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

Town Like This Ground

USUALLY DO WELL AT WEST HAM

SELECTION of the Town team to meet West Ham at the Boleyn Ground, Upton Park, to-night, presented no problem to the Town manager, Daily Duncan.

With all the players reporting fit, despite the fact that one or two received knocks against Brentford, he had no hesitation yesterday in announcing an unchanged team.

AS enthusiasm is definitely on the up-grade, there will be a big crowd of Luton fans making their way to the West Ham ground to-night to see if the Town can continue their remarkable run of success there.

In the six meetings between the teams in the Second Division, the Hammers have won only once, whereas the Town have twice earned full points there, and have figured in goalless draws three times.

In fact, in only one of the six matches have the Hammers managed to find the net, and that was in the 1946-47 season when they gained their only success by 2-1.

West Ham Were Not Over-Impressive

WEST HAM, I gather, were not over-impressive against Hull City on Saturday and a Town representative who watched the game with a view to getting a line on the Town's prospects in their meetings with both these teams in the early weeks of the season, came back in an optimistic frame of mind.

West Ham finished below the Town last season, and despite the introduction of a new left wing in Foan (Norwich) and Betts (Walsall), both of whom cost sizeable fees, they did not look as if they will present too formidable an obstacle to the Town.

Moroney, Fit Again, Returns To The Team

THEY had every chance of winning, for they held a lead of two goals at half-time, but their defence faltered against the craft of Revie and Carter and the dash of Ackerman, the former Clyde centre-forward, for whom the Town were in the market during the close season.

The Hammers will be strengthened to-night by the return of Eire International left-half, Moroney, who passed a fitness test with flying colours yesterday morning and who will replace Jackman which is the only change in the side.

Parsons Still Out Of The Side

SOME surprise was occasioned by the fact that the England player, Parsons, was omitted from the West Ham team for the opening match, but Manager Ted Fenton told me yesterday that he expects him to be back in the team shortly. "He has not been quite himself recently," said Ted.

In recent matches between the Town and the Hammers, Parsons has been the most dangerous forward, and the Town will not be sorry that he is out of the line-up to-night which is:

WEST HAM: Gregory; Devlin, Yeomanson; Parker, Walker, Moroney; Woodgate, Gazzard, Robinson, Foan, Betts.

LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Taylor (J), Stobbart, Whent, Wyldes.

Blackburn Have One Team Doubt

AFTER West Ham, the Town face the long trip into Lancashire to meet Blackburn Rovers and they leave Luton just after mid-day to-morrow.

With only one new player as compared with last season's team, the Rovers have made a flying start with an away win by 3-0 over Sheffield United and a 3-2 victory over Brentford on Monday.

Against the Town, they are hoping to be unchanged, but there in some doubt about the fitness of their left half and captain, Bell, who received a kidney injury against Brentford.

Should he be not fit, the deputy will be Horton, who played inside right against the Town at Blackburn last season.

Todd From Doncaster Is Only Newcomer

OTHERWISE the team will be the same as that which has done duty in the two previous matches:

Patterson; Gray, Eckersley; Campbell, Holt, Bell; McCaig, Crossan, Graham, Todd, Priday.

Newcomer is Paul Todd, the former Doncaster Rovers inside left, for whom Blackburn parted with a big fee during the summer.

He is a very clever inside forward, and is now playing under Jackie Bestall's managership for the second time, for the old Grimsby Town star was in charge at Doncaster before moving to Ewood Park.

The former Manchester City winger, Jackie Wharton, who has been on the injured list, is to have a try-out with the Reserves on Saturday.

Arsenal Reserves Are Here On Saturday

FOR the Reserves on Saturday is the most attractive match of the season when Arsenal are the visitors in the Football Combination and they will be expected to draw a big gate.

As both clubs had matches last night, Saturday's line-up will remain uncertain until to-morrow, but the Town will definitely be without Billy Havenga, who went into hospital yesterday with suspected appendicitis.

His deputy against Northampton last night was the young Scots winger, Michael Cullen.

The First Sample Was Pleasing

VERY well pleased with their first sample of the Metropolitan League were the Town "A" after their trip to Hastings on Saturday.

Again, this week, they are due on the south coast when they visit Hove, and are hoping to have substantially the same side that won 5-0.

This will be dependent, of course, on the needs of the Town's League and reserve teams and the injury position following the mid-week matches.

One Vauxhall Change For To-night's Match

ALTHOUGH Vauxhall Motors were rather heavily beaten at Yiewsley on Saturday, they are making only one change for their first home match of the season against Wolverton Town in the Spartan League (Premier Division) to-night.

B. McCrum replaces R. George at centre half and the team will be:

J Worker; K Andrews, R Lloyd; N Chappin, B McCrum, A Eames; H Marriott, A Morgan, L Galloway, E James, J Biggs.

