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

Carter A Likely Starter

TOWN UNCHANGED FOR HULL MATCH

Chief query about the Town's last away match, which is at Boothferry Park, Hull, on Saturday, is whether Raich Carter, who means a great deal to the City team, will be making an appearance.

He missed the game at Coventry last Saturday because of a muscle injury, and from all accounts of that match, the City were very much below the form which has made them a near-promotion prospect this season.

News from Hull yesterday was that Carter is likely to return to the team against the Town, in which case he will take over the inside-left position.

There is no doubt that his presence on the field means a great

Raich Carter

deal to the City, for he is able to general their play effectively.

He has had much to do with the City attaining considerably more success in the Second Division than do the majority of the teams after gaining promotion from the Northern Section of the Third Division.

Town Would Find A Point Useful

HULL'S promotion chance has disappeared and there is little hope of them getting amongst the talent money awarded to the players of clubs finishing in the top four positions either, so there will be more hanging on the result of this match for the Town than for the City.

Still needing three points before they can say that the relegation bogey has passed, the Town will be hoping for one on this occasion which will mark their first appearance at Boothferry Park.

Relying On An Unchanged Team

FOR some time now, the manager has followed fairly closely the line of making changes only when they have been enforced through illness or injury, and the success of this policy is contained in the fact that the Town have been beaten in only one of the last nine matches.

Therefore, while the attack did not exactly "click" last Saturday, he has set his face against changing a winning team, and announced yesterday that the side that accounted for Brentford would be relied upon at Hull.

The Links Between Town And Hull

TO alter the attack would probably have meant something of a re-shuffle, which is something not exactly desirable at this stage of the season, when the acquisition of points is still of the utmost importance.

Apart from that, this is the team that attained both the recent victories over Barnsley and Brentford.

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

Although the Town will be breaking new ground on Saturday, there has been a link between Luton and Hull for some years in that both their present manager, Dally Duncan, and their former manager, George Martin, are former Hull City players.

The City Have Been Losing Home Points

HOPE for the Town on Saturday is contained in the fact that there has been a considerable falling away in the City's home form during the last couple of months.

Strangely enough, their only home win in their last six appearances before their home fans was against Tottenham Hotspur on Easter Monday, when they pulled through by the only goal.

Away teams have been finding points comparatively easy to gain at Hull recently, and among those who have done so are West Ham, Swansea, Q.P.R. and Sheffield Wednesday, who drew there, and Southampton, who won 2—1.

Blighted Their Hope Of Promotion

LOSS of those six home points has blighted the City's hopes of further promotion, and since the beginning of February the have had a distinctly sticky patch, in which they have won only one of their 12 games, and netted only eight points during the period.

Yet they hold the distinction of being the only team to take three points from Tottenham this season.

Their team is not being announced until later to-day, but it is considered that there will be few changes from last Saturday.

Durham Is On The Injured List

ALMOST certainly, though, Durham, the young left-half, will miss this match through an injury received at Highfield-road, and the probability is that Greenhalgh, who filled Carter's place at inside-left last week, but who is really a wing-half, will drop back into the middle line to make way for the player-manager.

The Danish International, Jensen, has been out of the team some weeks following illness, and Burbanks, former Sunderland outside-left, is on the injured list.

Last Saturday's team was: Bly; Gibson (A), Berry; Revie, Bowler, Durham; Harrison, Smith, Gibson (R), Greenhalgh, Bloxham.

Town Sign Player From Vauxhall

ONE of the most promising young players in this district signed professional forms for the Town on Tuesday.

He is Terry Kelly, Vauxhall Motors' centre-half, who has also played often at wing half.

A son of Tim Kelly, the former Irish Amateur International inside-forward, who was a professional with Fulham, and later played for Vauxhall Motors and is now a coach under the F.A. scheme, Terry is just over 18 years of age. He made his professional debut for the Town against Arsenal "A" last night.

Gained Promotion Very Quickly

THIS season, he has made tremendous strides with Vauxhall and rose from the third team to the Spartan League team in a matter of months.

Since Christmas, he has commanded a regular place in the first eleven which is no mean feat for one so young in that class of amateur football.

Before throwing in his lot with Vauxhall, he was a member of the very successful Youth League team, Park Rangers, and has played regularly for Bedfordshire Youth team this season.

Other League Clubs Were Interested

DESPITE his youth, he has good physique, for he stands 5ft. 10ins. and weighs 11 stone, and everybody predicts a fine career for him in professional football.

View locally, is that the Town have made a notable capture, for they were by no means the only League team interested in his future.

