Sports Chat . . . . . By Chiltern

Lake Is Aherne's Deputy

A SLIGHT DOUBT ABOUT SHANKS

Following the splendid win over Grimsby Town, selection of the Town team to visit Birmingham presented no problem, since the policy now, obviously, must be to keep this combination together as much as possible.

One change is necessary following on Bud Aherne's selection to play for Eire against Norway on Sunday, and the only doubt that exists at the moment concerns the fitness of Wally Shanks.

SPEAKING yesterday from Brighton where the Town players are having special training, Ralph Hann, the trainer, said that although it was too early to give a definite opinion, he thought that Shanks would be able to play at Birmingham.

The trouble is in the thigh muscle which was badly bruised following a kick early in the match with Grimsby.

Shanks turned out in a seven-a-side match which the Town players had at the Brighton greyhound track on Tuesday morning, but after saying that he still felt the knock, was brought off the field.

Lake Takes Over From Aherne

IN the afternoon, he had treatment at Brighton's ground and was able to report some improvement yesterday morning.

From the look of things, it is odds on him playing which it is hoped will be the case, for it would be a pity to have to upset this attack just as it has settled down into a goal-scoring force.

Bud Aherne travels back to Luton this afternoon ready to make the journey to Dublin tomorrow, and his place in the team at Birmingham will be taken by Leslie Lake, who was included in the party that went to Brighton on Sunday.

Owen And Wyldes Have Recovered

THE other players who received slight injuries against Grimsby, Sid Owen and Bob Wyldes, are now completely fit again, and the Town are hoping that the following will be the line-up at St. Andrew's—

Hughes; Cooke, Lake; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Havenga, Shanks, Whent, Taylor (J.), Wyldes.

Although the weather has been no better in Brighton than it has here, the players have appreciated the change.

Some went golfing and the others had a long walk along the sea-front on Monday and despite the rain on Tuesday, there was a thorough work-out in the practice match.

Manager Has A Report On Birmingham

YESTERDAY, all the party went golfing, while to-day and to-morrow morning, there will be normal training.

Manager Daily Duncan is visiting the party to-day and takes with him a report of a Town representative who watched Birmingham in action against Sheffield United last Saturday.

Ralph Hann says that Brighton's manager Don Welsh, has gone out of his way to make things as comfortable as possible for the Luton party, and nothing has been too much trouble for him.

The players arrive in Luton to-morrow afternoon and will leave by road for Birmingham on Saturday morning.

Birmingham Have Struck A Bad Patch

THEY will go in a confident frame of mind after their displays in the last two matches and if they could take a point from Birmingham, it would be a splendid performance.

Indications are that happier days are ahead for Luton football, but Birmingham will provide the stiffest test, so far, for the new formation.

The City, who have struck a bad patch and have suffered three defeats in succession, have not chosen their team yet.

Yesterday, it was stated that some changes are contemplated, though the only doubtful starter because of injury is Dorman.

One thing that is certain is that the Town will be facing the heaviest going of the season, for there was steady rain in Birmingham again yesterday and the St. Andrew's pitch has a reputation for becoming heavy.

Joe Thompson Gets Chance In Reserves

AT home to Leicester City Reserves, the Town Reserves will probably be meeting a former team mate in Peter Small.

Two changes are being made in the Luton team, compared with that which lost narrowly at Millwall.

With Lake in the first team, there is a chance at left-back for Joe Thompson, who has had only one previous outing in the Combination side this season.

Jim Pemberton goes to Birmingham as twelfth man to the first team and Ray Smith comes in at left-half Team:

Streten; Wilson, Thompson (J); Turner, Hall, Smith; Stobbart, Kiernan, Jinks, Baxter, Glover.

Vauxhall Meet Local Rivals In Cup

HEARTENED by their success over Berkhamsted on Saturday, Vauxhall Motors are hoping to go a stage further in the Bedfordshire Senior Cup competition when they entertain Percival Athletic on Saturday.

This is an additional round to bring the numbers of clubs in the competition to a workable basis and the winners will visit the Cup holders, Shefford Town, in the first round. Percival were drawn with ground advantage, but have waived this to Vauxhall, whose team will be the same as that which won last Saturday.

