Sports Chat . . .

Kiernan In Town Team

. . . By Chiltern

ACCEPTED A NEW OFFER YESTERDAY

Tommy Kiernan will be at inside-right in the Town's team to meet Sheffield United at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

This was the rather surprising news from the club yesterday, when Kiernan accepted new terms offered him and re-signed.

He began **full-time training with the rest of the players yesterday morning, and so keen is he to get into perfect trim by Saturday that he was back at the ground in the afternoon for another training spell.**

WITH the closing of the chapter that has produced deadlock since his old contract expired on July 31, Manager Dally Duncan had no hesitation in choosing him for this week's match.

Kiernan has been training regularly and has been able to use the facilities at Kenilworth-road on two evenings a week with the part-time professionals.

His return is timely, for the Town badly need an inside forward of his capabilities, for not only can he hold the ball and make openings, but he will increase the scoring potential of the forward line.

Met The Directors On Tuesday

THE Town secretary, Phil Coley, said yesterday that Kiernan asked for an interview with the Board so as to have his position clarified, and he appeared before the Directors at their meeting on Tuesday when the position was discussed again.

Idea behind the Town's original offer of lower terms than he was receiving last season was, as was the case with others who have left during the close season, to find him a new club.

It was never their intention to keep Kiernan out of the game for so long, but despite a number of rumours in the past few weeks, negotiations for his transfer have come to nothing.

Experience Will Be Of Great Value

AS time went on, the Board felt that it was not fair that Kiernan should go so long without wages, which has been the case for the last six weeks, and they made him an amended offer of increased terms on Tuesday.

These he accepted, and everything has been smoothed out satisfactorily on both sides.

Kiernan promised the Board that he will do his best for the club, and it is all to the good that the affair has ended so happily.

In their present extremity, his experience should be of inestimable value to the Town whose forward line has been sadly lacking in craft, and no one can say that Kiernan is not a craftsman.

Stobbart Moves To Outside-Right

DOUBTLESS, Manager Duncan is pleased that his inside forward resources which have been decidedly thin this season, have been increased by Kiernan becoming available, and, if he strikes his best form immediately, his presence may mean a good deal to the team.

Other forward changes for Saturday involve the switching of Glover to outside left in place of Wyldes, and the moving of Stobbart from inside right to outside right.

It will be remembered that the Stobbart - Kiernan partnership worked very well last season.

Glover Switches To The Left Wing

THUS, Stobbart will be filling his third different position in the forward line this season and Glover will be on the left wing for the first time since joining the club.

During the later stages of his stay with Bradford, he played at outside-left and it will be interesting to see how the new arrangement works out.

The loss of six goals at Barnsley last Saturday has not brought sweeping changes in defence and, after their previous good form, few people could have expected that there would be.

Return Of Aherne Is Expected

ONLY change is at left back where it is expected confidently that Bud Aherne will have recovered sufficiently from the attack of lumbago to return to the team in place of Lake.

Aherne resumed training earlier in the week and it is practically certain that he will be in the line-up. Team:

Hughes; Cooke, Aherne; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Stobbart, Kiernan, Jinks, Taylor (J), Glover.

United Expect To Be Unchanged

SHEFFIELD UNITED, who are showing better form on opponents' grounds than they are at Brammall-lane, are not absolutely certain about their line-up on Saturday.

However, an official stated yesterday that present indications are that the team concerned in a goalless draw with Doncaster Rovers on Monday, will do duty.

There is a slight possibility that Smith, the centre forward, who has missed the last few matches because of injury, will return, but, at the moment, his appearance is extremely doubtful, and the probable team is:

Burgin; Furniss, Parkin; Hitchen, Underwood, Shaw; Hutchinson, McLaren, Brook, Hagan, Thompson.

Dangerous Side Away From Home

FOILED by their neighbours, Wednesday, last season, in their bid to return to the First Division, United were tipped as one of the probable promotion aspirants this season, but, mainly because of their home failures, they have disappointed their supporters so far.

Away from Sheffield, they seem to be a vastly different proposition, and Leicester City had to fight tremendously to rescue a point from their match with them at Filbert-street last Saturday. At one time, United held a two-goals lead.

Their star, of course, is Jimmy Hagan, the English International inside left, who is still one of the most constructive inside men in the country.

Gardiner In The Reserve Team

THIS afternoon, the Reserves are at Swansea in a Football Combination match, and, for the first time this season, Doug. Gardiner, who now has charge of the "A" team, is recalled for service.

Gardiner has been playing brilliantly in Metropolitan League games and he will strengthen the Reserve team.