On Saturday the Motors go to Reading to meet Huntley and Palmers, and follow this with another away match, at Wolverton, on Wednesday.

First Spartan League Game For Amateur

THE season begins for Luton Amateur's Spartan League side on Saturday when they pay a visit to Amersham, who finished midway up the table last season.

As the Amateur were similarly placed at the end, this should be an evenly fought match. The team will not be selected until later.

On Wednesday, the Amateur play their first home match, against Biggleswade Town, who have been transferred from the Eastern Section of Division I to the Western Section.

Dunstable Town Make Six Changes

FOLLOWING their swamping by 8—1 by the champions St. Neots and District in their first match in the Metropolitan League, Dunstable Town are making six changes for their home match with Headington United on Saturday.

Last week, Headington beat Chipperfield 10—1, so it seems as if Dunstable face another tough test.

Their team will be:

Williamson; McCulloch, Harris; Kirtley, P. Clark, D. Clark; Mason, Adams, Kinnear, Mallin, Bates.

Bedfordshire's Chance Of The Title

THERE is an interesting position at the top of the Minor Counties cricket table in which Bedfordshire hold second place with an average of 6.42 against that of 6.60 by the leaders, Surrey II.

Bedfordshire have only one more match to play, against Buckinghamshire at High Wycombe, starting next Wednesday, whereas Surrey II. have three outstanding games, against Cornwall, Devon and Gloucester II.

By winning their two remaining matches, Oxfordshire could "pin" Bedfordshire, and yesterday, the secretary, Frank Crompton described the position as "very fluid."

However, it would seem that Bedfordshire have a reasonable chance of appearing in the challenge match.

Glyn Owen In Minor Counties XI Again

GLYN OWEN, whose all-round form for Bedfordshire this season has had much to do with their success, has again been chosen to play for the Minor Counties XI in their match with the West Indies at Norwich on September 6, 7 and 8.

Owen was one of the successes of the team against the M.C.C., for he made a splendid half-century in the second innings, and he clinched his claims during Bedford cricket week when he took 20 wickets.

His selection for this important match represents a major honour for both the Bedfordshire and Luton Town clubs.

County Players Back For The Town

ALTHOUGH they will be reinforced by the return of their County players, Oliver, Owen and Muse, Luton Town will still be below full strength for their visit to Cheshunt on Saturday.

Among those missing from the side are Payne, Brazier, Clark and Satterley, but the following should be good enough to register a win:

J. A. R. Oliver (capt.), C. V. A. Colling, A. F. Waller, J. G. Owen, J. A. Muse, T. D. Matthews, A. Borrowman, W. D. John, R. D. Gardiner, H. R. Galler, J. Shields.

The second team to meet Cheshunt II. at Wardown will be:

J. P. Sutherland (capt.), D. S. Randall, F. Winstanley, G. W. Hammond, A. J. Webley, P. W. Mungall, M. Jones, B. Rees, T. Brown, R. H. Frohnsdorff, N. H. Bland.

Greyhound Racing

Runners And Selections For Luton On Saturday

6.30 (410yds).—562 Clonmeen, 525 Dark Hazard, 3 Margaret's Luck, 15 Our Alice (August 5, tp 4, 24.90). 442 Popoff, 5 Whistling Wind (July 19, tp 5, 24.72, July 3, tp 5, 24.70).

6.50 (470yds).—226 Buster, 421 Inigo, 454 Jack Mack, 4 Local Lad, 136 Silver Wing, 164 Snuff. Reserve: 354 Lelly's Eye.

7.10 (470yds).—33 Charmonte, 663 Gradely, 352 Hobo, 663 Magpie, 631 Major Cutlet, 6 Shy Girl. Reserve: 51 City Lights.

7.30 (410yds).—222 Dark Knight, 341 Donny, Marcus (August 10, tp 3, 24.90, August 16, tp 5, 24.52), Raffles (July 31, tp 5, 24.52, August 16, tp 2, 24.44). 45, Sam, 4 Silver King. Reserve: 561 Neapolitan.

7.50 (470yds).—511 Bandbox, 342 Bisso 542 Engaged, 226 Kensal, 2 Red Ted, 221 The Clown. Reserve: 45 Malcolm.

8.10 (675yds).—554 Hurry-Hurry, 413 Kitchen Boy, 434 Laughing Girl, 333 Puck, 664 Puma, 651 Scatterbrook. Reserve: 645 Cara.

8.30 (410yds).—525 Captain Cutlet, 134 Journey, 1 Miss Perhaps, Kingsway (July 13, tp 4, 24.70, August 10, tp 4, 24.55), 654 Recorder, 512 Tracker. Reserve: 623 Waiting Street.

