PEMBERTON GIVEN estimate the megnitude of the task that incex the team at Highfield-road on Saturday HIS FIRST CHANCE

After three years with the Town, Jim Pemberton gets his first chance in the League team on Saturday when he replaces Jack Taylor at inside-left for the visit to Coventry.

When the Town secured his transfer from Stourbridge, Birmingham League club, on November 27, 1947, he was a full-back, a position he occupied fairly regularly last season, but, this campaign, he has been holding down a place at left-half in the Reserve team.

Taylor's Omission

The Only Change

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to do full training.

Earlier in the sesson, he had a run at inside-left with the second string with encouraging results and is with this in view that the Town have come to the conclusion that he night solve the inside-left problem in the first team.

When he has appeared in attack he has shown constructive ideas the use of the bill and has shown up as a marksman on

This is an experiment that has under consideration for a week or two and Taylor's poor display against Cardiff has decided n management that the time is tipe to try it out

FOOTBALL LUTON TOWN F.C.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th TOWN RESERVES

BIRMINGHAM CITY RESERVES Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 2/-; Stand and Enclosure 1/6; Boys 1/-. Ground (under cover) 1/3; Ground (Kenilworth Road) 1/-; Boys 9d.

Coventry Are In The Promotion Hunt

COVENTRY, whose position this time last season was comparable with the one the Town find themselves in at the moment, have been sh ping like promotion candidates this season.

Although they have fallen away recently, they stand third in the

table, with an obvious chance of figuring in the promotion battle. The following Town team will

have to draw on all their reserves of fighting spirit in this match:
Hughes; Cooke, Aherne;
Morton, Owen, Watkins; Stob-bart, Shanks, Whent, Pember-

There Is A Doubt About Chisholm DESPITE their 2-0 defeat at they would be able to remain in

CAYLOR is rested and his Bramall-lane, Coventry are the Second Division next season unlikely to make any change un- to carry on their aim which had emission is the only change from last Saturday Havenga was less it is necessitated by iliness always been the building of a injured during the second half, bur has recovered and has been able This could be the case, for pesterday it was reported that the Scottish International, former Leicester City and Leeds United inside-left, Ken Chishelm, is ill and that final selection of the team is being delayed until definite news of his fitness can be obtained.

A BSENT from the meeting because of illness was the chair-Decision to retain Whent in the middle is wise, for last Saturday was the first time that he really seemed out of touch, for he did

well against Chesterfield and Grimsby and made the most of news of his fitness can be oblimited support at Birmingham. So in effect, the club maintain Otherwise the line-up is not expected to be changed, and the leftconfidence in the re-constructed cam which has gained four points

half, Simpson, is still on the inured list Probable team; out of the last eight and scored Wood: Timmins, Mason (R): Burratt, McDonnell, Cook; Warner Alu, Roberts, Chie

Only One Change Is club who died last week

What remains to be seen now is not been made, but the probability whether this average can be kept is that the only alteration will be up, and it will be extremely diffi- at left-balf where Smith will recult to do so in the next two place Pemberton. Probable team: Streten; Wilson, Lake; Turner, Hall, Smith; Glover. Klernan, Jinks, Paxter, Slatter. matches, both of which are away.

If the visits to Covertry and Brendord could yield two points than hope would be born anew. They can expect stiff oppositio from Birmingham Reserves, who Letchworth Town.
have improved considerably after the disappointing start to the is playing for Bedfordshire in the but no one will try to under-

An Appeal For More Tolerance

An appeal to some supporters to be more tolerant was made by the Town's vice-chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell at the general meet-ing of the club's shareholders

"I feel that some are not giving the players a fair crack of the whip, and if they would only cheer instead of jeering or staying away, they would do much to help us get out of this trouble," he said.

He added that if the club

could obtain reinforcements, this would de done, but the players were feeling their lack of success keenly, and were doing their utmost to improve the nosition.

A Warning Note At Shareholders' Meeting IN describing the balance sheet as probably the best that has ever been submitted by the Town F.C., the vice-chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, added a warning note at the shareholders' meeting on Turs-

'At the rate we are going this season, we are not going to be so well placed when the next balance sheet is presented," he said. He hoped that a change of for

tune would bring the people back to make the balance comparable with the one under review. That showed a profit on last year's working of £5,452. A Big Effort From

SIZE

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DEALING with the present League position, which he described as "unenviable," he said it was necessary for everybody con-All Is Necessary cerned, including supporters, to As last year's winner, G. Day,

make a tremendous effort during is not competing, the individual title will change hands.