S. Cullis; K. Andrews, D. Smith; H. Marriott, J. Morris, R. Lloyd; R. Chappin, D. Ingle, L. Galloway, K. Sharp, E. James.

Old Boys Go To Biggleswade

ALSO in the Senior Cup this week are Hitchin-road Old Boys, who are hopeful of going well at Biggleswade, where a hard task awaits them.

They make several defensive changes due to the recovery from injury of Arthur Strapp, their captain, and to the fact that Jack Burgess, the left-back, is unfit following an injury last Saturday.

Team:

R. Tottingham; J. Nelson, T. Kilby; W. Day, A. Strapp, E. Hewitt; C. Firmin, D. Strapp, A. R. Brown, R. Curson, H. Hillier.

Amateur Breaking New Ground

BREAKING new ground on Saturday are Luton Amateur who travel to Abingdon for a League match. Abingdon, newcomers to the Spartan League, seem to be holding their own and are near the halfway mark in the table.

The Amateur are making three changes, two of which are positional. Williams switches to right-half, Brian Ward to right-back in place of West, and John Ward returns to inside-right.

Team:

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

Schoolboys Field An Unchanged Team

OLD rivals in Northampton are Luton Schoolboys' opponents in the Third Round of the English Schools' Shield, to be played at Kenilworth-road on Saturday morning.

In 1938 Northampton won the Divisional Final by beating Luton 3—1, but seven years later Luton gained their revenge by 2—0.

This looks like being a needle match, and Luton have chosen the team that accounted for Kettering in the previous round:

Kempson (Challoey); Johnson (Beech Hill), Hedge (Tech.); Tottingham (Surrey-street), Bland (Old Bedford-road), Fensome (Denbigh-road); Fletcher (Denbigh-road), Floyd (Surrey-street), Clare (Old Bedford-road), Pacey (Denbigh-road), Franklin (Beech Hill).

Reserves: Jackson (Old Bedford-road), Sinfield (Surrey-street), Turner (Beech Hill), Gunter (Icknield).

Luton R.F.C. Have The Season's Highlight

LUTON RUGBY CLUB regard their home game with Wasps "A" on Saturday as one of the highlights of their season.

They will be without Orton, but Hawkes, who did very well in Oakley's place last week, will remain in the side, and Oakley will return.

For their local "derby" with Vauxhall Motors, Old Lutonians have chosen the following unchanged team:

Boulding; Hine, Thorpe, Connors, Chalkley; Wood, Jeffs; Adkins, MacDonald, Shepherd, Fensome, Heanue, Edmonds, Ironmonger, Packwood.

Motors Had Reason To Be Pleased

Berkhamsted 0, Vauxhall Motors 2

Vauxhall Motors came away from their Spartan League encounter with Berkhamsted feeling very pleased with themselves for they were the first team to defeat Berkhamsted on their home ground this season.

They deserved their victory, which gained them their seventh League point of the season.

SHARP was Vauxhall's best forward, and he obtained their first goal after a brilliant move by Ingle. There was no further score until after the interval, when Galloway fooled the home defence and flicked the ball to INGLE, who crashed it home from 20 yards.

Vauxhall's defence was hard pressed at times, but, inspired by Morris at centre-half, refused to be harassed.

Cullis, in goal, played magnificently, and at least one of his saves was in the "wonder" class.

If he can maintain this form, the Motors will have no cause to mourn the fact that John Worker has decided not to play for them again.

Another promoted player, E. James, also gave a very good display.

Town "A" Rally Came Too Late

Callender's 3, Luton Town "A" 2

Had Luton Town "A" played as well in the first half as they did after the interval in their Metropolitan League match with Callender's, they would probably have won.

However, they were three goals down in the first half an hour, and it took them until then to settle down.

WESTCOTT, BURT and DAVIES all scored for the home side before RONSON replied for Luton.

The second half was a very different proposition, and Luton attacked for long periods. A grand run by Cullen, and an accurate centre were the means of TAYLOR (A.), scoring Luton's second goal.

They tried to equalise, but Callender's defence, though hard pressed, held out.

Goals Came In First Half

Luton Amateur 2, Polytechnic 2

All the scoring took place in the first half, when the Amateur went ahead and then found themselves in arrears.