8.50 (470yds).—513 Cumbrian, 525 Dusty, 162 Found, 65 Mofet's Mony, 225 Musical Box, 35 Thelma. Reserve: 23 Allen's Mate.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Dark Hazard (Popoff, Margaret's Luck).
6.50 Inigo (Buster, Silver Wing).
7.10 Hobo (nap), (Gradely, Charmonte).
7.30 Dark Knight (Sam, Marcus).
7.50 Engaged (Bandbox, The Clown).
8.10 Laughing Girl (Puck, Scatterbrook).
.30 Captain Cutlet (Miss Perhaps, Tracker).
8.50 Mofet's Mony (Musical Box, Thelma).

MORE WINTER BEEF

IN AUTUMN, when supplies are heaviest and prices lowest, many home-bred steers and heifers are sent to market unfinished, and so grade-out low and fetch low prices. Fed through the winter such cattle should grade-out higher and fetch higher prices when marketed in early spring.

Here's a Simple Example

A 10 cwt. beast on October 9, grading A minus, will be worth £47 . 12s. 6d. Done reasonably well, on February 1 this beast should weigh 12 cwt., and grade-out Special, so fetching £68 . 14s.—over £21 extra in the farmer's pocket.

Easy Feeding — Easy Housing

Oilcakes are short, but silage is a good substitute. Home-grown corn, sugar beet tops and beet pulp all reduce the need for other roots.

Housed in temporary yards — so needing little attention — cattle kept back for winter feeding provide additional valuable muck, besides earning more cash.

PLOUGH FOR PLENTY

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15 Fateful Minutes For Vauxhall

Yiewsley 4, Vauxhall Motors 0

All the goals in Vauxhall's opening Spartan League match of the season came in fifteen minutes.

Two were scored in the period immediately before the interval, and the remainder came in the first ten minutes of the second half.

The Motors made several changes in defence from last season's team, and the accent was on youth. Alan Eames gave a very good display at left-half, and J. Worker and N. Chappin also did well.

Yiewsley lasted the pace better, and this was the deciding factor.

Starting at a cracking pace, Yiewsley were soon pressing, and Worker was quickly called upon to save.

After a fairly long-settling-down period, Vauxhall began to attack, and the home goalkeeper made good saves from James, Marriott and Morgan.

Yiewsley then struck their best form, and Worker was beaten four times.

VAUXHALL MOTORS: J Worker; K Andrews, R Lloyd; N Chappin, R George, A Eames; H Marriott, A Morgan, L Galloway, E James, J Biggs.

South Midlands League

Great Start By The Old Boys

The Luton team, Hitchin-road Old Boys, made a great start to the season in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League when they gained a convincing win over their old Division I rivals, Stony Stratford.

Another good performance by a local club was recorded when Vauxhall Motors came away with a point from their visit to Potton, who are not easy to hold on their own ground.

Of the five matches in the Premier Division, three were drawn, which seems to indicate lively competition here this season.

In Division I, the test between the two newly-promoted teams, Harrold United and Houghton Rangers, ended in favour of the former.

Newcomers, Histon Institute made a bad start by losing 4—1 at home to Kent's Athletic.

PREMIER DIVISION

Arlesey Town 1, Baldock Town 1. Bletchley Town 1, Letchworth Town 1. Hitchin Road O.B. 6, Stony Stratford Sports 1.
Potton United 2, Vauxhall Motors 2. Wootton Blue Cross 2, Wolverton Town 3.

DIVISION I

Baldock Town 0, AC-Sphinx 1. Bedford Town "A" 7, St. Neots St. Mary's 2.
Harrold United 2, Houghton Rangers 0

DIVISION II

Histon Institute 1, Kent's Athletic 4. Elstow Abbey 1, Bletchley Town 2. Luton Amateur 6, Leighton United 0. Vauxhall Motors 2, Wootton Blue Cross 2.

Town Struck Twice In Closing Minutes

(By CHILTERN)

LUTON TOWN 2, BRENTFORD 0

Until the closing minutes of this match at Kenilworth-road on Saturday it looked as if the "horses for courses" theory was to go astray, for Brentford, who have never escaped defeat on this ground in the Second Division, were holding on grimly to the point that seemed to be within their grasp.

Then the unorthodox succeeded where the orthodox had failed, and a sudden switch by Glover to the opposite wing paved the way for the Town's first goal nine minutes from the end.

There did not seem to be much danger when Whent, on the left, gained possession of the ball, and pushed it down the wing as he saw Glover, who had forsaken his own position temporarily, awaiting the pass.

Glover went on quickly, tricked Monk cleverly and lifted in a high centre that Jefferies could only push away to TAYLOR, who promptly headed the ball into the net.

That ended what had appeared to be stalemate and put out of court the possibility, or probability it was by then, of a goalless draw which was such a familiar result for the Town last season.

There was not much fear of Brentford mounting a successful rally after that, and it was no real surprise when the Town scored again with two minutes to go.

