

Morris Back For Leicester?

£23,000 FORWARD EXPECTED TO PLAY AGAINST TOWN

While the Town have been flirting with dreams of Wembley, their League opponents on Saturday, Leicester City, have been making some interesting experiments which might be reflected in the choice of their team for the visit to Kenilworth-road.

Had their defence been as safe in preventing goals as their forward line has been free in scoring them, the City would have been much firmer contenders for promotion than they are at the moment and it is this department which has come in for deep consideration.

Opportunity was given them last Saturday to try out ideas in their friendly match with Charlton Athletic when the goalkeeper, Dickson, and the full-backs, Milburn and Jackson, who have been playing in the Reserves, were drafted into the first team.

Normal first-choice goalkeeper, Anderson, appeared for the second string. Lever, the Welsh International, was rested, and the young left-back, Webb, was nursing a slight injury.

In the middle line, Gillies was switched to right-half and his place at centre-half was taken by McArthur, who played against the Town Reserves a week or two back.

Norman Bullock Saw Town Yesterday

WHAT sort of conclusion these changes produced is not likely to be known until tomorrow for the City manager, Norman Bullock, was expected at Kenilworth-road yesterday to run the rule over the Town in their Cup replay with Manchester City.

Opinion in Leicester was that Milburn would stay in the team in place of Webb, and that Gillies, who is now the skipper, played so well at right-half that he is likely to remain there.

One change that may have to be made in this half-back line of six-footers, is that 21-years-old local-born left-half Reg Warner, may not be fit to play.

Johnny Morris Is Likely To Return

HE split a bone in his hand during the friendly match and although he has not been ruled out entirely his hand is in plaster and it may be decided not to risk him.

In that case, it is thought that Baldwin or King will fill the vacancy.

In attack, the best news that Leicester have had recently is that Johnny Morris, for whose signature they paid Derby County £23,000 earlier this season, came through his full-scale try-out against Charlton with complete satisfaction and is likely to return to the team after missing four matches with a troublesome thigh muscle.

Comes Back At A Critical Period

MORRIS, who was to have played a big part in the City's promotion drive, will come back at a critical period and for a particularly vital match, as if the City are to have any hope at all of figuring in the First Division next season they must hold the Town.

Leading scorer, Arthur Rowley, 29 League and Cup goals for the City this season, stood from the last Saturday's team to rest a knee that has been something of a handicap to him, but is expected to be in the team.

In that case the young Scot, Crawford, who has deputised successfully for both the regular inside forwards, will have to drop in.

Will Cup Exertions Affect Town?

WHILE there are many "ifs and buts" about the defence, it is felt fairly certain that the forwards will line up as follows: Griffiths, Morris, Hines, Rowley, Dryburgh.

That looks a most formidable line which will present a severe test to the Town defence.

Just how much their Cup exertions have affected the Town will be seen in this match, but, even though they have been busy while the City knocked out of the Cup in the Third Round, have had a comparatively easy time, they will be expected to pick up the line.

Luton Greyhounds

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

6.30 (410yds)—242 Charmonte, 352 Clancy, 425 Embassy, 535 Sally Ann, 156 Sunlight, 665 Win's Bow, reserve 241 Determination.

6.50 (470yds)—541 Bally Low, 453 Beauty, 463 Deemster, 643 Recorder, 522 Skip It, 555 Ucles, reserve 564 Terry's Pal.

7.10 (410yds)—Hawk Eye, Lullaby (Jan. 29 to 5, 24.60; Jan. 31 to 3, 24.60), 123 Rosie's Boy, 322 Singer, 311 Sporting Express, Tonic (Jan. 22 to 4, 25.04; Jan. 29 to 5, 24.61), reserve 551 Mr. Murphy.

SELECTIONS

6.30, Sunlight (Embassy, Sally Ann); 6.50, Skip It (Deemster, Bally Low); 7.10, Singer (Sporting Express, Rosie's Boy); 7.30, Gun Smoke (Yolande, Sam's Song); 7.50, Radwell (Vin-Rose, Black Jack); 8.10, Mad Swinney (Nap); 8.30, Quik (Chance, Capricious); 8.50, Black Flash (Patty Officer Lone Eagle).