Terry is also a cricketer of considerable promise. Last season he played with Luton Clarendon, and since then, has been attending for coaching at the cricket school which is run by Andy Sandham and Alf Gover, the former Surrey players.

Reserves Have Doubts About The Attack

THE Reserves make their last appearance of the season at Kenilworth-road when Crystal Palace supply the opposition, and chief doubts are about the inside-forward positions.

Form in last night's "A" team match may have a bearing on the final selection. Billy Arnison, who had to drop out of the team last Saturday through some swelling of the knee, is unlikely to be included, though he was golfing at Ashridge with the rest of the players yesterday.

Team from: Streten; Mulvaney, Lake; Morton, Hall, Gripton, Wilson; Waugh, Walsh, Aherne (W), Jinks, Slaiter, Wyldes.

Vauxhall Visit Joe Payne's Team

FOR their last Spartan League fixture of the season, at Aylesbury on Saturday, Vauxhall Motors restore Marriott to right-half and retain Startin at right-back.

Their team will be: L. Joyner; K. Startin, W. Weston; H. Marriott, R. Lloyd, G. Cosgrove; R. Chappin, R. Brandham, L. Galloway, E. James, J. Biggs.

They will find the Aylesbury team, managed by Joe Payne, a hard nut to crack on their own ground, and they will do well to avoid defeat.

Amateur's Last Match In The League

LUTON Amateur, too, conclude their Spartan League programme on Saturday when they visit Chelsea Mariners, for which match they will be without S. Fensome, their centre-half, who has a damaged ankle.

Filling his place necessitates two changes, Mair moving from right-back to centre-half, and Bell filling Mair's former place.

Team: R. Weller; H. Bell, D. Smith; B. Devonish, J. Mair, J. Williams; B. Smith, V. Cooper, J. Norman, A. Barrall, R. Saunders.

Ready For The Summer Sports

A supply of cricket report forms and bowls cards is now available to cricket and bowls club secretaries on application to the Sports Editor.

Secretaries are asked to forward to us their fixture cards so that each club's fixtures can be included in the "Sports Diary" week by week.

Terry Kelly, 18 years-old Vauxhall Motors player, who signed professional forms for the Town on Tuesday.

Rugby

Young O.B.'s Win Vauxhall Seven-A-Side

Several hundred spectators watched the Vauxhall Rugby seven-a-side knock-out competition on Saturday, and they saw Old Lutonians, fielding a side of their best young players, win the first prize — nine gallons of beer.

Second of the 19 teams competing was Pressed Steel "A", and they were decisively beaten in the final by the Old Boys.

Most of the local clubs entered a team, and another to meet with a fair measure of success were Old Dunstablians., who played two of the three teams entered by Vauxhall. They beat the Vauxhall "B" in the second round, and the "A" team in the third. The Motors' third team was eliminated in the first round by Leighton Buzzard.

Surprisingly, Bedford Athletic and R.A.F. Henlow, of whom big things were expected, were dismissed in the early stages.

The successful Old Lutonians were G. Kelly, D. Hill, G. Edmunds, S. Cameron, A. Pakes, D. Wood and L. Lyons, and their performance augurs well for the future of their club.

The afternoon's rugby was of a high standard, and the sportsmanship was in the highest traditions of the game.

Prizes were presented by Pat O'Hara.

O.L.'s "Stung" The Wasps

Wasps "A" 11, Old Lutonians 19

In the last ten minutes of a thrilling match, the Old Lutonians turned a deficit of eight points into a lead of eight points. They made a grand recovery, and ran the heavier Wasps off their feet.

Wasps had the advantage of sun and slope in the first half, and both sides opened their accounts by taking advantage of defensive errors. The Old Boys' scorer was Heanue. Only other score in this half was a dropped goal by the home fly-half.

With the slope in their favour the Old Boys played confidently, but it was not until the Wasps scored another try, and converted it, that the visitors were stung into action.

They set up a vigorous attack, in which Thorpe (2), Jeffs and Muse scored, Muse converting two.

Jeffs's effort was a model dash from the back of the scrum. Muse's a typical full-back's contribution to attack, while Thorpe was, once again, the fastest and most dangerous back on the field.

Old Lutonians: Muse; Hine, Thorpe, Rance, Marshall; Connors, Jeffs; Shepherd, Macdonald, Trendall, Smith, Heanue, Shephard, Fensome, Athinson.

Luton End On Unlucky Note

Aylesbury 11, Luton 6

Playing their last game of the season, Luton were a trifle unlucky to lose to Aylesbury after a very vigorous game, for they lost Pooley, who injured a shoulder, in the second half.

Luton opened the scoring just before the interval, when Tooley touched down, and previously Oakley had twice been pulled down a few yards short of the line.