Once again, the ball came over from the left, this time from Wyldes, and WHENT coolly and almost casually, hooked it well out of Jefferies' reach.

Which put the seal on a very good victory and sent many of the fans home in a more optimistic frame of mind than that in which they had arrived.

The Town might have had the lead much earlier, for they made a storming start, but Brentford had a good period in the latter part of the first half.

However, in the last 20 minutes, it was apparent that the Town were lasting the gruelling pace better, and there was not the slightest slackening off in their efforts. They fought hard for the whole 90 minutes.

HARD WORKERS

There was plenty of hard work and lively shooting from both inside - forwards with Whent making a satisfactory debut and Taylor, if he can reproduce this very good form consistently, will solve a big problem.

Wyldes looks as if he can do the same, for he was very much in the picture on the left wing and although Stobbart received few chances after the opening stages, and there were times when Glover, though very clever, was not direct enough, the line, as a whole, seemed a more potent striking force than was the case for most of last season.

The middle line was a strong department, in which both Watkins and Shanks shone in defence and gave good support to their forwards, and Owen effectively commanded the middle of the field.

Cooke was not so decisive in his tackling as is usual, but he got the measure of Paton as the game wore on and Aherne was usually too much of a stumbling block for Goodwin.

Hughes did everything that was required of him coolly and safely, and his anticipation was never at fault.

LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover, Taylor (J), Stobbart, Whent, Wyldes.

BRENTFORD: Jefferies; Monk, Munro; Latimer, Greenwood, Manley; Goodwin, Dare, Pointon, Hill, Paton.

Referee: W. Ling, Stapleford.

Attendance: 17,721.

Reserves Clever, But Goalless

Cardiff C. Res. 1, Luton T. Res. 0

Had the finishing of the Town Reserves' forwards matched the quality of their football, they would have been on the winning side at Ninian Park on Saturday.

Some of the football they played was right out of the copybook, but the soundness of the City defence, added to the fact that raids were apt to peter out when the penalty area was reached meant that the Town were goalless.

Two young players who made a very good impression were Arthur Taylor, the 19-years-old Irishman and 18-years-old Leslie Slatter. Both emphasised the fact that they are good prospects for the future, and produced some very clever footwork.

Although troubled by a strained muscle, Arnison was often in the picture, and showed signs of returning confidence. He, too, was more effective in approach than in finishing, while Jinks battled hard against Lever, without much luck with his shooting.

Havenga, who complained of abdominal trouble, was little seen, but was obviously playing under some handicap.

Highlight of the game for 6,000 spectators though was the brilliant goalkeeping of Streten, who showed that he is right back to the form that earned him England honours last season.

In one breath-taking spell of a few minutes just before the interval, he made a series of outstanding saves that brought the crowd to their feet, and he played magnificently throughout.

There was quite adequate cover for him by a defence that was guilty of faulty positioning at times, but, for all that, was sound and did not falter under pressure.

Both Wilson and Lake put in splendid work and Morton was the best of a half-back line that was not always going to meet the ball. Apart from that, they put up an efficient display.

Best scoring efforts were from Morton when he broke through twice and crashed the ball just too high and there was a great shot from Wilson that passed only inches wide of the mark.

The deciding goal came just before the interval, when the lively ball broke away from Hall, and SULLIVAN was left perfectly placed.

CARDIFF CITY RES.: Morris; Rutter, Smyth; Williams, Lever, Blair; Clissold, McIlvenny, Cherry, Sullivan, Grant.

LUTON TOWN RES.: Streten; Wilson, Lake; Morton, Hall, Pemberton; Havenga, Taylor (A), Jinks, Arnison, Slatter.

Owen And Oliver Put On 196

A BRILLIANT fourth wicket partnership of 196 by the Luton Town players, Glyn Owen and John Oliver, enabled Bedfordshire to take first innings lead against Suffolk at Felixstowe on Tuesday with a large measure of ease.

Hopes of forcing a win were reduced by rain in the morning, and the match was left drawn, but the five points kept Bedfordshire in second place, hard on the heels of Surrey II.

For Owen the tour was a great triumph, for he took 12 wickets against Cambridgeshire, who were beaten at Fenners by four wickets and with five minutes to spare, and against Suffolk he was undefeated with 124 to his credit.

Oliver, too, came back to form with a bang, for he passed the half-century mark at Cambridge and missed a century by only seven runs at Felixstowe.

Bowling honours in the latter match were taken by the County's professional, Jack Chisholm, who once more claimed five wickets in the first innings.

Luton Town made a brave bid to beat West Herts at Watford on Saturday, but time, combined with poor light for batting, beat them, despite a hard-hit innings by Peter Clark.

On Sunday Ken Brazier made a magnificent not out century, but even this failed to bring the Town victory against Harpur Sports, who earned a draw.

Suffolk v. Beds.