His inclusion for Smith is the only defensive change, but there is a re-shuffle in the attack which brings in wing-halves, Willie Aherne and Pemberton at inside forward, a position each has sampled previously.

Jack Whent Is Being Rested

THIS is necessary because the manager has decided to rest Jack Whent, who has had a recurrence of the foot injury that troubled him in the early matches of the season.

Bob Morton remains at centre forward, and Wyldes, omitted from the League side for Saturday, will be at outside left, with Slatter crossing to the right wing. Team.—

Streten; Dunne, Wilson; Turner, Hall, Gardiner; Slatter, Aherne (W), Morton, Pemberton, Wyldes.

Vauhall Motors Are Hopeful

ALTHOUGH they have already lost twice to Wolverton Town in the Spartan League, Vauxhall Motors are confident that their F.A. Cup career this season will not come to an end when they visit them in the preliminary round on Saturday.

Their last two displays have given indications that the team is settling down and they make only one change from last Saturday, Lloyd, recovered from injury, returning to left-back in place of Allen. Team:

J. Worker; K. Andrews, R. Lloyd; H. Marriott, B. McCrum, A. Eames; R. Chappin, R. Brandham, R. Ingle, K. Sharp, J. Biggs.

Amateur Back To The Search For Points

ON the other hand, after their successful appearance in the Amateur Cup competition last Saturday, Luton Amateur go back to the search for Spartan League points by visiting Wembley, who were third in the table last season, and who have a very useful side.

Only two changes are expected in the Amateur's team, and there will be a newcomer at outside-left in K. Hunt. Who will fill the inside-left position has yet to be decided. Team:

R. Weller; R. Ward, D. Smith; D. A. Smith, S. Fensome, A. Devlin; R. Smith, J. Williams, B. Pratt, A. N. Other, K. Hunt.

Severe Test For Bedfordshire

THE Minor Counties' challenge match which starts at the Oval to-day will provide a severe test for Bedfordshire, for Surrey II have chosen a strong team which includes nine professionals and seven of the players have had experience in first-class cricket this season.

Among them is Tom Clark, the former Bedfordshire and Vauxhall Motors' batsman.

Team: Hon. R. R. Blades (capt.), O. J. Walt, Fletcher (D. G.), Whittaker (G. J.), Clark (T. H.), Brazier (A. F.), McMahon (J. W.), Pratt (D.), Pratt (R.), Kirby (G. N. G.), Cox (D. F.).

Bedfordshire will be represented by: **A. B. Poole (capt.), J. A. R. Oliver, G. L. B. August, J. G. Owen, B. E. Disbury, S. T. Morris, J. Payne, D. C. Money, A. G. Coomb, J. W. Fry, M. L. Kilby.**

South Midlands League

Luton Teams Are Doing Very Well

The two Luton teams in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League hold leading positions and Hitchin-road Old Boys, following their win over Peartree Old Boys, go to the top of the table.

Not that there is a secure look about their leadership, but they have done well in their opening matches.

In Division I, Kent's Athletic, with full points from three games hold second place, while in Division II, Skefko, who have won both their fixtures to date, look as if they might make a bid for honours.

The Second Division has now been reduced to 13 clubs, following the withdrawal of Luton Amateur because of ground difficulties. The cutting down of the number is a disappointment to the Committee, for there was the full quota of 16 teams in the Division at the start of the season.

PREMIER DIVISION

Hitchin-rd O.B. 6, Peartree O.B. 3
Stony Stratf'd Spts 4, Kempston Rvrs 5
Wolverton Tn & B.R. 1, Letchw'th Tn 1

DIVISION I

Baldock Tn 5, Bedford Tn "A" 3
Cranfield Utd 1, Kent's Ath 2
Harrold Utd 2, Biggleswade 2
Hinton Institute 6, Davis Ath 2
Percival Ath 2, Electrolux 5

DIVISION II

Britannia Wks 2, M'n Shelton Rvrs 1
Queen's Wks 4, Leighton Utd 4
Bletchley Tn 1, Vauxhall Mtrs 2
Elstow Abbey 2, Stewartby Wks 1
Skefko Ath 3, St Neots St Mary's 0
Wootton Blue Cross 10, Bedford N.E. 1

They Are Still Sharpshooters

Prolific scorers in Luton and South Beds Youth League last season, Vauxhall Colts have begun in similar strain, for they reached double figures on Saturday.

Five players shared their eleven goals against Luton Boys' Club.