PRATT opened the scoring from a centre by the newcomer, Tatum, but two quick goals put the Polytechnic on top for a time. Another cross by Tatum was diverted into the net by a defender to put the Amateur on level terms again.

There was almost constant pressure by the Amateur in the second half, but they could not score the deciding goal. A little more directness in the play would probably have achieved this.

Peter Smith, playing his first game for the Amateur, found the going hard, but contributed some neat work.

Kimpton Scored First, Then Conceded 13

Radlett 13, Kimpton Rov. 1

Kimpton Rovers were completely over-run when they met the Herts League side, Radlett, in the second round of the Bingham Cup.

However, Kimpton scored first through GROOM, and they held this slender lead until five minutes from the interval, and then Radlett scored three times.

After the interval, Radlett added ten more goals—their forward combination being far too clever for Kimpton's defence.

Billiards

Last Unbeaten Record Goes

There is now no unbeaten team in either the billiards or snooker sections of Luton and District Clubs' League.

Social billiards team met with their first defeat last week, but still share the lead.

BILLIARDS

Beech Hill "B" 2, Leagrave Legion 0
High Town 0, Beech Hill "A" 2
Luton Cons. "B" 2, Luton Labour "B" 0
Luton Labour "A" 0, Luton Cons. "A" 2
Vauxhall 2, Social 0

Highest break, 56 by A. Bowron

Luton Cons. "A".	P	W	L	P
Luton Social	6	5	1	10
Luton Cons "A"	6	5	1	10
Luton Cons "B"	6	5	1	10
Beech Hill "A"	6	4	2	8
Leagrave Legion	6	3	3	6
Vauxhall	6	3	3	6
Labour "A"	5	2	3	4
Beech Hill "B"	5	1	4	2
High Town	6	1	5	2
Labour "B"	6	0	6	0

SNOOKER

DIVISION I

Luton Social 1, Vauxhall 3
High Town 4, Leagrave Legion 0
Beech Hill 3, Liberal 1
Luton Cons. 2, Luton Labour 2

	P	W	D	L	P	G
High Town	6	3	2	1	30	15
Beech Hill	6	3	2	1	28	14
Luton Liberal	6	3	1	2	28	14
Vauxhall	6	2	3	1	26	13
Luton Labour	6	1	4	1	24	12
Luton Social	6	1	2	3	20	10
Luton Cons.	6	1	3	2	20	10
Leagrave Legion	6	1	1	4	16	8

DIVISION II

Leagrave Legion 4, Beech Hill 0
Percival 1, Luton Cons. 1
Davis "A" 2, High Town 2
Luton Labour 1, Davis "B" 1

Highest break, 43, by D. Fisher, High Town.

	P	W	D	L	P	G
Luton Cons.	6	4	0	2	30	15
Percival's	6	3	2	1	30	15
Leagrave Legion	6	3	1	2	28	14
Beech Hill	6	4	0	2	26	13
Davis "A"	6	2	1	3	22	11
Luton Labour	6	2	1	3	20	10
High Town	6	1	2	3	20	10
Davis "B"	6	1	1	4	16	8

South Midlands League

Old Boys Lost Three Goals Lead

The two Luton teams in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League had a black day on Saturday, for both lost at home, and slipped down the table as a result.

Hitchin-road Old Boys looked well placed for they held a 4—1 lead over Wootton Blue Cross with only a quarter of an hour to go. During that short time, however, Wootton scored four times to head the Old Boys on the post.

In the lower half of the table now are Vauxhall Motors, who were overcome by Shefford Town, a team that looks as likely as any to mount a challenge to the leaders, Bletchley Town.

Meanwhile, Bletchley are going along smoothly and hold a clear lead of five points. Marston Shelton were no match for them.

With the unexpected home defeat of AC-Sphinx by Histon Institute in Division I, only unbeaten records in the League are held by Bletchley and Waterlow's.

The Dunstable team, yet to drop a point, overcame Percival Athletic comfortably enough and are very strongly established at the head of affairs in Division I.

Kent's slipped up at Bedford but Houghton Rangers showed signs of better things by snatching victory at Biggleswade in a high-scoring match.