SUFFOLK

First Innings: 257 for 9 dec. (J Chisholm 5 for 55).

Second Innings

G C Perkins b Chisholm	0
E Cawston b Payne	5
B H Belle not out	5
M R Rickets not out	22
Extras	1
Total (for 2 wkts)	29

Bowling: Chisholm 1 for 20; Payne 1 for 8.

BEDS.—First Innings

G L B August c Murton b Grannis	28
P G Miller b Perkins	22
B E Disbury run out	12
J A R Oliver c Towns b Grannis	93
J G Owen not out	124
J Payne c Murton b Stevens	1
J Chisholm not out	10
Extras	21
Total (for 5 wkts dec)	311

Cambridgeshire v Bedfordshire

CAMBS.—1st Innings 210. (Owen 7 for 77)

BEDS—1st Innings

G L B August lbw b Royston	46
J A R Oliver lbw b Abbs	52
B E Disbury b Abbs	0
A B Poole b Hoyles	75
J G Owen lbw b Hoyles	48
J A Muse b Smith	2
R A Gale ct Sessions b Smith	1
D C Money b Hoyles	7
P G Miller lbw b Hoyles	0
M L Kilby c Crouch b Smith	8
J W Fry not out	16
Extras	6
Total	261

CAMBS — 2nd Innings

M A Crouch c Money b Disbury	8
N Johnson st Money b Owen	3
P Clark b Fry	3
P J Hobson b Disbury	0
R Gautrey b Owen	11
R A Taylor lbw b Owen	17
C J Smith b Fry	17
J Hoyles c Fry b Kilby	25
C M B Sessions not out	6
S R Royston b Owen	4
G Abbs lbw b Owen	
Extras	9
Total	103

Bowling: Fry 14-7-35-2; Disbury 5-2-3-2; Owen 16.4-4-36-5; Kilby 10-3-20-1; Oliver 2-2-0-0.

BEDS—2nd Innings

A B Poole c Abbs b Smith	21
J A R Oliver c Smith b Hoyles	4
J A Muse c Gautrey b Hoyles	1
J G Owen st Sessions b Smith	4
J W Fry not out	5
B E Disbury run out	2
D C Money st Sessions b Hoyles	4
P G Miller not out	4
Extras	1
Total (for 6 wkts)	56

West Herts v Luton Town

WEST HERTS: A L Dunn lbw b Matthews 56, J F Roberts b Matthews 2, W S Wenham c Borrowman b Matthews 2, A V Plowright not out 82, A Grimsdell b Matthews 13, W R Grimsdell c Brazier b Gardiner 5, D V dell not out 10; extras 9. Total (for 5 wkts dec.) 179.

D Kendrick, T McGratten, K S ke, B Hawes did not bat.

Bowling: Matthews 4 for 49.

LUTON TOWN: B J Satterley c and b Pike 23, W D John b Hawes 1, P Clark b Hawes 78, K Brazier not out 38, W Hammond b Hawes 8, A Borrowman c Roberts b Pike 11, A F Waller run out 3; extras 4. Total (for 6 wkts) 166

G B Stevens, R D Gardiner, B Rees, T D Matthews did not bat.

Bowling: Hawes 3 for 43.

Luton Town II v West Herts II

WEST HERTS II: A Bloxham 24, D S Moss c T D Ward 15, A Goodall 30, R Stimpson 4, C J Mitchell 57, C Newbury 12, A Oakley 0, M Dyer 14, J Foxen 8, H R Young not out 0; extras 15. Total 180.

Bowling: Randall 4 for 66, Worboys 2 for 30.

LUTON TOWN II: J Shields not out 10, R Frohnsdorff not out 4; extras 2. Total (for no wkts) 16.

P W Mungall, J P Sutherland, D S Randall, A J Worboys, H R Galler, N Bland, T Brown, A J Webley, M Jones did not bat.

Luton Town Sunday XI v Harpur Sports

HARPUR SPORTS: A Greene 5, R Webster 12, R Poulter 2, D Hoare 23, J Newman 16, R Jarvis 18, T Minns 36, A Webster not out 25, M Allen 1; extras 5. Total (for 8 wkts) 173.

B Cornell, A Webster did not bat.

Bowling: Hammond 3 for 45, Gardiner 3 for 90.

LUTON: T Brown 8, R Frohnsdorff 17, K Brazier not out 106, B J Satterley 0, G W Hammond 2, P W Mungall 0, J Shields not out 27; extras 1. Total (for 5 wkts) 161.

G S Jones, B Rees R D Gardiner did not bat.

Bowling: Minns 3 for 57.

Dunstable Town Sunday XI v. Harlesden Wndrs.

HARLESDEN WANDERERS: 136 (S. Sheldon 31, Gladdish 4 for 17).

