Five Points For Town

FIRST 'DOUBLE' TAKES THEM AWAY FROM BOTTOM PLACE

By Chiltern

Although an uphill fight still faces the Town, hopes that they will avoid relegation made an upward surge over the holidays when the team collected five points out of six and took themselves away from the unenviable bottom position which they have occupied so long this season.

They began none too brightly by dropping a home point to Blackburn Rovers, but they made up for this amply by registering their first away win of the season at Swansea on Christmas Day and completing their first double the following day.

Man who stole much of the limelight was nippy South African winger, Billy Havenga, who scored four of the six goals obtained in the three matches and, on Boxing Day, completed a fine hat-trick.

Swansea were beaten twice, despite the absence of Billy Cooke, who fractured a wrist against Blackburn, and newcomer Pat McAuley, who had to stand down because of an ankle injury.

Davie's Late Goal Saved A Point

Luton Town 1, Blackburn R. 1

A goal scored by Davie, his first since joining the club, six minutes from the end of this match at Kenilworth-road on Saturday, saved the Town a point just when the Rovers appeared set for a lucky victory.

On a bone-hard ground which was most treacherous in places, the Town played the better football and always looked more like the top of the table team than did Blackburn.

Operating on the better going at the Kenilworth-road end in the first half, the Town forwards looked a live, potent force, but they just could not get the goals which their approach work deserved.

Rovers seldom looked dangerous in attack, yet they took the lead after 24 minutes in what was almost their only serious raid of the first half.

GRAHAM was the scorer when he hooked a pass from Wharton past Streten from close range to give Rovers a surprise lead.

As the second-half wore on, Blackburn were forced back completely on to the defensive, with even Owen going up to help drive home the attack.

However despite the pressure, it looked as if Rovers would survive until Stobbart veered out to 'the right wing and made a perfect centre.

Right on the spot was DAVIE and he carefully steered the ball wide of Patterson with his head to score a very neat goal and to cause cheering and sighs of relief all around the ground.

Davie made an excellent impression both by his cleverness and by the speed he showed in going through with the ball.

He has brought added craft and punch to the line which, in this match, again showed a tendency to fail to round off attacks.

There were few chances for Stobbart, who was most dangerous when he moved out to the wings, a move of which the fullest use was not made, for often no forward switched into the middle for the centre.

Still, the Town attack was better balanced than that of the Rovers' and both Glover and Havenga showed cleverness in approach, though they did not always bring their work to a successful conclusion. Shanks was a hard worker and was not very lucky with his shooting.

McAuley had a very creditable first outing in the team, and he demonstrated that the Town have acquired a class player who seldom wastes a ball. His distribution was brilliant, and he was very strong in the tackle, too.

The defence, as a whole, was sound, with Cooke and Aherne showing good positional sense and strength and accuracy in the tackle. Cooke met with his injury in the first half, but played on pluckily under a considerable handicap.

Owen had the measure of Graham almost throughout and Morton was rugged in defence, but his work in attack suffered by comparison with that of McAuley.

Streten had a comparatively quiet day, but his clearance kicking was again a marked and useful feature of his play.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Morton, Owen, McAuley; Glover, Shanks, Stobbart, Davie, Havenga.

BLACKBURN ROVERS: Patterson; Suart, Higgins; Campbell, Holt, Bell; Wharton, Crossan, Graham, Todd, Fenton.

Referee: G. Pankhurst, Warwick.

Attendance: 11,631.

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Teamwork A Vital Factor At Swansea

Swansea Town 0, Luton Town 2

In opening their away winning account at Vetch Field on Christmas Day, the Town gave a hard-fighting, cohesive display against a Swansea team that badly missed the guiding genius of Welsh international, Billy Lucas.

In his place at right-half, the Welsh club experimented with former Aston Villa centre-forward, Howarth, but this was a dismal failure, due mainly to the work of Davie.