Pressing strongly, Aylesbury equalised soon after the re-start, and then added another try.

As Luton were taking the initiative they lost Pooley but, nevertheless, Dickinson touched down, though the try was not converted.

Aylesbury were quick to take advantage of the depleted Luton team and touched down and converted before the final whistle.

O.B.'s "A" Beaten, But Not Disgraced

Wasps Extra "A" 14, Old Lutonians "A" 6

Despite the fact that they were unable to score, the Old Boys had a fair share of the first half play, and were by no means disgraced.

They had two opportunist tries scored against them before the interval, and one of them was converted.

Old Boys were rather subdued in the second half, mainly because they were battling up a slope. The Wasps increased their lead with a fine dropped goal, and a further try which was scored near a corner flag.

Golf

Last 9 Holes In 32 Strokes

Playing from scratch, G E Crawford won the Batterses Cup at South Beds with a score of 72.

A poor start with 40 for 9 holes was rather discouraging, but he made up for this with the excellent score of 32 for the last 9 holes.

There were 36 entries.

Other scores were: C Lamport (12) 74, J Cattanach (3) 75, L G Randall (+2) 76, R Gurney (10) 76, T G Gatehouse (16) 76, T G Sawyer (15) 77, R Virno (16) 77.

Dunstable Medal Had 51 Entrants

There were 51 entrants for the medal competition at Dunstable Downs on Saturday and best returns were:

1st DIVISION

T W Chadbon, 84—10=74; H W Goodman, 78—3=75; L F Child, 83—7=76; A G B Gunn, 84—8=76.

2nd DIVISION

P G Bond, 89—18=71; H T James, 95—24=71; P H Girling, 87—14=73; K Marsden, 93—18=75.

MIXED FOURSOME MEDAL

In the mixed foursome medal postponed from Easter Monday and played on Sunday, 22 couples entered, and leading returns were:—

Mrs Robinson and H W Goodman, 77—7=70; Miss Busserean and W Dawson, 96—21½=74½; Mrs Lyle and A Pakes, Jnr. 91—15=76; Mrs Tipper and J Facer, 96—19½=76½; Miss Bryant and K Marsden, 92—13=79.

LADIES' MEDAL

Best returns in a medal round held by Dunstable Downs Ladies on Wednesday were:—

SILVER DIVISION: Mrs E Holmes, 89—11=78.

BRONZE DIVISION: Mrs J Iken 105—31=74.

Reserves' Great Fight At Fulham

Fulham Res. 3, Luton T. Res. 2

Not until 10 minutes from the end of this match at Craven Cottage did Fulham gain the deciding goal, and even then the Town Reserves nearly snatched a point to which they would have been entitled on the run of the play.

They gave the prospective champions plenty to think about, for the forwards played some clever football, with Jinks showing plenty of thrust as the leader, and he carried the most threat to the Fulham goal.

A close-range shot by JINKS, following good work by Aherne, led to the Town taking the lead after seven minutes, and they held on to this advantage until five minutes from the interval, when SID THOMAS, the Welsh International, secured the equaliser. In the meantime Lawler had missed from the penalty spot.

It was against the run of the play when Fulham took the lead for the first time after 55 minutes, when SUMMERS breasted the ball into the net from a corner which should have been cut out by Streten.

Strong work by Jinks led to the Town reaching level terms again, for his shot cannoned off a post and left WYLDES with a good chance.

After that, it was anybody's game, but Fulham began to crowd on the pressure in the closing stages, and DWIGHT put them ahead from Thomas's pass.

Most danger to the Town goal came from the work of Thomas, on whom Gripton, playing in the rather unaccustomed position of left-half, could not obtain a firm grip.

Both Morton and Hall did well, but whenever Thomas had the ball, the defence as a whole had to look out for trouble. Mulvaney and Lake were steady at full-back.

Jinks was easily the best of the Town's front line, with Wyldes next in line, and Waugh contributing many useful things.

Walsh did not settle down at inside-left, and, apart from a few hard shots, achieved little, and there were periods when Aherne was out of touch.

FULHAM RESERVES: Gage; Lewin, Cahill; Smith, Dodgin, Lawler; Dwight, Thomas (S), Docherty, Jenkins, Summers.

LUTON TOWN RESERVES: Streten; Mulvaney, Lake; Morton, Hall, Gripton; Waugh, Aherne (W), Jinks, Walsh, Wyldes.

'Bees' Busy, But Town Collected The Honey

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN ..... 1 BRENTFORD 0

There were more than a few sighs of relief when the final whistle sounded at Kenilworth-road on Saturday, for this was one match which the Town simply had to win, and there was never any room for complacency in this hard-fought struggle.