"We have tried to do everything possible and shall continue to do so—that is the fixed determination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartlett will start the troubless. mination of the Board as a Sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the Board as a sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the sir Charles Bartiett will make mination of the sir Charles Bartiett will be sir Charles Bartiett w He hoped they would get out afterwards.

Cupholders Knocked Out

carly stages.

Good foraging by Ingle, who crossed the ball to SHARP opened Vauxhall's account.

Before half-time Shefford equalised through REVELS.

The second half opened rather scrappily, with weak shooting by both sets of forwards. However, things improved when INGLE sent in an accurate twenty yard drive, that beat Dalrymple.

Reserves'

Producing one of their best displays of the season for their must difficult encounter with the Comblection leaders, Arsenal, at Highbury, the Town Reserves were full value for their point. Had they won, it would have seen no more than they deserved and they would have done so had there been a little more steadiness in the finishing.

Part of the secret of success wa the fine service given to the for-wards by the wing halves, Turner and Pemberton. With the bali coming their way often, Glover and Kiernan showed much clever-ness on the right-wing and the quantity of the football shows by the Fown was ahead of that of

Turner and probably his most effective game so far because he combined with his brilliance in attack, strength in tacating and with Pemberton revealing the same ability and Hall outstanding in the middle, the Town were able to check most of the Arsenal raids.

Wilson and Lake were steady Wilson and Lake were steady

full-back and Streten was seldom in trouble. Arsenal's only ABSENT from the meeting be- goal came when OAKES headed man. Mr. Charles Jeyes, to whom wiped out the lead which KIER-wishes for a speedy recovery were NAN had given the Town, also with a header, nine minutes earlier Other than the Directors, only and shortly after the start of the one shareholder was present, and second half

Town's way, and Jinks and Baxter both should have put the Town stood in silence as a mark of ahead again respect to the late Mr. Harry Baxter and Baxter and Statter formed quite Smart, a former director of the a promising wing and both let the ball do more of the work than

ARSENAL RES. Dunk ey bennall, Wade; Wills, Daniel

Misgivings Increased South Midlands By This Town Display Bletchley's

LUTON TOWN 1 CARDIFF CITY ... 1 A few more displays like this and the Town will find themselves in a position from which there is no

Granted they gained one point, and could have had both if they had shown more enterprise in attack. but, as a whole, the match merely increased misgivings about the future.

It was as well for them that Cardiff showed few ideas

about goal-scoring, otherwise there might have been an even more sorrowful tale to tell.

The chief Town weakness lay been up to standard, the line rowly a hard-fought match with have scored sufficient goals well as to give promise of making for a good win.

Cardiff as easy victims as were Grimsby, but the early lustre soon wore off and a very tarnished machine was left.

Vauxhall Motors won narrowly a hard-fought match with Peartree Old Boys, but Hitchin Road O.B. dropped home points to Arlesey, and have dropped to the haifway mark in the table over Joslin's head to give the Town the lead was a splendid

wore off and a very tarnished machine was left.

Taylor had a most unenviable game, for he did little right from start to finish, and Whent, though he had few opportunities, never showed the promise of his first two appearances as leader.

For one thing, he seemed most disinctined to retain possession of the healt and some of his attempts to find his wingers were very wide of the mark.

Shasks did well enough, especially in the first half when he was unlucky not to score, and was the best of the inside trio, but there is a need in this line for an inside forward to act as a schemer and to direct the attack.

In addition to that, there was a distinct lack of anticipation of the next move by the majority of the forwards and not sufficient use was made of the open spaces.

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about last Saturday's display.

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Likely In Reserves

sustained to the end, and he sustained to the end, and he result that they were more direct some reason, after he had demonstrated in football," said the seen more of the ball, but, for some reason, after he had demonstrated in the early stages that he vice-chairman, referring to the fact who led the line with plenty of enthusiasm, but he was out of enthusiasm, but he was out of luck with his shooting.

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Cheonall, Wade; Wills, Daniel gave a hard-battling performance working and quite successful with standard, and there were few out ever looking as dominant as really dangerous moves by either actually achieved, for he found LUT()N TOWN RES.: Stretch.

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Sherwood a big obstacle and took be too long in getting the ball the ball into the full-back too to their forwards.