The Scot was again in grand form and most danger came from this quarter. HAVENGA gave the Town the lead in four minutes, when he collected a loose ball inside the penalty area and unleashed a low shot that sped out of Parry's reach.

When, with the game only 10 minutes old, Owen was carried off after receiving a kick under the knee, the Town's hopes dropped, but they weathered the storm until Owen returned after 10 minutes absence.

The injury proved to be a kick on a nerve and he recovered so completely that he was able to take over again at centre-half, much to the Town's relief.

DEFENCE WAS SOUND

Swansea had quite as much of the play as the Town, but they never moved so fluently and although they tried direct methods, they were doomed to failure against a Town defence which revealed no weakness.

Although their advantage was so narrow, the Town went along in assured style. There were one or two anxious moments, and Streten made two brilliant saves, but, for all that, it was seldom that Swansea looked likely to rescue a point.

It was not until the last minute of the game that the Town's second goal arrived. Again, Havenga played a major role in the scoring of it, for it was from his cross that SHANKS met the ball first time and steered it past Parry.

Teamwork had a lot to do with the success of the Town, and Wilson came in at right-back as Cooke's deputy and put up a splendid performance against the more dangerous home wing.

He kept Beech (C) very quiet and with Morton keeping a close grip on Allchurch, who was often forced to take the ball across the field, the Swansea attack was ragged.

AHERNE WAS ON TOP

Their difficulties were increased by the fact that O'Driscoll could make nothing of his fellow Eire international, Aherne, and was blotted right out of the game.

After his lay-off through injury, Watkins took time to settle down but he played a "blinder" in the second half, while Owen was the master of the situation throughout.

In fact, Richards had scarcely a single chance of adding to his tally of goals, and Owen was a dominant figure in the centre of the field.

Kiley did well for Swansea, too, and Stobbart had rather a lean time and it was not until he began switching to the wing in the second half that he really came into the picture.

Glover and Shanks formed a dangerous wing and there was much more smoothness about the Town attack than that of Swansea.

Davie was the chief prompter and although Havenga had a somewhat quiet game, generally, he was the man who made the goals possible, and that was sufficient to earn him full marks.

SWANSEA TOWN: Parry; Roberts, Beech (G); Howarth, Kiley, Williams; O'Driscoll, Thomas, Richards, Allchurch, Beech (C).

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Wilson, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Glover, Shanks, Stobbart, Davie, Havenga.

Referee: A. W. Smith, Aldershot.

Attendance: 18,000.

All Goals In Second Half

Vauxhall Motors 3, Berkhamsted 2

Vauxhall opened their holiday programme by collecting two useful Spartan League points from Berkhamsted at Kimpton-road.

There was no doubting their superiority, though credit is due to the Berkhamsted forwards, who only had two chances—and accepted them both.

Pressing heavily from the start, the Motors looked all set for a runaway win, when, in the first half, Morgan, Ingle and Todd all forced their way right through the defence, only to be foiled by Berkhamsted's goalkeeper Parkin, who was in top form.

Half-time came with no score, but mid-way through the second half CHAPPIN received the ball from Morgan, and drove it into the net.

SHARP increased their lead with a 20 yards pile-driver, but STEVENS reduced the visitors' arrears during a breakaway.

INGLE (Vauxhall) and LEWIS (Berkhamsted) scored before the end.

FRIENDLY MATCH

Biggleswade 6, Vauxhall Motors 3

Willie Davie, who played finely during the holiday matches, goes up high to head goalwards from a corner against Swansea on Boxing Day.

Havenga's Shots Tipped The Scales Luton's Way

Luton Town 3, Swansea Town 1

Before the Town finally made certain of the points at Kenilworth-road on Tuesday, they had some distinctly uneasy moments.

Most of these came in the first half, when Swansea had a great deal of the play and more scoring chances than did the Town.

Yet it was Luton who held the lead at the interval, through a goal scored by HAVENGA after 15 minutes.