In fact, Brentford played as hard as if they were involved in the danger zone, and the possibility of them gaining an equaliser to Stobbart's grand goal could never be ignored.

Stobbart obtained the goal which meant the addition of two absolutely vital points to the Town's meagre store with a well-placed header after he had picked up a poor clearance by Munro, sent the ball out to Glover, and taken up position for the winger's centre.

It was a goal out of the top drawer, but, for a few seconds it seemed as if it had been neutralised shortly afterwards when Pointon forced the ball into the net from close range after the ball had come over from the left.

Unbelievable decisions by the referee was "officiale," much to the relief of everyone except the guilty bedecked Brentford fans whose joy quickly turned to dismay.

On the run of the play, though, the Town would have been unfortunate if they had not collected both points, for they were the cleverer side, but, once again, they allowed scoring opportunities to slip by.

STOBBART A FINE LEADER

Stobbart's effort saved the situation, and he gave a grand display as leader of the attack. Time and again he worried Greenwood into making mistakes, and several of his lone dashes down the middle were distinctly unsettling to the Brentford defence.

Apart from that, he controlled the lively ball better than most, and this was a match on which he can look back with considerable satisfaction.

Another forward who pleased was Taylor, now coming back to something approaching the form which earned him so many good opinions at the start of the season.

Especially is the second half, he was prominent with his good use of the ball, and he did seek to find the open spaces.

The gallant Gardiner was always looking for openings, and looked as likely to score as anybody, for he was never afraid to have a go.

Less direct and less successful was the right wing pair of Glover and Kiernan, and the latter was much below the form of which we know he is capable.

It was an unhappy day for him, and Glover, too, after putting over a succession of accurate centres in the opening stages, faded out of the picture.

EFFICIENT DEFENCE

So efficient has the defence become that it is now something approaching a sensation if Hughes has the job of picking the ball out of the net.

He had to do so on Saturday, but the decision went in the

Sid Owen was in tip-top form again.

Town's favour, but otherwise, he was completely equal to all calls on his charge, and made several first-class saves.

He was well-covered by the men in front with Owen producing another first-class display in which Dare was shut out as a scoring force.

Shanks had what was perhaps his best game at left half so far, and was one of the outstanding players on the field, while Watkins completed a sound intermediate line.

Behind them, Cooke and Aherne were accomplised and resolute, with the latter slightly the better because of the accuracy of his kicking.

Luton Town.—Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Kiernan, Stobbart, Taylor, Gardiner.

Brentford. — Jefferies; Monk, Munro; Latimer, Greenwood, Manley; Goodwin, Pointon, Dare, Hill, Paton.

Referee: F. S. Fiander, Loudwater. Attendance: 13,991.

Luton League

Exciting Struggles For Honours Are Going On

Shillington, who have already won the championship of Division I of Luton District and South Beds League, are also likely to have a big say in the destination of runners-up medals, for they have yet to meet two of the chief contenders—Cockernhoe and Hitchin-road Old Boys.

Other team still in the hunt is Luton Brewery, for Eaton Bray can be concerned in a play-off only if the Old Boys and Cockernhoe are beaten by Shillington, and Brewery lose one of their remaining games.

Altogether it is an intriguing position, and it looks very much as if a play-off will be necessary before a decision can be reached.

There is also a possibility that this method will be necessary to decide the honours in Division II. though Napier Sports hold the best chance at the moment.

They went to the top as the result of their 6—0 win over Lilley Rangers on Tuesday

Showing the most impressive form at the moment are Craig Athletic, who had another big win, but who are now two points behind the new leaders.

Barton Rovers are still there with a slight chance, and made certain of retaining it by scoring nine times against Amalgamated Tobacco.

A close finish is in prospect in Division III., too, for Heath United increased their chances by accounting for Totternhoe in a closely fought match.

Heath are still third, but they are only two points behind the leaders, Luton Social, and have a match in hand.

In Division IV, Luton Co-op. Y.C. require only two points from their three remaining matches to make certain of the championship.

They had a hard fight at Barton, but picked up both points by the only goal. Hayward-Tyler have now finished their programme, and are assured of runners-up place, at least.

Drawing away from the fight at the foot of the table are Harlington and Pioneer Corinthians, and it now looks as if Old Beechillians will be accompanying Luton Gasworks in the relegation stakes.

DIVISION I

SHILLINGTON 7 (W Saunders 3, T Saunders 2, Day, Chamberlain). LIMBURY O.B. 2 (Lawrence, Layton).

NORTON RANGERS 0, HITCHIN ROAD O.B. 3 (Ingle 2, Bousted).

