66	20
Stony Str'd Spts	23	8	3	12	37	49	19
M'n Shelton Rvrs	23	8	3	12	37	49	19
Luton Tn "A"	21	7	4	10	52	46	18
Kempston Rvrs	23	7	4	12	34	50	18
Stewartby Wks	23	3	6	20	38	86	6

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Baldock Tn	20	16	1	3	71	16	33
Letchworth Tn	18	15	2	1	50	21	30
Shefford Tn	21	14	1	6	61	35	29
Bedford Corinthians	21	13	2	6	59	34	28
Queen's Wks	20	9	3	8	48	38	21
Waterlow's	21	9	3	9	44	41	21
Bdfd Lynton Wks	21	7	6	10	44	63	20
AC-Sphinx	21	7	5	9	44	50	19
Waterlow "A"	22	9	1	12	38	64	19
Percival Ath.	21	7	2	10	49	57	18
St Neots St Mary's	21	7	2	10	45	53	18
St Neots and Dist	22	6	4	12	40	66	16
Bdfd St Cuthberts	21	5	6	10	41	61	16
M'n Shelton Rvrs	17	4	3	10	27	44	11
St Neots Tn & B.R.	21	3	5	13	27	68	11
AC-Sphinx	22	3	5	14	26	104	7

Section "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cranfield Utd	16	14	0	0	74	15	22
Harrold Utd	17	12	3	2	56	21	27
Bdfd North End	18	10	2	6	48	44	22
Bedford Tn "A"	17	9	3	5	50	29	21
Queen's Wks "A"	17	6	3	8	29	42	15
Wootton B.C.	18	6	3	9	30	37	15
Stewartby Wks	18	4	3	11	23	52	11
Marston Spts	17	4	4	9	26	42	12
Bdfd St Cuthberts	15	3	3	9	19	41	9
M'n Shelton Rvrs	17	4	1	10	27	64	11
St Neots St Mary's	17	3	2	12	24	68	8

Section "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Houghton Rngrs	22	21	0	1	100	24	42
Vauxhall Mtrs	19	11	4	4	70	40	26
Electrolux	19	11	3	5	60	40	25
Baldock Tn	19	7	3	7	57	45	19
Luton Amateur	18	9	1	8	41	40	19
Letchworth Utd	18	7	3	8	36	41	17
Stotfold Ath	20	6	3	11	41	63	15
Pearces O.B.	19	6	3	10	27	48	15
AC-Sphinx	22	3	1	18	26	104	7

Section "C"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cranfield Utd	16	16	0	0	74	15	32
Harrold Utd	16	12	2	3	56	21	26
Bdfd North End	18	10	2	6	48	44	22
Bedford Tn "A"	17	9	3	5	50	29	21
Queen's Wks "A"	17	6	3	8	29	42	15
Wootton B.C.	18	6	3	9	30	37	15
Stewartby Wks	18	4	3	11	23	52	11
Marston Spts	17	4	4	9	26	42	12
Bdfd St Cuthberts	15	3	3	9	19	41	9
M'n Shelton Rvrs	17	4	1	10	27	64	11
St Neots St Mary's	17	3	2	12	24	68	8

Amateur Almost Earned A Point

Rickmansworth T 1, Luton Amateur 0

Luton Amateur had a hard game on Saturday, and though they were hard pressed at times, it looked as though they were going to avoid defeat until they fell into arrears twelve minutes from the end.

They started brightly and had rather the better of the opening exchanges, and were unfortunate to miss a scoring chance which would have given them a valuable interval lead.

After a change over Rickmansworth pressed and Weller and Fensome played well to keep their forwards at bay. The Luton team settled and for a spell they worried the home defenders.

The Amateur's defence was the first to be penetrated, however, when the home side's outside-left fired in a fast shot which Weller was unable to cover. After this setback they threw everything into to attack, but though they forced several corners, they were unable to obtain an equalizer.

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

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Vauxhall Were Poor Near Goal

Vauxhall Motors 1
Slough Centre 3

Poor finishing and the luck of an opponent cost Vauxhall two Spartan League points against Slough.

They had enough chances to have made certain of victory, but failed badly to accept them.

In the first minute James shot wide when faced with an open goal.

After a spell of strong Vauxhall pressure, Slough broke away and were awarded a penalty. After appeals, however, and a consultation by the referee with an unesman, the award was changed to a free kick, which was cleared.

The Motors were only saved temporarily, for shortly afterwards they fell into arrears when CLEMENTS headed past Cullis after a well-taken corner.

CHAPPIN equalised early in the second half, but then Vauxhall slackened again, and PROCTOR put the visitors in front.

The Motors continued to have as much of the play territorially, but they squandered chances of an equalizer in front of goal.

A few minutes before the end Slough went further ahead when HOLTON gave Cullis no chance.