Leading up to this was a run and centre by Glover which threw the visitors' defence into confusion and a couple of shots were beaten out before Havenga saw his chance and rammed the ball into the net.

Had Swansea been ahead at the end of the first half, the Town could scarcely have quibbled, for

Billy Havenga

the Welsh forwards were frequently dangerous and the Town were lucky to escape when Richards headed the ball against the bar with Streten beaten.

There were strong claims for a penalty for hands by Owen when Richards looked a certain scorer, but Streten emerged with the ball and the referee waved on play. Richards failed again from close range and Thomas failed to make use of quite an easy chance.

In fact, right throughout the first half the Town were struggling to hold that narrow lead, but hold it they did and they might have increased it considerably in a few hectic minutes at the start of the second half.

STRUCK THE BAR TWICE

First, Davie went through from a grand pass by Stobbart, but overran the ball just enough for Parry to snatch it away from him and then Shanks and Stobbart both hit the bar.

There was more assurance about the Town this half, especially in defence, which gave Swansea less time to develop their movements, but for all that, there were some thrills at the Town end, especially when Streten dropped the ball following a corner, but recovered magnificently to scoop it up off the line.

It looked as if the match had been clinched when HAVENGA stopped the run of penalty failures by scoring from the spot following hands by Kiley 20 minutes from the end.

There had to be some readjustment of ideas, however, when HOWARTH, who had changed places with Thomas, reduced Swansea's arrears with a shot from 20 yards.

The uncertainty did not last long, though, for with ten minutes left, HAVENGA completed a "hat-trick" and put the Town in a position of safety.

HAVENGA'S MATCH

This will go down as Havenga's match and he deserved his success for his willingness to have a crack at goal whenever the opportunity occurred. He was always on the spot when necessary and it is a long time since the Town had a winger showing such marksmanship.

Man who took the eye even more, though, was Davie, who has quickly become a prime favourite with the crowd and has settled down amazingly quickly to English football.

He was the mainspring of the front line and with Havenga formed a most menacing wing.

Shanks contributed much hard and valuable work but Glover fell back into his old habit of holding up the attack, especially in the second half, when he failed to get the ball across consistently.

Stobbart seldom got out of Kiley's grip and there was not a lot of punch down the middle.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Wilson, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Glover, Shanks, Stobbart, Davie, Havenga.

SWANSEA TOWN: Parry; Roberts, Beech (G); Weston, Kiley, Williams; Howarth, Thomas, Richards, Allchurch, Beech (C).

Referee: A. W. Smith, Aldershot.

Attendance: 17,245.

Following Favourites Showed A Good Return At Luton

Followers of favourites had quite a happy time at Luton Stadium on Boxing Day, when winning prices were low.

Trap 6 provided four winners and numbers 1 and 3 drew blanks.

I (410yds).—1 NEAPOLITAN (6), 2 Half-Pint (1), 3 Win's Boy (4), 4 Thelma (5). 5 Plain Jane (2). 6 Marcus (3). 2½, 1, 3, 1, 4. 25.16. Off 11.06.

Betting: 9-4 Half-Pint, 4 NEAPOLITAN, Plain Jane, Marcus, Win's Boy, 10 Thelma. Forecast £1/10/6.

II (470yds).—1 COMUS (6), 2 Double Decker (5), 3 Wild Honey (2), 4 Fascination (1) reserve, 5 Smartly Girl (4), 6 Local Lad (3). 2½, 2, 1, 1, 12. 28.98. Non-runner, No Limit (1). Off 11.25.

Betting: 1 COMUS, Wild Honey, 7-2 Smartly Girl, 4 Fascination, 5 others. Forecast £2/5/6.

III (410yds).—1 DANILLO (2), 2 Snowey (6), 3 City Lights (5), 4 I Wonder (3), 5 Watling Street (1) reserve, 6 Panda (4). 2, 5, 2, 5, ½. 25.16. Non-runner, The Ace (1). Off 11.45.