In Division II, the leaders, Wootton Blue Cross surprisingly dropped a home point to lowly Leighton United and there are several clubs in a position to fight for the leadership.

PREMIER DIVISION

Arlesey Town 6, Peartree Old Boys 1
Queen's Works 1, Stony Stratford S 10
Bletchley Tn 7, Marston Shelton R 1
Kempston Rvrs 0, Bedford St. Cuth 3
Hitchin-rd O.B. 4, Wootton B. C. 5
Vauxhall Motors 0, Shefford Tn 2
Wolverton Tn 0, Potton Utd 2

DIVISION I

AC-Sphinx 2, Histon Inst 4
Bedford Corinthians 5, Cranfield Utd 3
Lynton Wks 2, Electrolux 5
Bedford Tn "A" 2, Kent's Ath 1
Biggleswade Tn 4, Houghton Rgrs 5
Harrold Utd 9, Baldock Tn 1
Davis Ath 1, St. Neots St. Mary's 3
Waterlow's 5, Percival Ath 2

DIVISION II

Britannia Wks 1, Bletchley Tn 2
Skefko Ath 3, Peartree O.B. 1
St. Neots St. M 0, Stewartby Wks 3
Wootton Blue Cross 0, Leighton Utd 6

Town's Attack Was A Real Striking Force

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN ..... 4 GRIMSBY TOWN ... 0

What a change it was to see the Town calling the tune and getting among the goals at last! This revitalised, most enthusiastic team struck a considerable blow in their fight to get away from the relegation area by beating fellow-sufferers, Grimsby, on their merits.

More than that, they laid the bogey the Mariners have provided in the last two seasons during which the Town had not one victory to show from five meetings with them.

The manner in which the win was achieved was as convincing as the result, for although Grimsby put up a considerable fight in the first half, and could consider themselves unfortunate not to be on level terms then, they were little in the picture afterwards.

It was in the second half that we saw the Town take control, with the forwards moving as a line and constantly threatening the downfall of the Grimsby goal.

At the interval, there was quite a prospect that Grimsby would be able to make a big bid to wipe out the lead which SHANKS had given the Town following Havenga's free kick when the game was only two minutes old.

Only two or three point-blank range saves by Hughes, from MacKenzie and Bloomer, prevented Grimsby from levelling the scores before half-time, but they had few chances of doing so afterwards.

With Havenga and Wyldes leaving the visitors' defence floundering, and Whent constantly dangerous in the middle, goals just had to come, and WHENT obtained his first since he became a centre-forward with a header from Wyldes's accurate centre.

That was after 54 minutes, and was followed five minutes later by another goal, this time from TAYLOR (J.), who nodded a centre from the right well out of Chisholm's reach.

ATTACK'S FORCEFUL PLAY

During this half we saw the most incisive, forceful football of the season from a Town attack, and it was no more than their due when WHENT put on a fourth goal after Chisholm had saved his first attempt. Havenga secured the rebound and middled the ball for Whent to bang it into the net.

One had to admire Grimsby's refusal to give up the fight, but their defence was powerless against this fast-moving Town attack, which looked a line of real goal-getters.

To move Whent into the middle has been a master stroke, for he led the line brilliantly and helped to weld it together into a striking force.

The speed and directness of Havenga and Wyldes, which means that the ball is coming over far more consistently than it has in the past, has also done much to bring about this improvement in attack which is completed by two hard-working, forthright inside forwards, in Shanks and Taylor, who both made valuable contributions to the victory.

With the defence playing so well, there is a solid foundation to the team, too, and although they had a difficult 20 minutes in the first half, they did what was required of them in keeping a clean sheet.

There was a great tussle between the dashing Bloomer and Owen in the first half, but the centre-half came out on top and was always a big factor in the Town's defence.

Watkins had a great game, and with Morton playing strongly there was nothing wrong with the middle line. Nor was there anything amiss at full-back, where Cooke and Aherne mastered the Grimsby wingers and, behind them, Hughes dealt capably with anything that came his way.

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

GRIMSBY TOWN: Chisholm; Moody, Taylor (W); Barratt, McMillan, Duthie; Rankin, Squires, Bloomer, MacKenzie, Maddison.

Referee: G. Roden, Stourbridge.