DIVISION II

CRAIG ATH. 8 (Copley 3, Bradley 2, J Mooney, G Mooney, Hunt). KENT'S ATH. 1 (Cairns).

AMALGAMATED TOBACCO 1 (Haddon), BARTON ROVERS 9 (A Virgin 3, Jepps 3, Edney 2, Stoten).

PERCIVAL ATH. 2 (Mann, Teatle). FARLEY RANGERS 1 (Worboy). SPANDIT SPORTS 2.

NAPIER SPORTS 2 (B Bachini 2). CHAUL END ATH. 1 (Corrie).

DIVISION III

HEATH UNITED 3 (Minall 2, Dale). TOTTERNHOE 2 (Witts, Janes).

LIMBURY 2 (Brimmer 2). SKEFKO ATH. 2 (Clarke, Murphin).

LEAGRAVE B.L. 6 (Birch 2, Sampson, Bird, Marne, opponent). NAPIER SPORTS 0.

JACOLL SPORTS 4, OLD LUTONIANS 1 (Chalkley).

LUTON SOCIAL 4 (Brown 2, McKendrick, Bryant). ROYAL NAVAL O.C. 0.

DIVISION IV

BARTON ROVERS 0, LUTON CO-OP Y.C. 1 (Wright).

PERCIVAL ATH. 1 (opponent). SUNDON ST. MARY'S 3 (Odell 2, R Rose).

GLENDALE 1 (Hoar). HARLINGTON 3.

PIONEER CORINTHIANS 4 (Chapman 2, Smith, Whitbread). LUTON GASWORKS 1 (Harding).

DIVISION V.

VILLA ROVERS 0, WARDEN HILL ATH. 0.

BIDWELL 2 (B Denton, Tomlin). EATON BRAY 5 (Major 3, Keep, Simmons).

KENSWORTH RES. 3, LILLEY RANGERS RES. 4 (Rodell 3, Muddle).

R.A.F. ASSN. 10 (Hayhurst 5, Wilkinson 2, Kilby 2, Offer). LUTON BREWERY RES. 2 (Chambers, Mead).

WALCOT ATH. 4 (Startin 2, Ward, Gentle). ADAMANT ATH. RES. 0.

DIVISION I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shillington	19	17	1	1	93	23	35
Hitchin-rd O.B.	21	13	3	5	77	38	29
Cockernhoe	21	12	5	4	55	30	29
Eaton Bray	22	14	1	7	66	43	29
Luton Brewery	19	10	5	4	61	54	25
Roots's Spts	20	11	2	7	59	49	24
Houghton Rngrs	22	8	2	12	64	69	18
Norton Rngrs	22	8	2	12	36	57	18
Toddington Rvrs	20	7	3	10	62	68	17
Limbury O.B.	22	5	1	16	40	65	11
Baldock O.B.	21	4	2	15	35	81	10
Crusaders	21	1	3	17	23	94	5

DIVISION II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Napier Spts	24	18	2	4	106	40	38
Caddington	25	17	4	4	104	41	38
Craig Ath	24	16	4	4	101	37	36
Barton Rvrs	25	18	0	7	86	38	36
Spandit Spts	24	17	1	6	83	41	35
Glendale	25	15	2	8	94	52	32
Chaul End Ath	24	12	2	10	59	48	26
Lilley Rngrs	20	8	2	10	45	53	18
Percival Ath	22	5	4	13	22	57	14
Farley Rngrs	23	5	4	14	29	84	14
Cockernhoe	22	6	1	15	46	77	13
Kent's Ath	23	4	4	15	50	64	12
Amal Tob Corp	19	2	2	15	32	110	6
Davis Ath	24	2	2	20	28	143	6

DIVISION III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Luton Social	27	20	4	3	106	29	44
Totternhoe	28	19	5	4	111	46	43
Heath Utd	26	20	2	4	131	45	42
Shillington "A"	26	17	4	5	83	48	38
Old Lutonians	28	15	4	9	67	51	34
British Legion	28	12	3	13	71	72	27
Jacoll Spts	27	12	3	12	70	76	27
Limbury	26	10	5	11	63	64	25
Avondale Ath	28	11	3	14	71	87	25
West Park	26	10	4	12	59	62	24
Kenworth	25	9	3	13	51	63	21
Skefko Ath	25	7	4	14	47	57	18
Electrolux	28	8	2	18	43	72	18
Napier Spts "A"	28	4	1	23	31	99	9
Royal Naval O.C.	28	3	3	22	36	159	9