Betting: 7-4 DANILLO, 3 City Lights, 5 I Wonder, 6 Snowey, Watling Street, 7 Panda. Forecast £1/5/6.

IV (470yds).—1 SPORTING EXPRESS (2), 2 Rosy Apple (6), 3 Terry's Pal (1), 4 Judy Gay (3), 5 Recorder (4), 6 Destiny (5). 8, 1, 6, 1, 1. 27.81. Off 12.04.

Betting: Evens SPORTING EXPRESS, 3 Rosy Apple, 6 Terry's Pal, Judy Gay, 7 Destiny, 10 Recorder. Forecast 14/3.

V (410yds).—1 KELLING (6), 2 Rockafella (4), 3 Johnny D (2). 2½, ½. 28.23. Non-runners, Engaged (1), The Clown (3), Lone Boy (5). Off 12.23.

Betting: 8-13 KELLING, 7-4 Johnny D, 4 Rockafella. Forecast 7/3.

VI (410yds).—1 MUCH MELODY (5) reserve, 2 Tracker (6), 3 Harvest King (1), 4 Tony (2), 5 Partition (3), 6 Wally's Pup (4). Hd, 2, 1, 3, 3. 24.92. Non-runner, Showers (5). Off 12.43.

Betting: 9-4 Partition, 5-2 MUCH MELODY, 4 Tony, 5 Tracker, 6 Wally's Pup, 7 Harvest King. Forecast £1/1/9.

VII (470yds).—1 DARK KNIGHT (6), 2 Toby Gay (3) reserve, 3 Charmoose (2), 4 McGrane's Wish (1), 5 Oliver Twist (5). ½, nk, 3, dist. 29.00. Non-runners, Suzanne (1), Ardoncaus (4). Off 1.03.

Betting: 2 DARK KNIGHT, 3 Charmoose, 7-2 Oliver Twist, 4 McGrane's Wish, 6 Toby Gay. Forecast £1/9/3.

VIII (410yds).—1 CLANCY (6), 2 Margaret's Pal (3), 3 No Bid (6), 4 Royal Flush (5), 5 Curly O'Connor (2), 6 Mac Silver (1). ½, nk, 2, 1, 10. 24.98. Off 1.23.

Betting: 5-2 Royal Flush, 3 No Bid, 7-2 CLANCY, 4 Curly O'Connor, Margaret's Pal, 8 Mac Silver. Forecast £3/19/3.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR TO-MORROW

6.30 (410yds).—43 Duke, 66 Ethern Time, 435 Little Sally, 521 Popoff, 656 Salome, 643 Speakeasy. Reserve, 536 Desert Rat.

6.50 (470yds).—565 Cherry Brandy, 662 Cumbrian, 324 Dusty, 352 House Warner, 145 Ian's Pet, 441 Mighty Atom. Reserve, 231 Carpenter.

7.10 (410yds).—Flying Saucer (Nov 30, tp 2, 24.86, Dec 2, tp 5, 26.58), 52 Good Corona, 353 Harvest King, 445 Malcolm, 223 Robby, Sam's Song (Nov 30, tp 5, 24.44, Dec 20, tp 1, 24.55). Reserve, 426 Wally's Pup.

7.30 (470yds).—246 Ella's Joy, 525 Hair Clip, 336 Jack Mack, 462 Molet's Mony, 435 Silver Wing, 521 The Abbot. Reserve, 231 Lazy Loafer.

7.50 (410yds).—131 Kelling, 1 Mexico (Nov 18, tp 4, 24.22, Nov 22, tp 4, 24.25), 521 Much Melody, 131 Nottrington End, 5 Seagull, 124 Sweet Sue.

8.10 (470yds).—346 Bright Hour, 221 Ginger, 523 Johnny D, 351 Midnight Star, 622 Rosy Apple, 324 So Jolly. Reserve, 515 Muriel.