Attendance: 12,144.

A Good Day For Leading Premier Division Teams

There were no major upsets of form in the Premier Division of the Luton and South Beds League on Saturday with the result that there is an "as-you-were" look about the table, with Eaton Bray still leading the way.

Not that they have a safety margin, for their lead over Luton Co-op Y.C. amounts to only one point, and they have played two games more.

The Co-op. Y.C.'s win against the well-placed Barton Rovers was one of the best performances of the day. Although Eaton Bray beat lowly Luton Brewery, there was nothing very convincing about their success.

Most of the leaders will be keeping a watchful eye on Skillington, who have been coming along quietly in recent weeks and have been climbing the table steadily. So far, they have dropped only two points out of 14 and they were too strong for Rootes.

Other teams who might well be in the final reckoning for honours are Cockernhoe, who beat Percival soundly, and Hayward-Tyler, for whom J. Manton scored five of their seven goals against Luton Crusaders.

Signs of improvement by Hitchin-road Old Boys were maintained on Saturday when they scored the only goal against Dunstable Town Reserves, who have lost their early season promise.

Surprising feature in Division I, is the falling away of Craig Athletic, who slumped badly against the much-improved Stopsley. Luton Social still lead the way, closely followed by Totternhoe, who had to be content with only one point from their meeting with Kent's.

Lilley Rangers kept among the leaders by virtue of their narrow win over Norton Rangers in a muddy battle.

Only three matches were played in Division II, because of the Junior Cup-ties, and Horseshoe Athletic, who seem to have struck a bad patch, were beaten by West Park.

There was no change in the leading positions in Division III., though both Chalton Rovers and Sundon St. Mary's had hard struggles to win through. Feature of the latter's match with Pioneer Corinthians was the play of their goalkeeper, E. Dimmock, who made some remarkable saves.

Most vital match in Division IV was at Lilley, where two of the chief contenders for honours were in opposition. Hockliffe succeeded by the odd goal, and so improved their position considerably, especially as Luton Social Reserves failed against Old Beechillians.

PREMIER DIVISION

HITCHIN ROAD O.B. 1 (Hillyer), DUNSTABLE T. RES. 0.
PERCIVAL ATH. 0, COCKERNHOE 6 (Clark 4, Farmer, Pleckney).
HOUGHTON RANG. 1, NAPIER SPTS. 4 (Bachini 2, Cubberley, Gale).
BARTON ROV. 1 (Virgin), LUTON CO-OP Y.C. 4 (Evans, Harburn, Adams, D. Wright).
HAYWARD-TYLER 7 (J. Manton 5, Malling, Glenister), LUTON CRUSADERS 2 (Clews, Brudenall).
SHILLINGTON 3 (West, E. Flint, W. Saunders), ROOTES SPTS. 0.
LUTON BREWERY 2 (Conquest, Grummitt), EATON BRAY 3 (Ruffett, Giltrow, Horne).
LIMBURY O.B. 2 (Cook, Weston), TODDINGTON ROV. 5 (Page, Gordon, Whittingham, Swain, Strachan).

DIVISION I

KENT'S ATH. 2 (Randall, Humphrey), TOTTERNHOE 2 (Bull, Janes).
GLENDALE 1 (Gauntlett), CADDINGTON 1 (Mardle).
NORTON RANG. 4 (Gardner, Ford, Chappin, Day), LILLEY RANG. 5 (Jenkins 2, L. Carr, Bayliss, Saunders).
FARLEY RANG. 2 (Hall, Guise), LUTON SOCIAL 5 (Gifford 3, Brown, P. Chambers).
CRAIG ATH. 1 (Garrett), STOPSLEY 8 (Davis 3, Gibbs 3, Pugh, Horn).
COCKERNHOE 3, LAPORTE 0 (Howie 3, Hewitt, Duffy, Breslin, Brandon 2).

DIVISION II

AMAL. TOBACCO 4 (Garry 2, R. Sing, G. Sing), OLD LUTONIANS 2 (Anderson, Wilkins).
HORSESHOE ATH. 0, WEST PARK 3 (Toyer 2, McDonald).
SKEFKO ATH. 1, WARDEN HILL ATH. 1 (Milton).