DUNSTABLE TOWN SUNDAY XI: D Grady 79, B Martin 61, L Palmer 5, M S Alexander 1, C P King 1, P Clarke 1, A Eyles 6, G Wilks 1, D V Gladdish not out 46, L F Bailey 11, S Jell not out 18; extras 23. Total (for 9 wkts) 253.

J Kray 6 for 86.

Dunstable Tn. v. Tring Park

TRING PARK 169 for 9 declared (Gladdish 4 for 70, Bailey 3 for 25, Martin 2 for 32).

DUNSTABLE TOWN: D Grady 13, B Martin 47, C E Bourne 15, L Palmer 26, M Alexander 33, D V Gladdish not out 19, C P King 0, S Jell 0, L F Bailey 3, W G Coutts not out 0; extras 7. Total (for 8 wkts) 163.

R W Haley did not bat.

Bowling: Williams 3 for 44; Kempster 4 for 42.

Percival's v Sandringham Estate

PERCIVAL'S: R Bell 0, S Sheldon 22, R Norris 1, V Annison 9, C McBrearty not out 30, D Cubberley 12, J Mason 0, K Newton 0, D Franklin 2, R Tompkins not out 3; extras 2. Total (for 8 wkts dec) 81.

L Woodward did not bat.

Bowling: Rix 3 for 19.

SANDRINGHAM ESTATE C.C.: R Gent 6, G Seawood 0, F Rix 0, R Atten 6, A Morgan not out 22, D Boughen 28, J Allen 1, A Smith 2, R Emmerson not out 8; extras 3. Total (for 7 wkts) 76.

J Annison and R Hooks did not bat.

Bowling: Tompkins 4 for 31.

Vauxhall Motors v I.C.I., Slough

VAUXHALL MOTORS: A Capstick 7, R Dellar 89, D Soper 0, P Buckingham 13, R Horley 28, A Dickson 2, R Lloyd 17, R Burley not out 5; extras 5. Total (for 7 wkts dec) 166.

A Nelsey, J Biggs and E Parkin did not bat.

Bowling: Bartaine 3 for 36.

I.C.I. (Slough): J Ross 2, W Utteridge 3, R Bortaine 6, M Purrott 11, K Daryille 11, E Williams 4, E Dalton 1, M Minion 2, R Pole not out 0, H Stanton 0; Total 40.

Bowling: Lloyd 5 for 23, Parkin 4 for 17.

Igranic, Bedford v Leagrave

IGRANIC: D Studman 0, C Chamberlain 25, A Tayler 16, K Warwick 8, R K Jones 0, P Swann 12, V Jefferies absent hurt, S Collins 20, B York 0, S Fuller 2, S Barrett not out 1; extras 4. Total 88.

Bowling: Pacey 8 for 20.

LEAGRAVE: K Palmer 2, R Manners 0, A Dunbar not out 42, R Wood 13, R Margemson 0, E Little 23, A Pacey not out 4; extras 9. Total (for 5 wkts) 93.

L. Cox, S Smith, D Ford and R Holden did not bat.

Bowling: Jones 2 for 30.

Vauxhall Motors v Leighton Town

VAUXHALL MOTORS: A Capstick 57, R Dellar 5, P Andrews 0, A Nelsey 37, J Wheatley 40, J Nixon 35, P Buckingham 8, J Baker not out 21, D Orice 1, H Hayhurst 12; extras 5. Total (for 9 wkts dec) 221.

E Parkin did not bat.

Bowling: Davis 5 for 90.

LEIGHTON TOWN: J V Heady 21, L F Branson 24, R K Coutts not out 11, W E Farrow 5, A P Reynolds not out 2; extras 7. Total (for 3 wkts) 70.

G Whitney, B A F Stephens, G H Tearle E C W Sowman, A R Bennion, F S Davis did not bat.

Bowling: Hayhurst 2 for 22.

Old Lutonians v Harpenden Methodists

HARPENDEN METHODISTS: G W Hanks 8, E D Jones 35, K Watson 5, J Flint 19, K Hanks 1, J White 2, A Taylor 0, G Purves 4, S Clake not out 23, L Williams 0, F Scrutton 2; extras 4. Total 103.

Bowling: Longbottom 4 for 16.

OLD LUTONIANS: B V Sestby 3, G Prentice 9, B Whalley 3, T Sesby 3, P Longbottom 3, R Cadeer 55, R Roach 13, G Ralley not out 0, F Stygall not out 0; extras 4. Total (for 7 wkts) 93.

Bowling: Clake 4 for 35.

Luton Clarendon v Portland

LUTON CLARENDON: D Austin 5, M Parker 1, R Weekes 10, J Hall 17, W Roe 0, B Smith 2, R Godfrey 12, W Ringer 1, F Ratcliffe 0, T Keating 3, H Ratcliffe not out 1; extras 7. Total 59.

Bowling: Hull 4 for 11.