8.30 (470yds).—445 Hurry-Hurry, 356 Magpie, 152 Margaret's Pal, 341 Pack, 344 Sad Sack, 662 Toby Gay. Reserve, 333 Charmonte.

8.50 (410yds).—142 Big Game, 153 Lone Eagle, 354 Marigold, 154 No Limit, 214 Our Alice, 3 Sister Mary. Reserve, 624 Mr. Woo.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Popoff (Duke, Salome)
6.50 House Warner (Ian's Pet, Dusty)
7.10 Good Corona (Sam's Song, Robby)
7.30 The Abbot (Molet's Mony, Jack Mack)
7.50 Mexico (nap) (Much Melody, Sweet Sue)
8.10 Bright Hour (Ginger, Johnny D)
8.30 Toby Gay (Pack, Margaret's Pal)
8.50 No Limit (Big Game, Lone Eagle)

Reserves Came Through Without Defeat, Too

Although they gained one point less than their seniors, the Reserves also went through the holiday without defeat.

Their best performance was in winning at Coventry and thus avenged an earlier defeat at Kenilworth-road, but they also did extremely well to hold Fulham at Craven Cottage on Tuesday.

Whent Scored The Winner

Coventry Res. 1, Luton Res. 2

The Town Reserves' good win over Coventry on Saturday could be attributed, in the main, to sound defensive play.

Hall had a very good game, and kept Hart so subdued that he saw little of the ball. The rest of the defence backed up well, and Pemberton was always in the thick of things.

The forwards worked hard, and were always ready for a shot at goal.

JINKS scored their first goal when he headed in from point-blank range ten minutes before the interval.

Coventry resumed in determined style, and but for bad finishing would probably have equalised before they did. As it was, there was only eight minutes left for play when LAKE headed into his own goal while trying to intercept a centre by Cook.

Luton staged an all-out attack in the closing minutes in an attempt to snatch the winning goal, and three minuets from time WHENT beat Mason cleverly to score.

Whent was the most dangerous Town forward, and was well supported by Jinks and Taylor (J.).

COVENTRY RES.: Taylor; Quinney, Bell; Snape, Mason (G), Cook; Lewis, Jamieson, Hart, Hill, Shaw.

LUTON TOWN RES.: Stibbards; Wilson, Lake; Turner, Hall, Pemberton; Lawton, Jinks, Whent, Taylor (J), Taylor (A).

After the interval, Lawton and Jinks were both unlucky not to score before the penalty incident, and immediately after it, Jinks hit the post with a crashing drive.

Stibbards played well in goal, and Hall blocked the middle quite effectively.

Whent and Jinks were the most dangerous Town forwards, and Lawton, from the right wing, put over some useful centres. Slatter, however, had a none-too-happy afternoon.

LUTON TOWN RESERVES: Stibbards; Dunne, Lake; Turner, Hall, Pemberton; Lawton, Jinks, Whent, Taylor (J.), Slatter.

READING RESERVES: Marks; Barton, Reeves; Smith, Livingstone, Cryle; Parquhar, Hutton, Brown, Brooks, Parker.

Reading Player Was Sent Off

Luton T. Res. 1, Reading Res. 1

Climax to the Town Reserves' Christmas Day encounter with Reading was one of the most hectic scenes ever seen at Kenilworth-road, following the referee's decision to award a penalty to Luton.

TAYLOR (J.) scored from the spot, and put them on level terms, for PARKER had scored for Reading in the first half.

Before he took the kick, however, there was a mass appeal by Reading, and when the referee stuck to his decision, Brown, the visiting centre-forward, kicked the ball away and appealed to the linesman.

Eventually the referee ordered him to leave the field, and there was an extremely tense atmosphere as Taylor took the kick.

After this Reading held out, although a man short, and still managed to command a good deal of play.

The first half had been nearly all Reading attacks, and it was no surprise when they went in front in the 28th minute.

A Point From The "Cottage"

Fulham Reserves 1, Luton Town Reserves 1.