DIVISION 14/18 YEARS (Section "A")

VAUXHALL COLTS 11 (K Field 4, M Jones 3, M Gunnard 2, A Jones, G West), LUTON BOYS' CLUB 1.
LIMBURY O.B. 8 (G Hanney 3, B Brown 2, A Perkins 2, R Lumbriere), WEST PARK 2 (R Owen, T Rukowski).
ST. MARGARET'S Y.C. 4, CADDINGTON Y.C. 2 (P Gowans, opponent).
LANGLEY RANG. 8 (G Walker 3, N Chappin 2, P Wood, L Jackson, E Hines), HIGH TOWN Y.C. 1.

(Section "B")

LUTON HOTSPUR 3 (J Smith, D Jones, J Brown), HILLCREST JNRS. 1 (D Adams).

DIVISION 14/16 YEARS

CADDINGTON JNRS. 6 (J Clark 2, C King, L Morgan, A Gales, opponent), SILVER STAR JNRS. 1 (D Smith).
OLD BEDFORD ROAD B.C. 2 (R Franklin, D Lack), LUTON ARGYLE JNRS. 6 (R Parrott 2, B G Smailes 2, C Craig).
LANGLEY RANG. JNRS. 4 (B Clark, S Simpson 2, R Brimmer), POYNTERS ROAD B.C. 0.
VAUXHALL MINORS 2 (T Odell, E Griffiths), LIMBURY O.B. JNRS. 1 (K Weedon).
LUTON CELTIC 4 (P Main 2, B Dyke 2), LUTON HOTSPUR JNRS. 1 (L Franklin).

Greyhound Racing

Runners And Selections For Luton On Saturday

6.30 (410yds). — 6 Crossgate; 566 Desert Rat; 156 Jamie II; 444 Mistake; 566 Late Edition; 661 Peabody Boy. Reserve: 346 Freedom.

6.50 (470yds). — 521 Ashwood; 163 Black Cutlet; 423 Lane's End; 144 Senouse; 631 Silver Wing; 415 Snowcy. Reserve: 554 Charmaine.

7.10 (410yds).—665 Black Beauty; 243 Found; 34 Gem Cutters (Sept 9, tp 2, 24.70); Mary Jane (July 31, tp 3, 24.77; Aug 26, tp 3, 24.85); 523 Musical Box; 563 Wind-Break. Reserve: 6 Our Alice.

7.30 (410yds).—245 Broadwood; 652 Deemster; 433 Mobley; 423 Popoff; Scarface (Aug 10, tp 2, 24.34; Sept 9, tp 4, 24.55); 15 Whistling Wind. Reserve: 556 Bill's Choice.

7.50 (470yds). — 1 Castle Rock; 124 Engaged 213 Ginger; 253 Guttersnipe; 143 The Clown; 322 Young Tony.

8.10 (470yds).—Bashful (Aug 28, tp 1, 24.41; Aug 30, tp 3, 24.28); 231 Bisto; 615 Cherookee; 553 Malcolm; 416 Petty Officer; Robby (Aug 28, tp 2, 24.10; Aug 30, tp 4, 24.18). Reserve: 133 Derimar.

8.30 (470yds).—413 Buster; 161 City Lights; 261 Dark Knight; 442 Max Future; 636 Mischief; 222 Terry's Pal. Reserve: 145 Harvest King.

8.50 (410yds).—632 Biro; 262 Egg Flip; 451 Golden Harvest; 166 Little Pat; 466 Local Lad; 66 Shy Girl. Reserve: 466 Playboy.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Mistake (Late Edition, Desert Rat).
6.50 Senouse (Lane's End, Silver Wing).
7.10 Found (Black Beauty, Gem Cutters).
7.30 Popoff (nap) (Mobley, Deemster).
7.50 The Clown (Castle Rock, Engaged).
8.10 Bisto (Petty Officer, Cherookee).
8.30 Max Future (Buster, Terry's Pal).
8.50 Local Lad (Little Pat, Golden Harvest).

Reserves Share In Goal Famine

LUTON TOWN RES. .. 0
MILLWALL RES. 1

Sharing in the goal famine that is affecting all the Town teams are the Reserves who have only three goals to show for six matches in the Football Combination this season.

They drew a blank again on Saturday with the result that Millwall snatched a victory they scarcely deserved on the run of the play.

Territorial advantage is of no use unless it can be translated into goals, and there was seldom any real promise of these coming from the Town forwards.

Morton was the only one to be consistently dangerous, but he suffered from poor support, and his opportunities were limited. Even the introduction of Whent into the attack failed to improve matters, for he had a very moderate game and the remaining members of the line were not direct enough.

Keynote of the defence was soundness, with Hall putting up another forceful, strong display, and Turner again demonstrating what abundant promise he has for the future.