PORTLAND: L Hull 37, R Thompson 0, J Godfrey 8, H Prentice 0, L Bleasey 4, H Ager 4, W Ager 6, B Strip 15, F Gates run out 1, D Burton 0, T Miles not out 0; extras 6. Total 81.

Bowling: Austin 3 for 26.

TRING PARK II 206 for 4 dec (D Westcott 72 not out). DUNSTABLE TOWN II 87 for 5 (B King 20, Gower 2 for 17).

WATERLOW'S (PARK ROYAL) 177 for 9 dec. (D Rogers 56, Grant 4 for 35, Cherry 4 for 59). WATERLOW'S (DUNSTABLE) 133 for 6 (F Sear 54, G Mills 36, Ingal 6 for 46).

SKEFKO 82. (E Beardsley 28, J Head 4 for 26). CHINGFORD WARDENS 68 (R Webb 5 for 14).

KENT'S 166. (E Thurley 36, M Emery 4 for 34). HARVEY'S (Blackheath) 153 (B Gardner 28, R Pearson 4 for 27).

SOUTHILL PARK 97. (R Godman 22, G Monk 22, R Winstanley 5 for 56). KENT'S 127 for 5 (R Winstanley 35, A Swain 3 for 49).

KENT'S II 100. (V Cooper 29, R Odell 6 for 45). SOUTHILL PARK II 116. (J Brown 27, D Brown 27, S Gonshor 5 for 25, T Pemberton 4 for 42).

MARKYATE 134 for 9 dec. (L Honeybone 33, R Brammer 4 for 27). LUTON HOO 64 (R brammer 23, B Mead 4 for 21).

EDLESBOROUGH 73 for 2 (F Sear 29 not out, J Sear 22 not out. EATON BRAY 145 for 8, (J Pratt 33, J Thorne 28 not out, A Sharpe 2 for 18).

PULLOXHILL 32. (J Dimmock 17 not out, P Preston 5 for 9, D Young 2 for 0). LUTON ST. MARY'S 44 (K Moores not out 16, R Parker 5 for 9, E Parker 3 for 4).

CLIFTON 96. (R Whatmore 41, R Wallace 5 for 24). MEPPERSHALL 239 (P Addington 43, R Wallace 41, A Thompson 40, P Wright 3 for 63).

EVERSHOLT 55. (G. Marnelle 21, A Wilson 5 for 20) Second Innings, 74 for 7. MELTIS SPORTS 45. (M Austee 6 for 14). Second Innings, 83 for 7.

EVERSHOLT II 34. (S Paillemore 6 for 15). STEPPINGLEY 69. (H Robinson 15 not out, D Freeman 5 for 30).

GARDENER'S CALL 55. (Clarke 16, Barden 4 for 8). LUTON KINGSTON 80. (R Vince 16 not out, Bunyan 4 for 17).

ELECTROLUX 105 for 9 dec. (D Jeeves 27 not out). IGRANIC (Bedford) 115 for 4 (W Russell 71 not out, L Castle 4 for 41).

ELECTROLUX 161 for 5 dec. (R Fletcher 40 not out, C Astbury 40) WHEATHAMPSTEAD 95. (D Dunkley 49, A Warres 5 for 23).

N.A.L.G.O. 88. (J Barnes 19, A Lennon 4 for 22, D Newman 4 for 38) LUTON CO-OP 61. (D Newman 27, J Barnes 4 for 24, T Lamb 3 for 30).

GRAVENHURST 130. (J Jones 52, W Harrison 3 for 24, H Day 3 for 39). ROOTES SPORTS 108 for 7. (G Stevens 42, F Fisher 3 for 26).

DOW AND LESTER 105 (V Watts 39, J Drachett 34). GRAVENHURST 116.

HOUGHTON REGIS 54 (P Dickens 28). LUTON SPECIALS 70 (L Smith 22, P Dickens 3 for 24).

SILSOE 18. (G Smith 5 for 7, T Matthews 4 for 9). LUTON OLD BOYS 61. (S Spary 30, C Matthews 5 for 7, C Billington 4 for 32).

Flitwick F.C. Have Chosen Their Captain

Flitwick F.C. will be captained this season by C. Lancaster, and R. Morris will be vice-captain. This was decided, by vote, at a general meeting of the club in the Cadet Hut on Monday.

Among other matters discussed was a suggestion that players now resident in Flitwick should be allowed to join the club. This was agreed.

Club members are optimistic of a good season, and they hope to be among the honours at the end of the season.

Golf

Vauxhall Lose At Dunstable

In a mixed handicap, four-ball match on Saturday, Dunstable Downs beat the Vauxhall Golfing Society 5—3.