With a little more finishing power and with a kinder run of the ball in front of goal, the Town would have taken both points from Fulham at Craven Cottage on Boxing Day.

Despite changes due to injuries, the Town were the better-balanced side and played better football than their opponents.

Best of their forwards were the wingers, Lawton and Gardiner, both occupying positions other than the ones they take usually, and there was quite a good service from them.

However, although WHENT put the Town ahead after 35 minutes, he was mainly held and Taylor was not much in the picture either.

The defence was strong with Hall again a commanding figure, but poor covering following an indirect free-kick led to the equaliser which came just before half-time.

Scorer was BEWLEY, who had switched to outside-right previously because of injury. In the second half, the Town had more of the play, but although there were several scrimmages in front of the Fulham goal, they could not snatch the winner.

FULHAM RES.: Sinclair; Freeman, Fox; Wilson, Dodgin, Smith; Hinshelwood, Golden, Dwight, Bewley, Chamberlain.

LUTON TOWN RES.: Stibbards; Lake, Pemberton; Turner, Hall, Aherne (W); Lawton, Jinks, Whent, Taylor (J), Gardiner.

Leaders Were Hit For "Six"

Luton Amateur 6, Wembley 0.

A slippery, treacherous pitch made little difference to the Amateurs' goal-hungry forwards on Saturday, when they entertained Wembley, leaders of their Division, in the Spartan League.

They maintained an almost constant barrage on the visitors' goal and scored three times in each half.

Three players, HUNT, WARD and WILLIAMS shared the goals equally.

Hunt opened their account after 10 minutes and from that point Wembley were fighting a losing battle.

Tatum, although not among the scorers played very well on the right wing and kept his inside men well supplied with accurate passes.

Surprises For Two Leading Lights

Although the Luton and South Beds League programme was much curtailed, there were a couple of surprise results.

One was in the Premier Division, where Eaton Bray, who led the way for a time, dropped a home point to lowly Limbury O.B.

In Division I, Luton Social, who, along with Totternhoe, are favourites for the title, were beaten by Kent's Athletic.

PREMIER DIVISION

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Town Are Hard Hit By Injuries

The Christmas programme brought the Town success but it brought with it an aftermath in the shape of injuries that has made team selection for the match at Southampton to-morrow an impossibility so far.

Final reckoning will come later to-day when the manager will have before him the latest medical reports and, from the look of things yesterday, may be hard pressed to find three teams.

There was some measure of doubt yesterday about whether three members of the team that beat Swansea on Tuesday will be able to turn out at The Dell.

Billy Havenga had an x-ray examination yesterday of the wrist he injured at Swansea and has also been having treatment for knee trouble.

Then, Jimmy Wilson, who played under the handicap of bruised ribs on Tuesday, has also been x-rayed and results of this were being awaited yesterday. There are hopes that both will be available.

Davie Ill In Bed Yesterday

TO make matters worse, Willie Davie was ill yesterday and had to remain in bed, but, here again, the Town are hoping against hope that he will be able to play.

In addition, some doubt remains about when Billy Cooke will be able to turn out again.

His wrist is in plaster, but bearing in mind the fact that Jackie Milburn, of Newcastle United and Maurice Tadman, of Plymouth Argyle, both played in lightweight plasters after fracturing bones in their wrists, it may be that Cooke will be able to do the same.

If there is a possible chance of doing so, then Cooke will be ready and, in fact, he was going to play at Swansea until Sunday morning when he had to return to hospital for a further examination.

McAuley Likely To Miss The Match

IT is almost certain that Pat McAuley will not be in tomorrow's line-up. His sprained ankle is still puffed up and he will probably need a further week's rest before he has recovered completely.

That he should be laid aside so soon after signing has been a

Pat McAuley

bad blow to the Town, alleviated to a considerable extent by the bright form of Charlie Watkins.

In fact, the Town will be faced with a problem when McAuley is ready to return.