DIVISION IV

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hayward-Tyler	28	22	3	3	113	32	47
Luton Co-op	25	22	2	1	110	17	46
Adamant Ath	27	19	2	6	111	41	40
Horseshoe Ath	27	17	3	7	86	47	37
Sundon St Mary's	28	15	3	10	66	63	33
Glendale	26	13	4	9	67	68	30
Barton Rvrs	25	12	2	11	70	51	26
Chalton Rvrs	27	12	1	14	67	71	25
Luton Utd	27	11	0	16	64	93	22
Harlington	26	8	2	16	52	85	18
Pion'r Corinth'ns	26	8	1	17	60	103	17
Boys Battn Spts	25	7	2	16	48	61	16
Percival Ath "A"	26	6	4	16	40	87	16
Old Beechillians	27	6	3	18	36	109	15
Gas Works	24	3	0	21	26	108	6

DIVISION V

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bells Park	27	26	1	0	143	21	53
R.A.F. Assn	28	19	3	6	98	55	41
Walcot Ath	27	18	1	8	111	50	37
Hart Hill Rngrs	27	17	1	9	100	48	35
Warden Hill Ath	28	16	3	8	86	63	35
Villa Rvrs	27	13	6	8	84	59	32
Caddington "B"	27	14	1	12	95	91	29
Lilley Rngrs Res	24	12	3	9	69	73	27
Luton Social Res	27	12	2	13	83	79	26
Eaton Bray II	28	12	1	15	96	94	25
Bidwell	28	11	1	16	86	104	23
Luton Brew Res	22	8	0	14	64	84	16
Kenworth Res	26	3	3	22	31	144	9
Adamant Res	25	2	2	21	28	107	6
Lea Valley	27	2	1	24	36	158	5

Winner Came From Norman

Luton Amateur 1, Wembley T. 0.

Luton Amateur completed their home Spartan League programme with a narrow win over well-placed Wembley.

NORMAN scored the only goal, and he scored seconds before the interval.

Wembley were the first to look dangerous, and it was only the inability of their forwards in front of goal that prevented them from opening their account.

Wembley's goalkeeper played well and made some fine saves from the Amateur forwards. The shot that beat him came after a good clearance by Mair, and Norman merely had to head the ball into the net from B. Smith's centre.

After the interval play was scrappy, and neither side produced much good football.

LUTON AMATEUR: R Weller; J. Mair, D. Smith; B. Devonish, S. Fensome, J Williams; B Smith, V Cooper, J Norman, A Barrall, R Saunders.

South Midlands League

Two Defeats For The Leaders

After leading the field in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League for many weeks, Potton United were deposed on Saturday following their narrow defeat at Wolverton.

To dash their championship hopes further, there came another defeat on Monday when they left both points at Bletchley, and their hopes of regaining the lead now look doubtful, for Rushden are a point ahead and have a match in hand.

Curiously enough, Rushden, who ended the successful run of Luton Town "A" on Saturday by the odd goal in three, have to visit Bletchley this week, and their chance of gaining the title might well depend on the success they achieve here.

By their comfortable victory at Marston Shelton, Vauxhall Motors increased the Rovers' worries about relegation, especially as Kempston Rovers, maintaining their recent improved form, picked up two more valuable points.

It will need a superhuman effort by Letchworth Town to catch Baldock Town in the race for the championship of Division 1, for Letchworth are five matches in arrears.

Who will accompany Davis Athletic at the foot of the table is not clear yet, but Biggleswade sank deeper into the mire as the result of their home defeat by Queen's Works.

PREMIER DIVISION

Arlesey Tn 1, Stony Stratford Spts 1
Kempston Rvrs 2, Pearvce Old Boys 1
Hitchin-rd O.B. 1, Bdfd St Cuthbert's 1
M'n Shelton Rvrs 0, Vauxhall Mtrs 1
Rushden Tn 2, Luton Tn "A" 1
Stewartby Wks 0, Cambridge Tn 3
Wolverton Tn & B.R. 3, Potton Utd 2

DIVISION 1

AC-Sphinx 2, Percival Ath 3
Bedford Corinthians 4, Kent's Ath 1
Biggleswade Tn 1, Bdfd Queen's Wks 4
St Neots St Mary's 1, Baldock Tn 3
Waterlow's 1, Shefford Tn 5

DIVISION II

Section "A"

Baldock Tn 4, Luton Amateur 1
Electrolux 1, Skefko Ath 1
Pearvce Old Boys 1, Vauxhall Mtrs 1

Section "B"

Harrold Utd 3, Bedford St Cuthbert's 0
Marston Spts 6, Bdfd Queen's Wks 4

MONDAY

PREMIER DIVISION

Bletchley Tn 3, Potton Utd 1

Old Boys Had Little Finish

Hitchin Road O.B. 1, Bedford St. Cuthbert's 1

After a disappointing start, the Old Boys gradually got a grip on things in their South Midlands League match, and but for poor finishing would have scored several goals before the interval.

