

Hard Fight Faces Town

TEAM SELECTION IS DELAYED

SELDOM has there been such a terrific fight at the foot of the Second Division as the one which is going on now, and it looks very much as if the problem may not be solved until the end of the season.

The Town are mixed up in the struggle again after being apparently comfortably placed following their draw at Plymouth on Saturday, but the results on Monday and Tuesday went right against them, and they are faced with a continuance of the strain under which they have been playing for several weeks.

What are the chances of them retaining their place in the Second Division? They still seem reasonably rosy, for maintenance of their recent average of a point a match from the remaining four would give them a total of 36 points which is regarded as a safety level.

If they can gain five out of the eight at stake, then there should be no question of them going down. They have three home matches left against Brentford, Charlton and Luton, and only one away which is at Hull on Saturday week.

So a continuance of Second Division football in the town can be ensured if the home matches yield the harvest they should.

Plymouth Seem To Be Doomed

PLYMOUTH Argyle appear to be doomed, despite the fact that they won three points over the holiday and the highest number they can attain by winning their four outstanding games is 36.

They have to visit Leeds and Barnsley and have home matches with Southampton and Bury—two particularly easy programmes!

Of the others, Quten's Park Rangers are in the stickiest position by virtue of the fact that they have only three games to play, one less than Bradford, who are on the same mark. Rangers have home games with Leicester and Blackburn and have to visit Bury. By winning all three, they can take their total to 17 points which must be regarded as a possibility.

Bradford Have Three Away Matches

NEXT we have Bradford, who took four points last week-end, and whose defence has been stiffened considerably since Leon Leary arrived at Park-avenue from Derby.

Of the four matches they have to play, three are away, at Preston, Coventry and Luton, and the fourth is at home, the only remaining visitors to Bradford.

On Saturday, they will be facing a Preston team minus Tom Finney, who will be on International duty, and his absence may further improve Bradford's chances of success.

Do not count Blackburn Rovers out of danger either, for they have three away matches left at Barnsley, Leeds and Q.P.R. and West Ham are their only visitors.

Coventry's Four Wins Off The Reel

COVENTRY have struck top form at the right time and four wins off the reel have revived hopes at Highfield-road.

Their remaining games are: Hull (H), Sheffield Wednesday (A), Bradford (H), Barnsley (H). At the moment, the job of accompanying Plymouth to the Third Division would appear to rest between Bradford and Q.P.R.

The Town cannot afford to slip up in any of their home matches, though, and any other result but a win over Brentford on Saturday will have serious consequences, and would face them with an even more desperate struggle for survival.

Town's Injury Position Not Clear Yet

AS the team did not arrive back in Luton until Tuesday, the manager was unable to do anything definite in the way of team selection yesterday, and it will be a case of waiting to see what the injury position is. Those under treatment yesterday were: Bud Aherne, Jorwerth

By Chiltern

Potton Lead By A Point

of the Football Combination, Section "A", has been deferred, too.

Although they have finished at the foot of their section of the Cup, the Town are third in the league table, but will hold an outside chance of gaining the championship, only if they win at Craven Cottage.

They dropped a valuable point on Monday to Millwall, who hold second place. No injuries were collected in that match, and the Reserves should be strongly represented.

Comparative positions are:

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fulham	21	12	8	7	45	30	32
Millwall	21	12	8	7	45	30	32
LUTON	21	11	8	8	41	37	30

Vauxhall Have Home Match To-night

VAUXHALL MOTORS have a home match in the Spartan League to-night when they meet Willesden, and for this match they have recalled Bill Weston to right-back.

Team: R. Joyner; W. Ayres; G. Allen; H. Marriott; J. Gennell; T. Kelly; E. Bennett; P. Barford; L. Galloway; J. Biggs. There is no Spartan League match on Saturday and the team forward from the Premier Division of the South Midlands League will include four of the players who are appearing to-night.

Team: R. Cullis; W. Ayres; G. Allen; H. Marriott; J. Gennell; T. Kelly; E. Bennett; P. Barford; L. Galloway; J. Biggs. A Morgan.

Luton Amateur's Last Home Match

LUTON AMATEUR play their last home match of the season in the Spartan League when they entertain Wembley Town who beat them in their first meeting a few weeks ago.