DIVISION III

STREATLEY SPTS. 2 (Martin, Slough), CHALTON ROV. 3 (Steel 2, Ashby).
HARLINGTON 4 (Day, H. Woodbridge, Adams, Gilbert), ADAMANT ATH. 0.
PIONEER CORIN. 0, SUNDON ST. MARY'S 1 (Kum).
WALCOT ATH. 3 (Hawkes, Welch, Ray), BOYS' BRIGADE SNRS. 3.
ROYAL NAVAL ASSOC. 2, PERCIVAL ATH. 2 (Orpwood, Stevenson).
LUTON UTD. 5 (J. Marlow 2, Massingham, Smith, K. Marlow), LIMBURY O.B. 2 (Beasley, Rowe).
NAPIER SPTS. 0, BARTON ROV. 3 (Horsler 3).

DIVISION IV

LILLEY RANG. 2 (Johnson, Monk), HOCKLIFFE 3 (T. Wood, Millburn, Burgess).
WARDEN HILL ATH. 0, SUNDON PARK 3 (Meehan, Knappett, Anderson).
EATON BRAY RES. 4 (Lennon 2, Smith 2), BIDWELL 6 (Gower 3, Garwood, Jones, Brooks).
HEXTON 6 (Cole 4, Oliver, Summerfield), VILLA ROV. 1.
LUTON SOCIAL RES. 1 (Walker), OLD BEECHILLIANS 2 (Causer, Anderton).
CADDINGTON "B" 6 (Austin 3, Chamoken, Rackley, opponent), MILTON BRYAN 3.
LEA VALLEY 1 (Hale), KENSWORTH RES. 3.

Hockey

Margin Did Not Flatter O.D.s

Royal Dental Hospital 3, Old Dunstablians 5

Although Old Dunstablians' winning margin in this match was only two goals, it might easily have been many more, for they were undoubtedly the superior side.

In fact, the Hospital forwards had only three shots at goal, and found the back of the net each time.

The Old Boys, on the other hand, maintained a practically continuous bombardment on the Hospital goal, but were foiled time and again by the brilliance of the home goalkeeper.

The visiting wingers, Annese and Blake, gave their inside men good service, and from their centres NEIL netted four times and WATSON once.

Two young players introduced into the team, Hill and Watson, did very well, and with such promising material on hand the future of the club appears to be very bright.

Old Dunstablians II beat Tring 4—0.

Kent's Finishing Let Them Down

Kent's Ath. 1, Berkhamsted 3

In the first half of an evenly matched struggle, Kent's more than held their own, and gave as good a display of team-work as their visitors.

At half-time the score was 1—1, NIGHTINGALE having scored Kent's goal.

Berkhamsted were the more aggressive after the interval, and Kent's failed in their finishing. The visitors scored twice in this period, without reply, but, even so, Kent's had sufficient chances to have forced a draw.

Hard Fights In Junior Cup

Despite a freak result at Wilstead, where 15 goals were scored, most of the matches in the Bedfordshire Junior Cup were closely fought.

In the last 16, the southern end of the county has a strong representation.

Bells Park 3, Belle Vue Rangers 2
Vauxhall Motors 6, Limbury 2
Wrestlingworth 2, Southill and Broom 1
Electrolux 0, Langford 1
Ampthill 1, Husborne Crawley 3
Leighton Rangers 2, Sharnbrook 0
Clifton 1, Queen's Works 3
Stotfold 3, Shefford 1
Spandit Sports 1, Heath Utd 2
Flitton and Greenfield 3, Brown and Green 2
Woburn Sands 2, Bromham 1
Wilstead 10, Dulce and Eaton 5
R.A.F.A. 1, Leagrave B.L. 3
R.A. (Grange Camp) 1, Dagnall 3
Kensworth 4, Stillington 3

Golf

Winners Were From Dunstable

Dunstable Downs members were well to the fore in the Northants and Beds Alliance meeting on their course on Thursday.

In the morning round of 18 holes, four-ball bogey, G. M. Lyle (6) and W. G. O. Grant (18), Dunstable; C. S. Catlow (scr.) and H. Evans (18), Northampton; and J. Facer (14) and S. S. Field (+2), Dunstable, all finished three up.