As it was they obtained only one goal, when FIRMIN broke through just before half-time and scored with a hard drive.

Defences were well on top after the resumption, and there were few goods shots at either goal. The visitors had bad luck, however when their outside-right broke through on his own, and sent in a good shot which beat Tottingham but struck the crossbar and rebounded into play.

With ten minutes left for play, St. Cuthbert's were awarded a penalty from which they made no mistake. A draw was a fair result.

Hitchin Road O.B.: R. Tottingham; J. Burgess, T. Kilby; W. Day, A. Strapp, E. Hewitt; G. Payne, A. Thompson, C. Firmin, D. Strapp, B. McCrum.

Boys' Club Had Two Shocks

By losing two matches, Luton Boys' Club's bright chance of finishing at the top of Section "A" of Luton and South Beds Youth League, vanished.

Issue now lies between Vauxhall Colts, who have completed their fixtures, and Park Rangers.

Surprise result in Section "B" was that the champions, Vauxhall Juniors, were held by the bottom team, Sundon Y.C.

Two wins by Limbury O.B. Juniors puts them in line for the championship of the 14-16 years Division.

DIVISION "A"

Luton Boys' Club 1, Limbury 2 (D Carter, J Walters).
Vauxhall Colts 7 (P McGrath 3, G Sharp 2, D Kilby, N Chappin). Luton Boys' Club 0.

DIVISION "B"

Sundon Y.C. 1 (M MacLaren). Vauxhall Jnrs 1 (J Smylie).

DIVISION 14/16 YEARS

Limbury O.B. Jnrs 5, St Columba Y.C. 2.
1st Coy Luton B.B. 1 (H Cook). Luton Argyle Jnrs 1 (M Parker).
Langley Rngrs 1 (L Jackson). Limbury O.B. Jnrs 3 (B Brown 2, Kirkpatrick).

Greyhound Racing

Runners And Selections For Luton On Saturday

6.30 (410yds).—3 Big Boy; Destiny (Mar 30, tp 6, 24.94; April 5, tp 3, 25.02); 231 Jamie II; 65 Kim; 2 Paint Box; 556 Tripolitan. Reserve: 644 Sakopian.

6.50 (470yds).—641 Bluey's Pal; 661 Brown Rover; 444 Cherry Brandy; 162 Late Edition; 534 Lazy Blackie; 44 Snowey. Reserve: 312 Speakeasy.

7.10 (410yds).—2 Brenda; Buster (Mar 30, tp 2, 24.73; April 15, tp 1, 24.79); 463 Little Maisie; Marigold (April 13, tp 6, 24.86; April 15, tp 1, 24.79); 15 Our Alice; 6 Phoenix. Reserve: 565 Andy.

7.30 (470yds).—154 Alfreton Queen; 111 Dark Weather; 123 Dream Girl; 6 Kelly's Eye; 43 White Iris; 531 W. and G. Reserve: 426 Tiny.

7.50 (470yds). — 15 Blue Duster; Golden Drip (April 13, tp 4, 24.52; April 15, tp 6, 23.95); 215 Johnny D.; 531 Receivers; 66 Sparrow Hawk; 112 Squeaker. Reserve: 1 Music.

8.10 (410yds).—214 Min's Pal; 225 Mr. Woo; 523 Nina; 515 No More; 315 Old Road; Teredo (Mar 30, tp 1, 24.48; April 5, tp 3, 24.34). Reserve 511 Hillside.

8.30 (470yds).—122 Comus; 534 Wonder; 354 Montrose; 364 Neapolitan; 136 Pop; 265 Wind-Break. Reserve: 255 Freedom.

8.50 (410yds).—66 Bee's Wing (April 15, tp 1, 24.88); 113 Harvest King; 43 Konsol; 4 Meg's Pet; 421 Partition; 445 Whipsnade. Reserve: 334 Dark Knight.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Jamie II (Paint Box, Big Boy).
6.50 Lazy Blackie (Late Edition, Bluey's Pal).
7.10 Our Alice (Brenda, Marigold).
7.30 Dark Weather (Dream Girl, W and G.).
7.50 Johnny D. (Blue Duster, Squeaker).
8.10 Mr. Woo (Old Road, No More).
8.30 Comus (Montrose, I Wonder).
8.50 Partition (nap) (Whipsnade, Harvest King).