The Amateur will be represented by: R. Weller; J. Maier; D. Smith; R. Day; S. Fensome; J. Gennell; T. Kelly; E. Bennett; P. Barford; L. Galloway; J. Biggs. A Morgan.

A Barrel Of Beer For The Winners

IT is a couple of years since Vauxhall Motors held their seven a-side rugby competition, but will now be an annual affair with this season's taking place on Saturday.

Next year there will be a trophy for the winners, but on Saturday the winners will receive a large barrel of beer, and there will be a small barrel for the runners-up.

Teams entered are: Old Lutonians, Pressed Steel (2), Rovers, Coventry (2), Lynton Works (2), Old Dunstablians, Igoues, R.A.F. Hendon (3), Leighton Buzzard, Letchworth, Lions Club (Bedford), Bedford Colts, Bedford Wanderers, Vauxhall Motors (3).

Rugby Luton Were On Top Form

LONDON Transport 6, Luton 3. A much-improved Luton visited London Transport on Saturday and inflicted defeat on a team which had been unbeaten for several months.

Luton attacked strongly from the start, and although the home side showed signs of resistance, they were soon overpowered by the visitors. Luton's attack was based on a combination of speed and power, and they were successful in breaking down the home defence.

Their leading scorer is Billy Dare, who was formerly on the Town's books as an amateur, and he has scored 13 times this season.

Centre-Forward Is Now A Full-Back

BRENTFORD seem to have obtained a successful blend of youth and experience, and they have the reputation of being a fast-moving, hard fighting combination.

They are making no change from the team that drew at Cardiff on Monday, which means that Munro remains the left back in place of Quinton, who is on the injured list with a pulled muscle.

His partner is Monk, who was signed from Guildford as a centre-forward. Team: Jeffries; Monk; Munro; Lister; Greenwood; Munro; Goodwin; Pointon; Dare; Hill.

Reserves Visiting The Leaders

WITH the indecision about the first team, selection of the Reserves side to visit the leaders

South Midlands League

Potton Lead By A Point

Potton United enter the last stage of the season with a lead of one point over Rushden Town in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League, and the only other team still with a real chance of gaining honours are Wootton Bassett, who dropped a valuable point to the Town "A's".

Premier Division

Kempston Rovers 2, M's Shelton Rovers 1. Wootton Bassett 2, Stony Stratford 1.

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Attley 1, Wootton Bassett 2. Rushden 1, M's Shelton 2. Wootton Bassett 1, M's Shelton 2.

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Easter Was A Busy And Anxious Time For The Town

[By Chiltern]

Hopes that by the time Easter was over, the Town would be relieved of the greater part of their worries about relegation were not realised, for although they continued their recent average of a point a match, their total bag of points was not large enough to enable them to consider themselves safe.

Making a bright start to the most rigorous holiday programme they have faced in years, by beating Barnsley on Friday, they followed it up by holding fellow-strugglers in Plymouth at Home Park the following day.

After the long trip from Devonshire to Yorkshire, the Town played some grand football at Barnsley on Monday, but were beaten by the only goal, a defeat which had unexpected consequences in view of the successes of all the other teams in the danger zone.

Three Goals In Fine Rally

There were no flinches, fear at half-time in the match—Kendall's forward on Friday morning that what proved to be the sole win of the week-end would not be gained, for the Town changed over a goal down against Barnsley.

They had faced a stiff breeze in the first half, but Barnsley had shown a better appreciation of the situation by the way in which their forwards moved the ball. By doing so, they made ground quickly, and took the lead after 22 minutes when Wright hit the ball through from close range at the second attempt after Cooke had scrambled a corner from John Kelly off the goal-line.

Chances came the Town's way during this period, but they could not make use of them, and the supporters' spirits were really low until KIERMAN came along with a neatly headed equaliser five minutes after the re-start following a new centre by chance.

Even then, the Town were nearly sent into arrears soon afterwards, for Wright missed a simple chance of restoring Barnsley's advantage.

FORWARDS MOVED WELL

Following that, though, the Town mainly called the tune, with the forwards moving in most workmanlike fashion, and finding holes in the Barnsley defence consistently.