Leslie Lake has also been ill this week, but is expected to be available for to-morrow, but Seamus Dunne had to remain in bed yesterday, and Ray Smith is still on the injured list.

Wyldes Re-starts Training To-day

WHICH just about completes the telling of rather a sad story and, certainly, the Town have been unlucky with injuries recently.

Iorwerth Hughes is recovering, but is likely to be rested again, and brighter news is that Bob Wyldes starts training again to-day after recovering from his fractured ankle, but it may be a fortnight before he is able to resume.

If reports are good this morning, there is unlikely to be much alteration, for results count, and two successive wins is something the Town have not achieved previously this season.

Fielded Eight Teams —No Defeats

APART from the success of the first team, there was considerable satisfaction in the camp about the fact that the Town fielded eight teams in all during the holidays and not a single match was lost.

If the League team can maintain their winning streak to-morrow, then they really will be on the way out of the wood.

However, they are faced with a tough task at The Dell, for despite Southampton's 4—0 defeat at Brentford which can probably be put down as just one of those things, they are still one of the more fancied candidates for promotion.

No Panic Changes By Southampton

THE defeat at Griffin Park will probably spur them on to great efforts against the Town, who, if they can come away with a point, will do well.

At any rate they will go into the match with the confidence of a winning team and may well pull off a surprise result.

Despite their heavy defeat at Brentford, the only change Southampton are contemplating is the return of Hugh Kelly, the Irish international goalkeeper, in place of Stansbridge.

Kelly has been off with a dislocated finger, and a decision about his fitness will be made later to-day.

Team: Kelly or Stansbridge; Ellerington, Ballard; Elliott, Webber, Mallett; Day, Curtis, Brown, Bates, Edwards.

Bobbers' Club's £6,000 For The Town

TO cap a happy Christmas for the Town came the presentation to them after the match with Swansea on Boxing Day of a cheque for £6,000 by the Bobbers' Club.

Members of the Bobbers' Club Committee were present, and their president, Mr. Philip Wright, who is also a director of the Town F.C., spoke of the decision that had been made.

The Bobbers' Club, he said, were well aware that the directors' efforts to strengthen the team had called for a lot of money, and they felt that some effort on their part was necessary.

Aiding Fight Against Relegation

SINCE their last donation, they had been working to accumulate a fund towards the building of a double-decker stand, but now felt that the best interests of the football club would be served by placing a sum of money at the disposal of the directors in the hope that it would aid them in their fight to keep in the Second Division.

Mr. Joe Collier, hon. treasurer of the Bobbers' Club, handed over the cheque to the Town F.C.'s vice-chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, and said that they all had the football club at heart, and that to get together such a sum of money represented much time and hard work.

SPORTS CHAT

By Chiltern

"Not Going Down," Says Vice-Chairman

NATURALLY, he said, the decrease in gates meant that they were finding it more difficult to increase the fund, but he hoped that the cheque would do good, and help to change the luck of the club and the team, and keep them in the Second Division.

Mr. Collier expressed the sympathy of the Bobbers' Club with the chairman, Mr. Charles Jeyes, in his illness.

Mr. Mitchell, in accepting "this magnificent sum," said he would have liked the chairman to have been there to have the honour.

"We shall not go down," said Mr. Mitchell, "we have been fighting and we are going to fight just as hard in the future."

Not Buying Players As Stop Gaps

AFTER saying that it was the fixed determination of everybody connected with the club that Second Division status would be retained, he added, "We had a hard fight to get there, and I am perfectly certain we are going to fight even harder to stay there."

Touching on the new players who have been secured, Mr. Mitchell said that they were building with an eye on the future.

"We are not buying players as stop gaps, and I hope the building will progress so well that we will be at the other end of the table next season," he said.

Board's Confidence In The Players

HE also threw out a hint that if the necessity arose to strengthen the team again, every endeavour would be made to do so, but the Board had confidence in their players and the week-end had proved that it was justified.