Smith did not do amiss on his first appearance this season.

The young Eire player, Dunne, gave an impressive showing, while Streten, at his spectacular best, was unlucky to be beaten by a shot that struck the inside of one post, rebounded to the other, and then crossed the line.

This goal, obtained by HENCHER, proved to be the winner, and came just before half-time, and for all their pressure in the second half, the Town could not get an equaliser.

Luton Town Reserves: Streten; Dunne, Wilson; Turner, Hall, Smith; Stranaghan, Baxter, Morton, Whent, Slatter.

Millwall Reserves: Hinton; Quinn, Lyons; Jones (L.), Morton, Bonds; Hodgetts, Hurrell, Hencher, Whyte, Mansfield (J).

13th Minute Penalty Began Rout Of Town

By Chiltern

BARNSLEY ..... 6 LUTON TOWN 1

Number 13 lived up to its unlucky reputation at Barnsley on Saturday, for that number of minutes had passed when Barnsley were awarded a penalty kick which gave them the all-important first goal, and set the Town on the road to their biggest disaster of 1950.

Not that bad luck entered into this smashing defeat, for the Town were beaten by a faster, more direct team, who possessed in McCormack an opportunist who knew how to make the fullest use of the chances that came his way.

McCormack, small in stature, but very quick in the execution of his work, tore holes in the Town defence and gave Owen his most trying and unsuccessful afternoon since Briggs scored three against him at Gimsby last New Year's Eve.

Five times, McCORMACK cracked the ball into the net, the first being from the penalty awarded after he and Lake had tussled for the ball and the centre-forward had finished lying full length in the penalty area.

That that happened was completely unintentional on Lake's part, and in any case, the danger had passed.

Second for McCORMACK was also in the nature of a gift after 25 minutes when Watkins and Owen went for a high ball together. Neither connected and McCormack slipped in to beat Hughes as he left his goal.

Prospects of a goal riot increased when WRIGHT crowned a brilliant bit of work by Smith by heading through after half an hour, and the Town's outlook was grim.

JINKS improved matters eight minutes later with a neat goal obtained with a low shot after Taylor had made the opening, and for the last part of the first half, and in the opening stages after the interval, the Town worried the home defence.

They badly needed another goal then to give them a chance, but it fell to Barnsley 12 minutes after the resumption when Baxter made a magnificent run to leave McCORMACK with a chance from which he made no mistake.

Although the Town had spells of attacking, they never appeared particularly dangerous, whereas Barnsley, exploiting a weakness down the middle, always looked potential scorers.

Two more came from McCORMACK in the 64th and 80th minutes, and, in addition, there were some close calls, too.

This is a match Owen will want to forget as speedily as possible, for he could not hold McCormack and made a number of mistakes and errors of judgment.

In fact, the whole defence had uncomfortable time, though Cooke made a good job of holding the elusive John Kelly, and the debit of six goals did not tarnish the reputation of Hughes, who made some first-class saves and shared with McCormack the plaudits of the crowd at the end.

WING HALVES IN ATTACK

The liking of the Barnsley wing halves for coming through with the ball, often unchallenged by the Town's inside men, made the task of Watkins and Shanks more difficult, but neither really got on top of the job.

Shanks found the quick bursts of McMorran difficult with which to cope, and Smith had more success against Lake than did his colleague on the other wing against Cooke.

From the forwards, it was the same old story of taking too long in which to make ground and failure to provide power in finishing when they did find a way through.

Some of their approach work was cleverly done, but too often it led nowhere, and they never found the open spaces in the same facile way as Barnsley.

Neither winger raided sufficiently and Wyldes was particularly weak in his finishing. He lacks experience, but Glover, who is an experienced player, had an unsuccessful day against the sound Pallister.

Stobbart has failed to settle down at inside-right, so far, and seems to have lost his powers of marksmanship. Taylor was the more constructive inside man, but neither cut out the openings crisply enough.

As for Jinks, he, at least, demonstrates that he knows where the goal lies, and he did well enough with the somewhat limited material that came his way.

BARNSLEY: Kelly (P); Bannister, Pallister; Blanchflower, Glover (Arthur), Baxter; Smith, McMorran, McCormack, Wright, Kelly (J).

LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Cooke, Lake; Watkins, Owen, Shanks; Glover (Alex), Stobbart, Jinks, Taylor (J), Wyldes.

Referee: S. E. Law, West Bromwich.

Champions Off The Mark With "Premier" Points

For the first time this season the Luton District and South Beds League had a full programme of matches on Saturday and several teams had their initial sample of Premier Division football.