KARDINER obtained his first League goal of the season when he shot through from close range after Pat Kelly had gone full length to a shot by Kierman, and failed to hold the ball.

Just over 20 minutes from the end, and after the Town forwards looked more goal-hungry than for weeks past, KIERMAN eventually clinched matters with 10 minutes to go with a clever goal, and Taylor was desperately unlucky when a blooded drive that rocked the crossbar. Gardiner, too, had a header cleared off the line by Pallister.

The Town forwards' second half display was the best their supporters had seen from them for a considerable time, and Kierman and Gardiner were the main marksmen. Both showed a flair for taking their opportunities, and Kierman worked a number of corners superbly strongly after the interval and made good use of the ball, and Glover had a patchy sort of game in which he was brilliant one moment and often mediocre the next.

After a shaky start, the defence settled down to play finely, with Owen and Aherne working hard throughout. Both wings halves did well, too, but Cooke had a trying, though not entirely unsuccessful afternoon against the wily Kelly, and Hughes was equal to everything that came his way.

Winner Was The Gale

The real winner at Plymouth was a wind of nearly gale force which blew from the west, and was a factor in the result of constructive football.

The result was a scrappy sort of match relieved only by the desperate struggle by the two teams to win, and the Town's victory was a narrow one.

Plymouth came nearer to a victory than did Luton, for they had the advantage of the wind in the first half, and exerted a considerable amount of pressure.

On the other hand, Hughes had a trying afternoon, for he had some scintillating shots which, to deal, but was able to watch twice as many as he was able to score.

After the interval, the initiative passed to the Amateur, but their only success was from a free-kick by BARKALL late in the game.

All The Scoring Was In The First Half

Marlow 3, Luton Amateur 1. The Amateur completed an arduous holiday programme by losing both points at Marlow on Monday, when all the scoring took place in the first half.

Marlow were first to open their account, but the Amateur equalised, only to fall into arrears again through a deflection by a defender. A penalty enabled Marlow to reach the interval with a lead of 3-1, and although the Amateur pressed hard in the second half, they could not improve their position.

No Surprises In The Billiards League

Only two matches were played in Division I of the billiards section of Luton and District Clubs' League, but there was nothing in the nature of a surprise.

Division I. Luton Social 1, Luton Liberal 3. League Table: 1. Vauxhall 3. Highest break: 65, by F. Watts, of League Legion.

Hockey Double Completed

St. Albans O.G. 1, Chiltern Ladies 3. Luton Ladies 1, Luton Social 1. Over St. Albans on Saturday, and were always the better team.

LINTON have taken a lead which was increased by HANSCOMB. St. Albans replied, but WHEATLEY made certain of victory in the second half.

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The Holiday Line-up

GOOD FRIDAY
LUTON TOWN..... 3
Kierman (2), Gardiner
BARNLEY..... 1
Wright
LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Kierman, Stobart, Taylor, Gardiner.
BARNLEY: Kelly (P.); Lindsay, Pallister; Blanchflower, Kitchin, Clayton; Smith, Baxter, Richardson, Wright, Kelly (J.).
Attendance: 15,149.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE
LUTON TOWN..... 0
Plymouth Argyle..... 0
Shortt, Radcliffe, Jones; Dougal, Chisholm, Porteous; Strain, Squares, Tadmim, Dews, Williams.
LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Kierman, Stobart, Taylor, Gardiner.
Attendance: 9,402.

BARNLEY
LUTON TOWN..... 0
Barnley..... 0
Lindsay, Pallister; Blanchflower, Kitchin, Clayton; Smith, Baxter, Richardson, Wright, Kelly (J.).
Attendance: 17,191.

EASTER MONDAY
LUTON TOWN..... 0
Barnley..... 0
Lindsay, Pallister; Blanchflower, Kitchin, Clayton; Smith, Baxter, Richardson, Wright, Kelly (J.).
Attendance: 9,402.

Greyhound Racing Favourites Were In The Background

Only two favourites met with success at the Stadium on Monday night, when the average price was a little over 4-1.

1 (410/50)—1. DANDY (2); 2. Downside (4); 3. Diamond (6); 4. Dandy (10); 5. Dandy (10); 6. Dandy (10); 7. Dandy (10); 8. Dandy (10); 9. Dandy (10); 10. Dandy (10).

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