VAUXHALL MOTORS: R. Cullis; K Startin, J Gemmell; T Kelly, R Lloyd, G Cosgrove; R Chappin, R. Brandham, A James, E. James, J. Biggs

Luton League

Crusaders Gain First League Win This Season

At their 21st attempt, Luton Crusaders gained their first win of the season in Luton District and South Beds League when they beat Norton Rangers by the odd goal in three.

There is now no team in the League without at least one victory to their credit, but Crusaders remain at the foot of Division I.

In the only other match in Division I, Eaton Bray enhanced their chance of finishing as runners-up and seriously damaged the chances of Hitchin-road O.B by beating them heavily.

Eaton Bray are now level on points with the second team, Cockernhoe, but the Old Boys are not out of the running, for although they have four points behind they have two games in hand.

There was no repetition of last week's surprise results in Division II and Cuddington reached to championship form by scoring 11 times without reply against Lilley Rangers.

Napier Sports also made no mistake in their game with Craig Athletic, continue to be well placed and might yet make a challenge for the title.

Kiddy continuing their consistent form at Spandit Sports, who gained an easy win over luckless Pitstone Athletic, are now in a fair most certain to finish in bottom place.

Two lowly teams who did well were Lilley Athletic and Farley Rangers and one of the surprises in Division III was caused by Royal Naval Stores, who got away from the foot of the table by beating Jacoll Sports

At the top of the Division, Tottenhoe Rangers level with Luton Social, but have played a game more.

Continuing their drive towards honours in Division IV are Luton Co-op who, by scoring seven goals against Luton United, brought their total of goals over the hundred mark.

Making a great attempt to get away from the rock at the foot of the table, Harlington, who did well to gain a point from their match with Adamant.

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
EATON BRAY 6 (Gittrow 3, Ruffett 2, Simmons), HITCHIN RD. O.B. 1 (Bilton)							
NORTON RNGRS 1 (Irving), LUTON CRUSADERS 2 (Mitchell 2)							

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
DAVIS ATH 1 (Edge), SPANDIT SPORTS 2.							
CRAIG ATH 1 (Harris), CRAIG ATH 3 (Bradley 2, Jones).							
KIDDY ATH 1 (Brittain), KIDDY ATH 2 (Wallis), COCKERNHOE 3 (Holton 2, Clark).							
NAPIER SPORTS 2 (opponent, B. Bachin), OLENDALE 0.							
FARLEY RNGRS 3 (Hill, Cross, Green), AMALGAMATED TOBACCO A (Bird, Hedges).							
CADDINGTON 11 (Clark 4, Fullarton 2, Curran 2, Ginger, Chamoken, D Austin), LILLEY RNGRS 0.							

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
ELECTROLUX 2 (Gleinister, Greaves), LEAGRAVE B.L. 1 (Lampson).							
JACOLL SPORTS 0, ROYAL NAVAL O.C. 2 (Tingey, Jones).							
TOTTERNHOE 4 (Curson 3, Wing), LIMBURY 0.							
WEST PARK 5 (Wesley 2, Betts, Hull, Whittemore), KIDDY ATH 0 (opponent).							
OLD LUTONIANS 3 (Riches, Anderson, Smith), AVONDALE ATH 1 (K. Pod 1, Newnah).							
SKEFFINGTON 0, SHILLINGTON 2 (T. Saunders 2).							

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
LUTON GASWORKS 0, SUNDON ST MARY'S 1 (Goodchild).							
GLENDALE 6 (Carroll 2, Hull 2, Gill 2), OLD BEECHILLIANS 3 (Martin, Freeman, Bevis).							
BARTON RVRS 10 (Epps 3, Godfrey 2, Burgess, Sharpe, Bennett), PIONEER CORINTHIANS 2.							
PERCIVAL ATH 3 (Mills 2, Orgwood), BOYS BRIGADE SNRS 0.							
LUTON CO-OP Y.C. 7 (Wright 4, Jones 2, Herbert), LUTON UTD 1 (Pickles 2).							
HARLINGTON 4, ADAMANT ATH 4 (McMahon 2, Kinnear, Shekle).							

DIVISION V

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
BIDWELL 3 (Combe 2, Denton), LILLEY RNGRS 7 (Cudell 3, G. KENDALL, J KENDALL).							
WALCOTT ATH 3 (Martin Gentle, Ray, Webb), EATON BRAY RES 3 (Bates 2, Wood).							
WARDEN HILL 4 (Pratt, Goodman, B. Cole), KENSWORTH 0.							
LUTON BREWERY 1 (Chambers, Bayliss), ADAMANT ATH RES 3 (Chalkley 4, Sale).							
LEA VALLEY 1 (E Harrington 2, Higgins), LUTON SOCIAL RES 4 (B Jackson, R Jackson, Kelly, opponent).							