Dunstable Downs		Vauxhall G.S.	
J Fager (capt) & P T Woods	0	C G Tipper & W Colburn	1
J A Graham & W G Ridge	1	H Ratcliff & R Kemp	0
H W Goodman & F D Hand	1	E Nordin & E Swain (capt)	0
G E Bull & A G B Gunn	0	W Houston & A Munroe	1
T Moore & T W Chadbon	1	A Thursby & W Aitken	0
F R Treble & T H Weekes	0	L H Knight & T McMordie	1
W A G Smith & E Canova	1	C Stimson & W P Bright	0
R G Luckman & H A Courtenay	1	J Brechin & N Maskell	0
	5		3

Dunstable Ladies' Competition

Best returns in an 18-holes medal at Dunstable Downs for prizes presented by Mrs. O. Lyle, were: Miss Bryant 86-9-78; Miss S Durrant 111-32-79 Miss Bunker 114-35-79.

Angling

Leighton A.C. Beat Bedford In Club Match

An inter-club match between Leighton A.C. and Bedford A.C., fished at Moulsoe on Sunday, resulted in a good win for the Leighton club.

The final weigh-in was Leighton 24lbs 10ozs 11drms., Bedford 18lbs 5ozs 9 drm.

The biggest fish was caught by D. Moss (Leighton) with a roach of 8ozs. 7drms.

Stewards in charge of the match were W. Stevens and F. Groom.

Smooth Blend In "A" Attack

Hastings United Reserves 0, Luton Town "A" 5

With every player pulling his weight and always trying to play constructive football, the Town "A" made a highly successful start to their career in the Metropolitan League before 2,000 spectators at Hastings.

Once they had settled down, the Town's young team got well on top and in the last half an hour, Hastings were over-run.

Hastings put up a good fight in the first half when the Town's lead was kept down to a goal scored by TURNER after 15 minutes.

After the interval, the Town forwards combined brilliantly and in the space of 25 minutes, goals came from BAXTER, CULLEN, TODD and TURNER.

Johnston, the Vauxhall amateur, in goal made some grand saves and was well covered by Thompson (J) and Aherne (W). Both Turner and Gardiner used the ball splendidly and Gardiner's experience was a great asset to the team. Smith, a strong stopper, completed a sound defence.

A smooth blend in attack was quickly achieved with both Groves and Baxter supplying cleverness and working out openings, and Todd, a great trier, who proved a dangerous leader.

Stranaghan looks like being a find at outside left, and he and Cullen kept their colleagues supplied with a stream of accurate centres.

LUTON TOWN "A": D. Johnston; Thompson (J), Aherne (W); Turner Smith, Gardiner; Cullen, J Groves, J. Todd, Baxter, Stranaghan.

Bowls

County Had Narrow Win

By the narrow margin of three shots, Bedfordshire beat Kent at Herne Bay on Saturday. Each team was successful on three rinks.

I. BEDS: F W Waller (Vauxhall), A McTurk (Luton Town), W Goymer (Wardown). W Richardson (Luton Town) (s) 13. KENT 26.

II. BEDS: H Stalley (Vauxhall), W W Clarke (Igranic), G Cox, F E Bursage (Vauxhall) (s) 11. KENT 21.

III. BEDS: W Reid (Davis), H Assell, W Robinson (Adult School), R Inwards (Skefko) (s) 16. KENT 19.

IV. BEDS: J Smellie (Electrolux), J W Bird (Bedford), W J Edwards, C Halsey (Luton Town) (s) 28. KENT 12.

V. BEDS: H Dean (Bedford Boro'), H Costance, S Bonnett (Bedford), L Poynter (Bedford Boro') (s) 28. KENT 21.

VI. BEDS: C McCornish (Skefko), J Hilson (Stewartby), A C Cooper (George Kent), J Holden (Skefko) (s) 28. KENT 14.

Bedfordshire 116, Kent 113

Luton Town v. Northampton W.E.

I.—Luton Town: G Sale, S Shaker S Morgan, L Greenes (s), 20. Northampton W.E. 24.

II.—Luton Town: S Ford, D Henderson, W Fuller, H A Day (s), 15. Northampton W.E. 21.

III.—Luton Town: S Mickleburgh, F Stokes, A P Dockrill, A J Hinson (s), 25. Northampton W.E. 17.

IV.—Luton Town: F Doney, H Hinks, O H Manser, T Mayes (s), 9. Northampton W.E. 22.

V.—Luton Town: L Moynihan, S Keighly, F Thripp, H N Ash (s) 19 Northampton W.E. 16.

Luton Town 88, Northampton W.E. 106

Kent's v. Hatfield

I.—Kent's: T Warn, G Coates, P Robinson, J Emery (s), 22. Hatfield B.C. 19.

II.—Kent's: D Jenkins, R Howlett, E Lowings, E Salt (s), 16. Hatfield B.C. 36.

III.—Kent's: W Whitmee, W Winter, W Jefferson H McLelland (s), 23. Hatf