Welson, Leke; Turner, Hali, Penn-the ball into the full-back too to their forwards. Strangely uncertain, especially when the ball was on the ground Still, had Taylor and Whent was Owen, whose liking for passing back to Hughes nearly caused the downfall of the goal in the first half.

Despite some fumbling on occa- attacks before they reached scorsions, Hughes did nothing to harm his reputation, though he did not get a good length in his kicking which sometimes meant that the ball came back quickly.

A minute from time, however PRATT saw a chance and accepted it.

LUTON TOWN: Hughes; Cooke, Aherne: Morton, Owen, Watkins: Stobbart, Shanks, Whent Tsylor (J.), Havenga.
CARDIFF CITY: Joslin; Rutter, Sherwood; Hollyman.

Referee: N. C. Taylor, West-bury. Attendance: 13.062.

Team Won Of the 13 matches played in se billiards and snooker sec-

tions of Luton and District Clubs' League, only one was won by a home team,

TREATLEY SPORTS 3 (Stillyard, Smith, Edwards), ADAMANT ATH

COST)
VAPIER SPORTS "A" 9 (Hodge 4. Luton Cons 3. Leagrave Legion Vauxhail 2. High Town 2. Luton Labour 1. Beech Hill 3. Luton Labour 1. Luton Social P. W.D. L.

DIVISION II High Town 1, Luton Labour Leagrave Legion 2, Percival Beech Hill 2, Davis "A" 2 Davis "B" 0, Luton Coms 4

Town

match that Luton were sure of two Metropolitan League points, RONSON and TAYLOR (A.) scored their first-half goals, and Only One Home in this period Luton were so strong that Stibbards, their goal-keeper, did not touch the ball until towards half-time. Two quick breaksaway ry Chipperfield brought them two gouls — SMITH and BOOTH

Rivals Can

Hope Anew

There was something of a shock for the unheaten leaders of the South Mildlands League, Bletchley Town, on Saturday. Meeting lowly-placed Kempston Rovers, their defence which had conceded an average of only a goal a match previously, was beaten four times.

However, to the rescue came the forwards, who scored six goals.

Vauxhall Motors won nar

registered by a Luton team, Kent's Athletic, who reached double figures against Bedford Town "A." and kept them-sitives in fourth place in Divi-

A Point-Saver

the Amateur a deserved Spartar League point on Saturday.

Play was not of a very high

way through the second half, when DAWES succeeded for the

More Points

For Town "A"

Chipperfield 2, Luton Tn. "A" 5
Aithough the Town "A" held
a two-goal lead at the interval,
Chipperfield frew level in the
second half, and it was not

Visitors.

coring. Luton took up the running again, and though they met with sterner resistance, they took the lead again through BENNETT Chipperfield's forwards were rarely in the picture again after this and Luton increased their lead

"A" 2 by a home "own goal" and Labour JONES, who scored in the stroke of time. Were Always

In Command Bedfordshire 5, Cambridgeshire 6

Redfordshire were too strong Cambridgeshire in their County Youth Championship match at Bedford, and dictated play from the start. EMERY gave them an early lead, and before the interval he

had completed his "hat-trick." Within a minute of the re-start, DEVLIN scored from 30 yards to give Bedfordshire a secure lead. The home team continued to

worry the Cambridge defence, and in one of their raids, WETHERALL was harassed into A few minutes from the end

Cambridgeshire lost a player through injury. Bedfordshire had already eased up, though, and they did not take advantage of the visitors' deficit. Results In Luton

Cupholders Knocked Out

Saefford 1, Vanshall Motors 4

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Lest essens Shefford des fanded Vanshall in the sensor of the uniforms of the pitches and long of the sensor of the uniforms of the pitches and long of the Beds Senible Cup, received fine and article to the best of their opportunity and standard the Beds Senible Cup, and Gemmell, the United String in Division III, Challon Rovers, and String of the Beds Senible Cup, and Gemmell, the United String in Division III, Challon Rovers, and String of the Beds Senible Cup, and Gemmell, the United String in Division III, Challon Rovers, and String of the Beds Senible Cup, and Gemmell, the String of the Beds Senible Cup, and String of the Beds String of the String of the Beds String of the String of the Beds S

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Vauxhall Include

A Newcomer

fordshire at Biggleswade.

In his piace at inside-right will be Todd, who appeared for the Town "A" early in the season. Only other change is at left-back.

where Smith, fit again, returns in place of Gobby. Team:
S. Cuilis: J. Gemmell, D. Smith: H. Marriott, J. Morris. R. Lloyd: R. Chapper, J. Todd. L. Galloway, K. Sharp.