Last season's Division I champions, Shillington, set off on the right foot with a victory over Hitchin-road Old Boys, with whom they have had some exciting tussles in the past.

Hayward-Tyler, who were in Division IV last season, look likely to be an acquisition to the top circle, for they had a comfortable win over Luton Brewery, who have now lost three matches in succession.

Encouraging for Luton Crusaders, bottom of Division I last season, was their 4-0 success over Percival Athletic.

Generally, goals were plentiful, due in part to the slippery conditions, and there was an amazing game between Old Lutonians and Bells Park which produced 13.

Bells Park, who went through last season without a League defeat, continued their run of success by claiming eight of this aggregate.

Two other matches in Division II produced nine goals and, in each case, six, obtained by Avondale and Shillington, proved to be the winning number.

Sharp-shooter of the day was Startin, of Walcot Athletic, who scored seven times against a weakened Napier Sports team. A quick "hat trick" was recorded by J. Brown, of Sundon St. Mary's, who netted three times in the first 15 minutes against Davis Athletic.

In Division IV, Lea Valley held out against Eaton Bray until the latter part of the second half, but then their defence cracked and the villagers scored five times in quick succession.

PREMIER DIVISION

SHILLINGTON 2 (W Saunders, opponent), HITCHIN ROAD O.B. 0.
HAYWARD-TYLER 4 (R Manton 3, Foskett), LUTON BREWERY 1 (Conquest).
BARTON RVRS 2 (R Mann, A Virgin), LIMBURY O.B. 0.
COCKERNHOE 1 (Farmer), TODDINGTON RVRS 1 (Whittingham).
NAPIER SPORTS 2 (Scott, Bachini), DUNSTABLE TN RES 4.
LUTON CRUSADERS 4 (A Saunders, Bunyon 2, Randall), PERCIVAL ATH 0.

DIVISION I

FARLEY RNGRS 0, CRAIG ATH 6 (Bradley 3, Copley 2, Jones).
CHAUL END ATH 8 (Clarke 2, Gower 2, Dachombe 2, Corrie 2), SPANDIT SPORTS 0.
GLENDALE 1 (Banks, Wells, opponent), HEATH UTD 3 (A Baines, Minall, Robinson).
NORTON RNGRS 4 (McLaughlin 2, Fensome, Norton), COCKERNHOE 2 (Tring 2).
TOTTERNHOE 4 (Witts, Bull, Janes, Waites), LAPORTE'S 2 (Darbinson, Hewitt).
CADDINGTON 2 (D Austin, Fullarton), STOPSLEY 4 (Pugh 2, Weston, Brown).
LILLEY RNGRS 1 (Hunt), LUTON SOCIAL 2 (opponent, Gifford).
LUTON O.B. 2 (Evans, Gibbins), KENT'S ATH 2 (Humphrey 2).

DIVISION II

A.P.C.M. 0, LEAGRAVE B.L. 4 (Medcalf 2, Trainer, Bishop).
R.A.F. ASSN 3 (Wilkinson, Offer, Warren), HORSESHOE ATH 2.
AMALG TOBACCO 4 (Beard, Garry, Grindley, Kenny), WARDEN HILL ATH 4 (R Cole 2, Blaxhill, opponent).
AVONDALE ATH 6, WEST PARK 3 (Wesley, Barker, Costello).
OLD LUTONIANS 5 (R Whalley, Wilkins 2, Riches, Anderson), BELLS PARK 8 (Hughes 4, Wiseman 2, Pratt, Weekes).
KENSWORTH 6 (Dorgan, Davis 2, Perry 2, opponent), SHILLINGTON 3 (Payne, Allen, Ansell).
LUTON GASWORKS 0, ELECTROLUX 4 (Buck 2, Swain, Robinson).
SKEFKO ATH 2 (Barford, Howarth), LIMBURY 4 (Tungate 3, Dean).

DIVISION III

ROYAL NAVAL ASSN 0, LUTON UTD 4 (Whitby, Marlow, Higgs, Wright).
WALCOT ATH 9 (Startin 7, Allen 2), NAPIER SPORTS 0.
SUNDON ST MARY'S 7 (Brown 3, K Hull, Billington, A Odell N Odell), DAVIS ATH 1 (Edge).
HARLINGTON 0, GLENDALE 1 (Grummitt).
CHALTON RVRS 3 (Cross, Pyper, Ashby), BARTON RVRS 2 (K Burgoine, Burr).
ADAMANT 4 (Palmer 3, Bell), LIMBURY O.B. 5 (Taylor 2, Rowe Kent, Clarke).
BOYS' BRIGADE SNRS 1 (Warner), STREATLEY SPORTS 3 (C Billington 2, R Billington).