Lyle and Grant were winners by virtue of the better last nine holes.

A. Attwood (7) and J. MacDonald (scr.), Dunstable won the 10 holes foursome bogey in the afternoon. They finished one up, and J. Facer and S. S. Field were all square.

A Tie In The South Beds Medal

In the monthly medal competition at South Beds on Saturday, L. G. Randall (+2) and J. A. Alcock (6) each returned 76. Randall was the winner on the odd holes.

J. W. Clarke (15) led the Second Division with 73 followed by L. W. Lake (17), 77, and R. Virgo (16), 78.

South Beds Ladies' Annual Meeting

Mrs. M. Crew was elected captain at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Section of South Beds Golf Club on Monday. Vice-captain is Mrs. H. A. Horsler, and Mrs. L. G. Randall and Mrs. J. E. Kay continue as secretary and treasurer respectively. This will be Mrs. Kay's 25th year as a committee member.

Those appointed to the committee were: Mrs. L. F. Hill, Mrs. G. H. Cleveley, Mrs. C. Strange, Mrs. P. Browning, Mrs. M. Aitken.

At the end of the meeting the following cup-holders of the year were presented with replicas:

Cook Charity Cup, Mrs. B. Adams; Lye Trophy, Mrs. L. G. Randall; Warren Trophy, Mrs. G. H. Cleveley; Keene Cup, Mrs. H. A. Horsler; Clark Trophy, Mrs. J. G. Robinson; Church Trophy, Mrs. C. Stranger; Giles Trophy, Mrs. T. T. Brown; Silver Division Trophy, Mrs. M. Crew; Bronze Division Trophy, Mrs. P. Browning; Godfrey Cup, Mrs. M. J. Aitken; Woods Foursomes, Mrs. M. Crew and Mrs. L. G. Randall.

Lucky Goal Beat The Reserves

Millwall Reserves 4, Luton Town Reserves 3.

Although they held the lead twice at The Den, on Saturday, the Town Reserves came away without a point and this was their third defeat in succession.

Which was less than they deserved, for they played the more attractive football and had rather more of the play.

Trouble was that although much of their work was clever, it was apt to be over-elaborate and, despite the fact that the forwards scored three times, other chances went astray.

Yet, there was a big element of misfortune about the way in which Millwall's winning goal came just before the end.

Hodgetts put in a shot that struck WILSON on the head and the ball rebounded into the net with Streten out of position.

The Town were a goal down in six minutes through JONES (L.), but KIERNAN put them level from Pemberton's pass and JINKS had the satisfaction of scoring against his former colleagues.

HODGETTS equalised before half-time, but KIERNAN regained the lead for the Town shortly after the re-start. Again Millwall reached equality through MONKHOUSE, and the game seemed to be running out into a draw when the lucky decider arrived.

Hall and Pemberton were the best of a Luton defence that had quite a lot of work from the Millwall forwards. Wilson and Lake were steady and Streten made several good saves, but Turner was below his recent form.

The Town's wingers, Stobbart and Glover worried the home defence a lot, with the former the more effective because he got the ball across more consistently.

Glover played some brilliant football, but was lacking in finish.

Showing improvement on his first display in the Reserves, Kiernan was the chief marksman and the hard-working Baxter was unlucky not to join him in the list of scorers. Jinks was always trying and achieved a fair measure of success.

MILLWALL RES: Brewer; Jardine, Lyons; Henshaw, Morton, Snowball; Hodgetts, Hurrell, Monkhouse, Jones (L.), Mansfield (R).

LUTON TOWN RES: Streten; Wilson, Lake; Turner, Hall, Pemberton; Stobbart, Kiernan, Jinks, Baxter, Glover.

Rugby

Luton's Backs Were Speedy

Old Verulamians 6, Luton 21

Conditions were not altogether favourable to open rugby on Saturday, but Luton's game at St. Albans was fought out at a very fast pace, and play was surprisingly open in the main.

Luton deserved their victory, and generally had the edge on their opponents.

Whitham (2) and Hewison scored tries in the first half, Lowther converting two of them. The home side reduced their arrears with a good try just before the interval.

On resuming, Old Verulamians attacked strongly, and scored their second and final try.