Success Eludes Luton Again

Luton Schoolboys 1, Reading Schoolboys 3

Luton Schoolboys, who have not yet managed to win the Seaward Trophy, failed to do so once more on Saturday when they met Reading at Kenilworth-road.

There was a time, though, early in the second half, when it seemed as if Luton were going to succeed, for they took the lead, but the bigger Reading boys equalised and went on to a comfortable victory.

Fine-half play was fast and even, and both sides had chances, but on it fell to Ross, who shot over an empty goal after two minutes.

Rakowski, Luton's forward made an opening for himself just before the interval, but his shot went the wrong side of the post.

Soon after the interval Rakowski made another opening, and passed to WARRINGTON, who, accepting h chance, calmly gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Before long Reading came on equal terms through ANDERTON, and presently HEWITT took the lead through ALEXANDER.

Luton boys showed any amount of pluck, and fought for an equalizer, but before the end came they conceded another goal, ROSE was scorer.

Haines, Clarke and Rakowski were Luton's best players.

LUTON: Haines; Evans, Reed; Fletcher, Cunningham, Wheelhouse; Clarke, Rakowski, Warrington, Kilducky, Glenister.

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No Goals, But Town Gain A Vital Point

By Chiltern

BLACKBURN ROVERS 0 LUTON TOWN 0

For the twelfth time this season the Town defence did not concede a goal, and also for the twelfth time, the forwards failed to score, which brought about the Town's seventh goalless draw of the season.

With it came a most valuable point from Ewood Park, and nearly all the credit going to a gallant defence, which showed a tremendous amount of fighting spirit.

The defence had a hammering time in the first half, when, with the wind behind them, the Rovers had far more of the play.

During this time it was well that Cooke, Owen and Aherne stood firm, and that Hughes showed brilliant anticipation in goal.

Had it not been for this and the weakness of the Rovers' forwards in front of goal, the Town would have lost a very unlucky battle in the second half.

Luck was with them when Holt crashed a free kick against the post, Hughes, unsighted by the crowd of players, unable to move towards the ball.

Apart from that incident, the goalkeeper was equal to everything that came his way and the Town came through a difficult first half without being caught.

The Rovers' defence was in trouble, but still on level terms.

In the second half more was seen of the Town forwards, and Jinks missed a chance early on.

Territorially, play was still in Blackburn's favour, but with the wing halves more occupied with defensive matters than they had been in the first half, they were deprived of their most able marksmen.

Apart from Graham, their forwards were not particularly dangerous and their defence was very much on top of their job in the second half.

The one really narrow escape was from a shot by Graham which looked likely to cross the line with Moore racing up to make sure. Owen, however, hooked the ball away, and despite the Rovers' appeals, the referee refused to award a goal.

Meanwhile, the Town had been dangerous on several occasions, but never more so than in the last minute when Stobbart headed over from a centre by Wyldes.

The game itself looked what it was a struggle for vital points between two desperate teams—and that factor combined with the light ball meant that the quality of football suffered.

Owen again played a great part for the Town and his subjection of Moore meant a disappointing first home appearance for the Rovers' new centre-forward, who completed an unhappy day by fracturing his nose in the incident when Owen cleared off the goal line.

Always cool and collected, Owen stood out in defence, and was splendidly backed up by Cooke and Aherne, both of whom had the better of tussles with their opposing wingers.

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There was fine understanding between these three, and behind them Hughes, who looked very confident in everything he did and deservedly gaining applause from the crowd for his fine judgment and handling of the ball.

Neither Watkins nor Shanks got a grip on things during the first half, but they did better later, and Watkins in particular played strongly and well in the second half.

Shanks was opposed to Rovers' most dangerous forward in Graham, and he found him something of a handful.

The Rovers did not see a lot of the ball in the first half, and when they did they were unable to make much progress. Result was that Graham was left before the interval was simple, and relatively few shots reached him.

After the interval, there was more cohesion in the line which, however, still lacked power in front of goal, otherwise they might have snatched the lead in the closing stages.

Finishing of both attacks was below par, and it was not all due to the stranglehold which defences mostly held.

The right wing was the better balanced, Wyldes and Glover causing Eckersley quite a lot of trouble, but not always using the ball to the best advantage, and Kiernan coming into his own after a disappointing first half, and making some good openings.

Jinks had not the best of luck in his dash and finishing power, and was seldom a potential goal-scorer. On the other hand, Stobbart always looked as if he might do something in this direction, but, somehow never found things coming off for him.

Wyldes found himself at a disadvantage against the experienced, hard-tackling Gray, and had a moderate match.

Blackburn Rovers: Patterson; Gray, Eckersley; Campbell, Holt, Bell; McCaig, Graham, Moore, Horton, Eddy.

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

Referee: G. Salmon, Stoke-on-Trent.