More Changes By

Hitchin Road O.B.

HITCHIN ROAD O.B., who

round by Arlescy Town last

saturday, are making sweeping changes again for their visit to

ream—R Tottingham; J Buc-gess, T Kiiby; D Scales, A Strapp, A Brown; D Strapp, R Bryant, J Nelson, N Ander-

Bavister Gets A

1st XV Chance

AN injury to Wood forces Old

Team - Smith; Chalkley.

55 In Cross-Country

Championships

FIVE teams, Bedford (holders), R.A.F. (Henlow), Vauxhall

Motors, SKF and Luton United

son, R Curson.

at centre.

were beaten on their home

E. James.

AFTER a fortnight of cup fighting, Vauxhall Motors return to their Spartan League programme on Saturday, when they have a home match with berton: Glover, Kiernan, Jinks often. Baxter, Slatter Stil

Cockernhoe Take On Role Southern Counties Amateur Championship match with Hert-

Of Giant-Killers Again The first defeat for the leaders and the first victory for the bottom club were the main features of the matches in the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League on Saturday,

Luton Co-op went under to Cockernhoe, who are assuming the role of giant-killers this season, but retain the lead. At the other end of the scale, Houghton Rangers at last achieved a win when Houghton Rangers a they scored the only goal against Luton Crusaders, who now share last place with them.

Award of two points to Luton Co-op, for their unplayed game with Shillington, has affected the League table since last week, but Shillington kept themselves in the championship picture by accounting for Eaton Bray, who are lying second.

Other team in the limelight are Hayward-Tyler, who occupy third place, and Cockernhoe may have to be reckoned with if they can produce last Saturday's form more consistently.

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GLENDALE 4 (Wells 2, Gauntlett, B Lighthoot), LUTON OLD BOYS 1 (Hoye) NORTON RANGERS 0, LUTON CHAULE ND ATH 1 (Harris), STOPS-LEY 4 (Pagh 2, Davie, Gibba) FARLEY RANGERS 0, LAPORTE 3 (Howie 3) CRAIG ATH 1 (Aylrsbury), HEATH UTD 2 (A Baines, Walduck) SPANDIT SPORTS 2 (Chamberlain, Jones), COCKERNHOE 0 DIVISION II AVONDALE ATH 4 (R. Peel 2, R. Peel, Tommery), KENSWORTH 1 (Ellingham), LIMBURY 2 (Skinner 2) Vauxhall 0, Highting the produce last Saturday's form more consistently.

Fligh-scoring seems to be the value in the matches in which Luton Brewerv are concerned, and although they scored four times against Limbury O.B., where the content of the content of the content of the concerned of the concerne Although the leading teams in Division I, Totternhoe and Luton

Division I, Totternhoe and Luton
Social, both had hard struggles, they finished up on the right side to continue their desperate fight for the lead which Totternhoe hold by the narrow margin of one point.

Team to watch here are Stops-less who easily disposed of Chaules.

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Total Totternhoe and Luton

JONEER CORINTHIANS 1 (Pudde-nhatt) and Luton Coms "B"

Luton Coms "B"

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Luton Coms "B"

Luton Labour "A"

Vauxhall

Leagrave Lesion

Beach Hill "A"

Luton Coms "B"

Luton Labour "A"

Vauxhall

Leagrave Lesion

Shooker

Team to watch here are Stops-less who easily disposed of Chaules.

R Rock, PERCIVAL ATH 1 (Nor-norm)

SNOOKER Thorpe, Bavister, Hine; Con-nors, Major; Shepherd Mac-Donald, Adkins, Heanne, Fen-some, Packwood, Iroamonger,

Team to watch here are Stops-ley, who easily disposed of Chaul End Athletic, who produced a shock the previous week in beat-ing Luton Social.

Making up leavey in Division
II are unbeaten Avondule
Athletic. They had another
comfortable win and now take
over second place to Leagrave
B.L.
The latter, after a long run of
success, dropped a home point
rather unexpectedly to Warden
Hill.

DIVISION IV
LILLEY RANGER'S 4 (Atkinson, Jenkins. Immey 2), SUNDON PARK 2
(Knappett 2)
(Knappett 2)
(Knappett 2)
(Knappett 3)
(Knappett

The only goal scored gave
R.A.F. two points from their encounter with Bells Park, and they
are third in the table.

The match in which Luton
United, the only other unbeaten
ream in the League was concerned
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