He described the fan on the terrace as the backbone of any team and said that without them any club would have a bad time.

As for the £6,000, he said that the Bobbers' Club had been working like beavers to get money together to cover the main terrace, but with permits not easy to come by, they thought that the financial need of the parent club was greater at the present moment than extra cover.

Life Membership For Two Bobbers' Men

PAYING tribute to the Bobbers Club, he said it compared with any supporters' club in the country, and the Board were very proud of the work they had done.

Apart from covering the Bobbers' Stand, they had also handed over to the football club money amounting to £2,850 before this latest donation, and he thanked every member for the work they had done. He ended on the note on which he had begun, "We shall not go down."

As a token of their appreciation two members of the Bobbers' Club Committee, Arthur Wright and Norman Lines, were made life members of the football club.

Vauxhall At Home To Aylesbury

VAUXHALL MOTORS, heartened by their victory last Saturday, hope to further improve their Spartan League position when they entertain Aylesbury United on Saturday.

They will be without Morris, who has a heavy cold, and Lloyd will be at centre-half, with Alan Eames at left-half. Ingle continues as leader of the attack, with Todd on his right.

Team: R. Collis; J. Gemmell, D. Smith; H. Marriott, R. Lloyd, A. Eames; R. Chappin, J. Todd, D. Ingle, K. Sharp, E. James.

Luton On Top In Local 'Derby'

Dunstable T. 1, Luton T. "A" 2

The Town "A"s Christmas Day Metropolitan League match was in the nature of a local "derby," and the first half was very even.

After the change-over, though, Dunstable were mainly on the defensive, and only mediocre finishing prevented Luton from scoring more often.

Soon after the restart the Dunstable defence made the fatal mistake of not playing to the whistle.

They stood waiting for an offside decision while Corton centred to RONSON, who tapped the ball home. BIGGS added a second soon afterwards.

With the home defence floundering, Luton should have pressed home their advantage, but, although there were several exciting scrimmages in the Dunstable goalmouth, they did not score again.

In the closing minutes Dunstable rallied, and KINNEAR reduced their arrears.

Luton deserved their win, for they were the faster, cleverer side.

Baxter was their star forward, and Thompson (A.) and Thompson (J.) played strongly at full-back.

Town "A" Reached Double Figures

Chipperfield 0, Luton Town "A" 10

On top from start to finish, the Town "A" collected two Metropolitan League points in the easiest possible style at Chipperfield on Boxing Day.

The home team were never able to cope with the fast-moving Town forwards, who were splendidly led by RONSON. He scored four times, and other goals came from TAYLOR (3), BENNETT (2) and BIGGS.

LUTON TOWN "A".—D. Johnstone; Thompson (A.), Thompson (J); Jones, Kelly, Wheeler; E. Bennett, Horner, Rouson, Taylor (A), J. Biggs.

Toddington And District Darts League

DIVISION A

	P	W	D	L	F
Flying Horse	11	6	5	0	17
Dog and Badger	11	7	2	2	16
Chequers	11	7	1	3	15
Rising Sun	11	6	2	3	14
George	11	4	5	2	13
Angel	11	4	3	4	11
Sow and Pigs	11	3	4	4	10
Swan (F)	11	4	2	5	10
Fancott	11	3	2	6	8
Houghton F.C.	11	2	3	6	7
Coach and Horses	11	1	4	6	6
Nags Head	11	3	0	8	6

DIVISION B

	P	W	D	L	F
Carpenters	12	8	2	2	18
White Hart	12	7	4	1	18
Five Bells	12	7	1	4	15
Green Man (A)	12	6	3	3	15
Red Lion (B)	12	6	2	4	14
Red Lion (B)	12	5	3	4	13
Wheathead	12	4	3	5	11
Crown (S)	12	4	2	6	10
Green Man (B)	12	3	3	6	9
Social and Harrison	12	3	2	7	8
Swan (C)	12	2	2	8	6