Rugby

O.B.s Turned The Tables

County Old Boys (Cambridge) 3, Old Lutonians 6

The only side to have humbled the Old Lutonians this season had let the tables turned on them on Saturday when the Luton Club visited Cambridge determined to avenge themselves.

Even so, they were unable to penetrate a strong defence, and their points were obtained by two penalty kicks taken by Muse, who was in fine form.

The Lutonians proved strongly in the first half, but not in the eyes occasionally unsteady defence. Two fast wing forward play by the Cambridge side gave Cookson and Jeffs a thin time, but when it worried them it brought several penalties, one of which was kicked by Muse.

The initiative passed to the home side for a spell in the second half, but their handling of the ball was variably broken up by strong tackling, and they came in attack fashion, direct from a line-out.

Muse, at stand-off level, a dine-done battle crossed for mastery, with everything thrown in. The decisive score came from a penetrating kick from mid-field by Muse, which was a goal all the way.

Old Lutonians: Muse; P Smith, Wilson, Turner, Hines; Cumpton, Jeffs; Shepherd, Macdonald, Trendall, N Smith, Heanor, Pugh, Pensome, Edmonds.

Vauxhall Were Fast And Aggressive

Old Dunstablians 3, Vauxhall Motors 11

Vauxhall were in good form on Saturday, and played fast, aggressive rugby. An early penalty goal by Bland gave them a three points lead, and this was quickly increased when Evered touched down after clever work by scrum half Jones.

The Old Boys fought back, but their forwards were subdued by the hard tackling of the Motors' backs. They were awarded a penalty, which was well taken by Bailey, but in the second half they never looked as dangerous as their visitors.

After the interval Vauxhall increased their lead after Bloch dribbled through for a try and Bland converted from a difficult angle.

Eric Bloch, Vauxhall's fly half, was strong both in attack and defence, and initiated many good movements.

Vauxhall: Moore; Davies, Phipps, Dellar, Selwood, Goode; Jones, Hobbs; H Barker, Williams, Kemp, Cudelin, H Barker, Bland, Evered, Booth.

Victory Was Narrow But Well Deserved

Old Lutonians "A" 11, County Old Boys "A" 5

Old Lutonians "A" emulated their senior side when they beat the County Old Boys by a narrow margin.

Their pack showed good form, due mainly to the increased weight introduced into the second row, and they gave their backs plenty of ball.

Tries by Hurst and Wildman, with a conversion by Kelly, gave the home side a lead they never lost.

They increased their lead when Kelly converted a penalty kick from the sign for a rally by the visitors, and they reduced the margin to two points.

The home defence was very good this, however, and finished narrow but worthy winners.

Old Boys' Extra "A" On Top Throughout

Old Lutonians Extra "A" 22, Leighton Buzzard 3

So superior were Old Lutonians that they scored straight from the kick-off and pressed continuously. Leighton's only points coming from a penalty goal.

Luton's forwards did not always take their advantage as much as they could have done, and consequently all the tries were obtained by the backs.

Scorers were Marshall (2), Mead (2) Williams and Paken, with two conversions by Bowers.

A Setback For Vauxhall Colts

Setback for Vauxhall Colts was contained in their defeat by Luton Boys' Club, one of their closest rivals in Division "A" of Luton and South Beds Youth League.

DIVISION 14/15 "A"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Limbury I (O. Buzzard), Park Rngrs 2.							
Luton Boys Club 2, Vauxhall Colts 0.							

SECTION "B"

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sundon Y.C. 5 (K Hull 4, R Harris, J Pinney), E Wright, S Hull), Barton Y.C. 1 (A Burr).							
Vauxhall Jnrs 5, Old Beechilians "B" 1.							
Beechwood Y.C. 6 (D Parsons 2, A Rose, J Wilkinson, J Richards, P Clark), Hayward-Tyler Jnrs 0.							

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DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Luton Labour 1, Luton Liberal 3.							
Leagrave Legion 0, Luton Cons 4.							

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Luton Cons	22	16	3	3	80	30	35
Luton Liberal	21	14	5	1	116	28	33
Luton Social	22	8	6	5	96	48	22
Leagrave	21	8	4	9	48	72	20
Luton Labour	20	6	5	9	44	34	17
Luton Hill	21	6	5	10	52	84	17
Leagrave Legion	21	2	4	15	42	21	8

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Billiards

The Leaders Had An Easy Passage

The meeting of the leaders and the bottom team in Division I of the billiards section of Luton and District Club League, went as expected with Luton Conservative increasing their lead.

DIVISION I

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Luton Cons	22	16	3	3	80	30
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Gardiner A Success On The Wing

Northampton Town Res. 0, Luton Town Res. 0

Apart from the fact that the Town Reserves picked up a hard-earned point in the Combination Cup at Northampton, the most pleasing feature was the display of Gardiner as outside-left.

This was an experiment which achieved more success than the general run of these mo