DIVISION IV

LUTON SOCIAL RES 2 (Jackson 2), BROWN & GREEN 1 (Clemments).
HEXTON 5 (Wright, G Tate, Cole, Paine 2), CADDINGTON "B" 5 (Austin 2, Dudley, Webb 2).
EATON BRAY 5 (R Horne 2, Cooke, Fountain, Pipkin), LEA VALLEY 1 (Hale).
WARDEN HILL RES 2 (J Oliver 2).
KENSWORTH RES 1 (Riley).
SUNDON PARK 1 (G Parker).
HAYWARD-TYLER 3 (Bigney, Walters, opponent).
BIDWELL 2 (Gower, Tomlin), OLD BEECHILLIANS 2 (Stanton, Scott).
VILLA RVRS 2 (Cook 2), LILLEY RNGRS RES 5 (Carr 2, Atkinson 2, Rowe).
HOCKLIFFE 10 (Millburn 3, Hillyer 4, Wood, opponent 2), MILTON BRYAN 2.

Bowls

Northampton v. Luton Town

I.—Northampton: 15, Luton Town: S Primett, W Page, H Cawdell, C Halsey (s). 18.
II.—Northampton: 19, Luton Town: H Hinks, D H Scott, A Hinton, F Thring (s). 11.
III.—Northampton: 11, Luton Town: A Faulkner, R West, W Hucklesby, H Day (s). 24.
IV.—Northampton: 20, Luton Town: L Moynihan, L C Moynihan, S Morgan, W Fessey (s). 25.

Northampton 65, Luton Town 78

Electrolux v. Dunstable Town

I.—Electrolux: J Fursman, W Clark, W Whitehorn, J Whitehorn (s). 19. Dunstable Town: E Bannister, W Connett, E Godfrey, J Anderson (s). 25.
II.—Electrolux: E Monaghan, E Morris, J Whinnett B Welch (s). 17. Dunstable Town: H Varney, E Cheshire, J Riding, P Meur (s). 17.
III.—Electrolux: F Frampton, P Millen, A Thompson, G Venstone (s). 26. Dunstable Town: G Freeman, A Wilson, J Osborne, A Cheshire (s). 13.
IV.—Electrolux: G Mead, W Soale, F Rogers, S Wright (s). 14. Dunstable Town: A Kibble, W Sawson, L Cheshire, A Chew (s). 19.

Electrolux 76, Dunstable Town 74

Leighton Buzzard v. Memorial Park

I.—Leighton: F Heath, M Osborne, W Bates, G Radford (s). 18. Memorial Park: R Higginbottom, A Heathern, S Wilson, C Cross (s). 21.
II.—Leighton: E Cook, H Holmes, J Folkes, M Sanders (s). 28. Memorial Park: F Tomlinson, K Bird, T Green, W Frost (s). 12.
III.—Leighton: F Thompson, W Allder, E Turney, E Goddard (s). 22. Memorial Park: C Farr, C Hawke, A Rodell, A Conquest (s). 14.
IV.—Leighton: L Sear, W Wyant, J Chivers, F Cooper (s). 27. Memorial Park: P Satchell, C Lambert, R Box, D Russ (s). 13.

Leighton 95, Memorial Park 60

OTHER RESULTS

Vauxhall Motors 118, Hazell's (Aylesbury) 85.

Leyton Wanderers 112, Vauxhall Motors 141.

St Matthew's Central 49, Luton Hoo 21

Electrolux 67, Luton Specials 69.

Starting Times In County Golf Union Foursomes

Starting times in the Bedfordshire C.G.U. foursomes to be played at Dunstable Downs on Saturday are as follows:

10.00 and 1.30	A F Allen (2) and J A Graham (4), Dunstable Downs L G Randall (scr) and B G Godfrey (scr), South Beds
10.08 and 1.38	H A Chandler (11) and T W Chadbon (8), Dunstable Downs M R Anstee (11) and F Thorogood (11), John O'Gaunt
10.16 and 1.46	P Browning (6) and F Oliver (8), South Beds A W Savage (9) and C P Roper (7), Beds and County
10.24 and 1.54	H W Goodman (3) and F W Wood, Dunstable Downs J Cattanach (2) and D B Miller (3), South Beds
10.32 and 2.02	W G Ridge (7) and J Hickman (8), Dunstable Downs — Dawson (10) and — Edwards (11), Beds and County
10.40 and 2.10	A F Pakes (10) and A F W Pakes (7), Dunstable Downs A G Edwards (6) and H G Brown (11), Leighton Buzzard
10.48 and 2.18	C L Strapps (8) and R V Hurle-Hobbs (16), D'ble Downs R Browning (9) and J Gray (18) Beds and County
10.56 and 2.26	P T Woods (5) and G U Lyle (6), Dunstable Downs I Anderson (scr) and E S Watson (6), Bedfordshire
11.04 and 2.34	M Evans (2) and F W Canvin (4), Aspley Guise E R Illott (1) and A C Waters (3), John O'Gaunt
11.12 and 2.42	L J Cook (6) and E Witheridge (9), Aspley Guise M Flaherty (3) and R Hayes (16), John O'Gaunt
11.20 and 2.50	H Saunders (15) and V Goldsworthy (17), Aspley Guise J B Garrett (13) and T J Corbett (15), Bedfordshire
11.28 and 2.58	A J Foyle (12) and W G D Grant (18), Dunstable Downs E H V Jory (11) and M J Aitken (16), South Beds
11.36 and 3.06	E Canova (17) and R Oakins (14), Dunstable Downs T Cowling (12) and F G Sawyer (13), South Beds
11.44 and 3.14	P G Bond (16) and O F Bond (18), Dunstable Downs W Radford (12) and J W Clarke (15), South Beds

Dunstable Down At Letchworth

Dunstable Downs were beaten on Saturday when they visited Letchworth. The afternoon round was a four-ball and in the evening 9-hole foursomes were played which counted as half points.

Letchworth		Dunstable Downs	
F J Bird & F Beerton ..	1	0	F W Wood & J A Graham	0	½
S J Ball & J C Dallas ..	1	½	G U Lyle & W G D Grant	0	0
A Mead & H Brightwell	0	½	T Moore & C L Strapps	1	0
D Bird & H Simmons .	½	0	G E Bull & A G B Gunn	½	0
H Waterhouse & S C Hayles & R G Bonner-Morgan (capt)	1	½	W G Ridge & J Hickman .	0	½
			P T Woods & J Facer (capt)	0	0
	6				2½

Firmin Brought Punch To Old Boys' Attack

Hitchin-road Old Boys 6, Peartree Old Boys 3

Cyril Firmin, making his debut at centre-forward for the Luton team, soon succeeded in adding the required punch to the forward line, and, to crown a grand display, he scored four goals.

Hitchin-road were three goals up at half-time, thanks to FIRMIN (2) and SMITH, and though both sides had played good football, the home side deserved their lead.

After the interval, Peartree fought back, and made several sharp raids. From one of these they reduced their arrears, but FIRMIN gave Hitchin-road a three-goals lead again shortly afterwards.

Despite strong attacks by the Welwyn forwards, they were unable to draw level, and further goals by FIRMIN and SOPER put the issue beyond doubt.

HITCHIN ROAD OLD BOYS: Tottingham; Burgess, Kilby; Day, A. Strapp, Brown; D. Strapp, Smith, Firmin, Curson, Soper.

Rovers Hit Target In The Second Half

Kimpton Rov. 5, London Colney 1

Kimpton completely overran London Colney on Saturday, although at half-time no goals had been scored.

After the interval, goals from COLEMAN (2), SEAL and SNELGROVE had a demoralising effect on the visitors, although they did obtain a "compensation" goal a few minutes from the end, after a goalmouth melee.

Hockey

Forwards Missed Scoring Chances

R.A.F. Halton 0, Vauxhall "A" 0

A draw was the fairest possible result to a most even match. Both sides provided accurate passing, and approach work was always excellent.

Near goal, however, both sets of forwards failed badly. Finishing was very poor, and defences were able to check most dangerous moves.

The Halton centre had one golden opportunity to score but shot hard over the bar from close range.

Vauxhall Saved By Chappin

Vauxhall Mtrs. 2, Hertford Tn. 2

A fighting rally by Vauxhall Motors during the last ten minutes earned them their first Spartan League point of the season when they entertained newly-promoted Hertford Town.

On the run of the play, a draw was a fair result, though had the Motors' left wing operated as smoothly as their other flank, more opportunities would have come their way.

As it was, Biggs was inclined to hang on to the ball too long, and thus gave the Hertford defence a chance to cover.

Hertford were the first to score, though when they did so it was against the run of the play. The Vauxhall defence made one of its few mistakes, and GRIMWOOD beat Worker from close range.

Shortly after the interval the visitors went further ahead through GELLATLY, who drew Worker out of goal and coolly tapped the ball past him.

Vauxhall had chances to draw level, but not until the final stages of the game did they really apply pressure.