Hockey

Eagles Win A Tournament

The Bedfordshire Eagles entered the L.M.S. Railway six-a-side hockey tournament at Wembley on Sunday for the first time, and succeeded in winning through to the final, in which they beat West Herts 3-1 in extra time.

They did not reach the final without injuries however, and Brown had a cut forehead and Hawley dislocated a finger.

The Eagles topped their Division by beating Chenies 1-0, Barnes 2-0 and drawing with Harpenden 0-0, and in the semi-final they beat Sandersons, Perivale, 1-0.

In the semi-final and final the Eagles played with a substitute from Harpenden, as Brown retired.

BEDFORDSHIRE EAGLES: C W L Warren, P Baron, K Brown, D Hawley, J A R Oliver, A B McKelvie.

Nightingale Was The Star For Kent's

Kent's Ath 2, Bletchley 0

Nightingale played very well in this fast, hard-fought game. He scored two fine goals and was always a menace to the visiting defence.

Play swept swiftly from end to end, and both goalkeepers were called on to make good saves. A hard pass down the centre gave NIGHTINGALE a chance to slip through and steer the ball past the Bletchley goalkeeper. In the second half NIGHTINGALE scored his second goal with a great shot.

For the last few minutes Bletchley made a big effort to score, but the Luton defence held firm.

Billiards

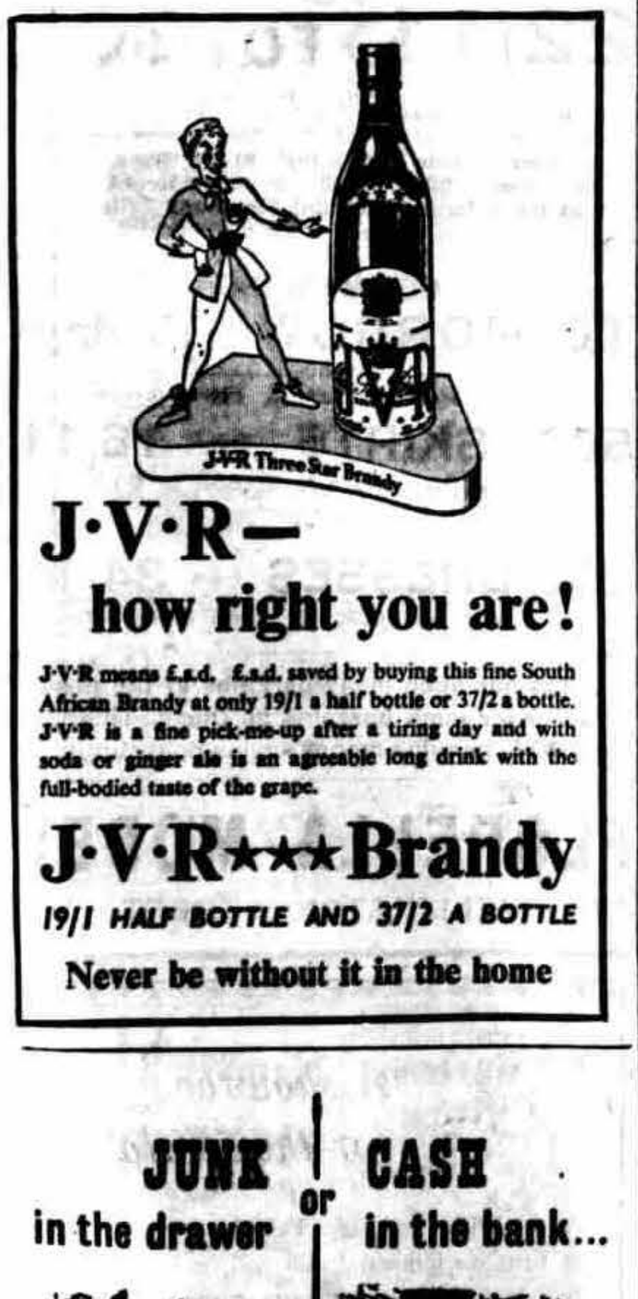
Conservative Club Are Champions

Luton Conservative Club are champions of Division 1 of the billiards section of Luton and District Clubs League in which fixtures were completed last week.

DIVISION 1

Vauxhall 4, Leagrave Legion 0.
Luton Liberal 3, Luton Social 1.
Beech Hill 3, Luton Labour 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	G
Luton Conservative	24	18	5	1	73	146
Luton Liberal	24	17	6	1	67	134
Vauxhall	24	9	9	6	54	108
Luton Social	24	8	6	10	50	100
Luton Labour	24	7	5	12	40	80
Beech Hill	24	4	3	17	32	64
Leagrave Legion	24	2	4	18	22	44



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