This did not deter Luton in the slightest, and depending on the speed of their back division, they returned to the offensive.

Stone touched down after Orton and Temple had spread-eagled the defence, and once again, Lowther converted. A determined run by Whitham, who scored wide out, completed Luton's tally.

LUTON: Lowther; Hawkes, Stone, Temple, Hewison; Orton, Davis; Hammond, Johnston, Whitham, Pooley, Skelton, Doel, Roberts, Skinner.

Much Improved Form By Luton "A"

Luton "A" Sptn, Old Verulamians "A" Sptn

Handling the ball with more confidence than usual, Luton "A" played a much improved game, though determined tackling is still required in the centre.

Good covering by Williams and Jones kept the visitors at bay, and the Luton pack always worked well together.

Thorne kicked a good penalty goal to open Luton's account, and in the second half, Railey touched down and Thorpe converted.

Old Verulamians' only points came when a defensive lapse allowed them to score a try late in the game.

Greyhound Racing

Runners And Selections For Luton On Saturday

6.30 (410yds)—25P Clonmore; 664 Mighty Atom; 5 Salad; 346 Silver King; 146 The Abbot; 551 Win's Boy. Reserve: 351 Ian's Pet.

6.50 (470yds) — 651 Brownie; 653 Carpenter; 59 Cherry Brandy; 654 Don't Argue; 246 Landlord; 562 Local Lad. Reserve: 446 Mofet's Mony.

7.10 (410yds)—164 Charmonte; 255 Clancy; 235 Phantom Breeze; 6 Referee (Oct. 14, tp 3, 24.73); Oct 18, tp 3, 24.79); 135 Rubber Band; The Ace (Nov 16, tp 2, 24.71; Nov 18, tp 1, 24.48). Reserve: 623 So Jolly.

7.30 (470yds)—314 Carol; 264 Dark Knight; 32 Gourmet; 33 Judy Gay; 226 Max Future; 312 Peggy. Reserve: 463 Rockafella.

7.50 (470yds) — 143 Charlie H; 21 Margaret's Pal; 411 No Bid; 311 Step Lightly; 354 The Clown; 632 Why Worry. Reserve: 21 Toby Gay.

8.10 (410yds)—35 Black Satin; 114 Fates Style; 332 Johnny D; 14 Lone Rider; 264 Malcolm; 522 Petty Officer. Reserve: 521 Norrington End.

8.30 (470yds)—333 Dark Weather; 145 Keen Boy; 423 Lazy Loafer; 663 Shaud Kid; 331 Snowy; 254 Snuff. Reserve: 225 House Warmer.

8.50 (410yds)—311 Biro; 311 Brown Bomber; 146 Marigold; 2 Noble Leo; 623 Playboy; 135 Speakeasy. Reserve: 1 Marwee.

SELECTIONS

6.30—Win's Boy (The Abbot, Silver King).
6.50—Local Lad (Landlord, Don't Argue).
7.10—Rubber Band (Charmonte, Clancy)
7.30—Max Future (nap) (Dark Knight, Carol).
7.50—Step Lightly (Margaret's Pal, Charlie H.).
8.10—Petty Officer (Johnny D, Lone Rider).
8.30—Snowy (Dark Weather, Snuff)
8.50—Biro (Speakeasy, Playboy).

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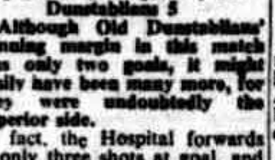

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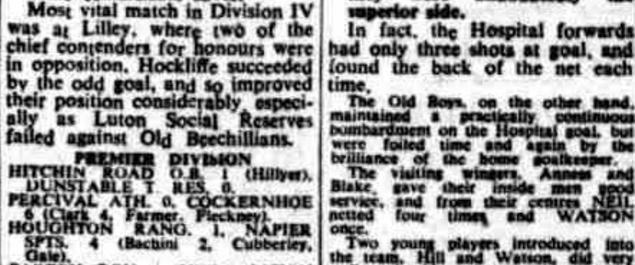

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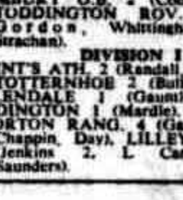

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