Then the Hertford defence was at full stretch, and CHAPPIN scored twice to give the Motors a well-deserved point. Both his goals were well taken, and came after he had wandered into the middle from the wing and shot first time.

The Vauxhall defence was adequate, and Allen, deputising for Lloyd, played very strongly.

VAUXHALL M.: J. Worker; K. Andrews, G. Allen; H. Marriott, B. McCrum, A. Eames; R. Chappin, R. Brandham, R. Ingle, K. Sharp, J. Biggs.

Amateur Made Cup Progress

Queen's Works 1, Luton Amateur 3.

Like Vauxhall Motors the previous week, Luton Amateur found winning form in a cup-tie when they dismissed Queen's Works from the Amateur Cup and qualified to visit Letchworth Town in the next round.

Their task at Bedford was not so difficult as had been anticipated for they were on top for most of the game and should have won by a wider margin.

The small pitch was something of a handicap, but the finishing of the forwards left room for improvement.

PRATT and WILLIAMS scored to give the Amateur a comfortable interval lead and they missed a chance to increase it when they failed with a penalty kick.

Queen's made fullest use of the penalty they were awarded, but before they could mount a real rally, the Amateur attacked again and B SMITH restored their two-goals advantage.

'Gift' Goals Beat Town 'A'

Dagenham Town 2, Luton Town "A" 0

Lack of scoring power is still costing the Town "A" points in the Metropolitan League and this was the main reason for their failure at Dagenham.

Contributory factors though were two defensive errors which allowed the home side to score two lucky goals.

Both were scored in the first half by NEWMAN, the first coming as the result of a misunderstanding between Kelly and Johnstone and the other following an error by Johnstone.

In between, Lawton had been unlucky with a shot that cannoned off a post, but several chances went astray, too, and this continued in the second half when the Town had by far the greater share of the play.

Some of their midfield work was brilliantly executed, but it simply fizzled out when shooting range was reached and more punch in finishing was sorely needed.

The mistakes that cost the goals apart, the Town defence was satisfactory with Gardiner playing splendidly.

LUTON TOWN "A": D Johnstone; Thompson (J), Thompson (A); Aherne (W), Kelly, Gardiner; C. Corton, J. Groves, Lawton, Ronson, Taylor (A).

Cricket

Luton Town Sunday XI v. Vauxhall Motors Sunday XI

At Wardown on Sunday, Luton Town won by 6 wickets.

VAUXHALL: P Andrews 4, P Buckingham 3, B Martin 0, A Nelsey 25, R Horley 1, C Penhallurick 0, A Capstick 18, C Humphries 3, R Bailey not out 4, H Hayhurst 3, J Biggs 0; extras 2. Total 63.

Bowling: W Hammond 3 for 8, M Kilby 3 for 26, D Randall 2 for 13.

LUTON TOWN: M Kilby 20, B Satterley 10, J Shields 2, T Brown 25, P Clark 17, W Hammond 7, P Mungall 20, H Hewison not out 11, K Brazier 6, D Randall not out 2; extras 2. Total (for 8 wkts) 112.

Bowling: C Penhallurick 2 for 20.

Luton Old Boys v. Leighton Sunday XI

LEIGHTON TOWN SUNDAY XI: F Clements 2, Dr B Stephens 16, N Gunn 9, W G Bone 3, R Dawson 30, A Bennion 1, G Mobbs 7, P Davis 0, F Abraham 0, L Nash 7, A Ward not out 1; extras 2. Total 78.

Bowling: Matthews 7 for 27.

LUTON OLD BOYS: S Spary 7, B Groom 7, E Thurley not out 42, R Norris 7, R Winstanley 0, D Babb 10, T Matthews 8, G Smith not out 5; extras 16. Total (for 8 wkts) 102.

F Thurley, P Thorpe, C Rolph did not bat.

Bowling: Davis 3 for 44, Bennion 2 for 16.

CRICKET IN BRIEF

OLD LUTONIANS 95 (G Prentice 22, R Cadger 20, A Cherry 3 for 9). WHEATHAMPSTEAD 107 for 6 (G Ellis 37, J Gray 26, R Cadger 4 for 28).

LEAGRAVE 84 (R Wood 34, K Palmer 28, L Bleaney 6 for 16). PORTLAND 39 (S Smith 6 for 14).

KENT'S 147 (E Thurley 59, F Chatterley 43). V.C.D. (Crayford) 151 for 3 (L Pritchard not out 100, P Thurlow 2 for 58).

ELECTROLUX 140 (K Palmer 53, J Darby 37, C Porter 5 for 54). PHEONIX (Hendon) 57 (L Castle 7 for 18, R French 3 for 15).

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