Rugby

O.L.'S UNBEATEN RECORD STILL INTACT

Old Lutonians 11, Aylesbury 3

Aylesbury, who came near to beating Old Lutonians earlier this season, brought a strong side to Stockwood, but a strong wind made good play difficult.

In the first half the Old Boys played against the wind, and all the scoring was done after the interval.

That Aylesbury did not score before the interval was largely due to the fact that they failed to use the wind to advantage.

The Old Boys scored soon after the resumption through Clements and soon afterwards Young dribbled through and Hennessy touched down. Adkins converted.

At this stage Aylesbury lost a player with a back injury and, as so often the case, the weakened Aylesbury picked up so much vigour into their game that they upset the Old Boys for a spell. During this period they scored a penalty.

The Luton forwards were reared and Aylesbury were threatening to set on top when, unfortunately, they lost another player with a leg injury.

This was too much of a disadvantage and the Old Boys were able to resume their attacking game.

They lost try was the best of the match. A scrum-half, higher the ball disastrously before the opposition and Reed, the full-back,

Match Should Draw Biggest Gate Yet

NO matter what yesterday's result was, Saturday's match is sufficiently attractive and the result will have such far-reaching ramifications, as to ensure the biggest League gate of the season given reasonably good weather.

Injuries have hit the Town at the wrong time, but recent events have given young reserves their chances and creditably they have taken them.

The injury to Wally Shanks which will keep him out of Saturday's match, is a severe blow, and it is not certain that he will have recovered in time for the following week.

County Travelled Back With Town

HOLDING a watching brief at the Cup replay yesterday was Notts County's manager, Eric Houghton, having a preview of his club's next round opponents, should they get through to-day's replay with Bolton Wanderers.

A coincidence is that the County travelled back from Manchester on the same train as the Town on Saturday evening and both Eric Houghton and Frank Broome, with whom Dally Duncan and Ralph Hann played at Derby, were discussing the afternoon's ties.

It was a line performance on the County's part to hold the Wanderers at Burnden Park and they have struck a good patch just at the right time.

Philosophical About Injuries

TEAM selection by the Town this week is likely to be a last-minute affair with no decision forthcoming until to-morrow morning, for there may be the necessity to await reactions after yesterday's hard battle.

Again there will be hopes that Sid Owen will be able to resume, but Manager Dally Duncan was taking the injury position very philosophically yesterday.

"Every club has spells in which it is hard hit by injury, and, unfortunately, our turn has come now."

Roy Davies, out of hospital, has not resumed training yet, and it looks as if his absence will be more prolonged than was thought at the time of his mishap.

The Reserves, who made a disappointing start to their Combination Cup career, are due at Coventry, whom they have not previously met this season.

Same Players, But May Be Switches

A 3-0 DEFEAT at Rickmansworth last Saturday was a severe blow to Luton Amateur's championship ambitions, but, even so, they have chosen the same players to represent them in their away Spartan League match with Abingdon.

However, some positional changes are being considered, though for the moment the line-up is as follows:

A. James; B. Hurst, T. Kilby; A. Allen, B. Spavins, A. Rakowski; K. Crawley, P. Smith, G. Clare, L. Jackson, J. Williams.

Vauxhall Attack Back To Normal

BECAUSE James had to stand down through illness just before the team was due to leave for Histon last Saturday, Vauxhall Motors had to make wholesale switches in their forward line and they could scarcely be counted a success.

For the visit to Briggs Sports in the Spartan League this week, James is fit again, so the attack goes back to normal and although they are fully aware of the stern task that awaits them, Vauxhall are hoping for a precious point.

Team: D. Johnston; J. Burgess; P. Gobby; L. Ward; J. Humphrey; E. Lawrence; R. Chappin; A. Morgan; W. Sturtin; R. Brindham; E. James.

Bleaney Is Back For Kent's Athletic

HARD battle is expected by Kent's Athletic when they visit Bedford Town "A," who are just below them in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League.

They welcome back Eric

THE AMATEUR DID NOT IMPRESS

Rickmansworth 3, Luton Amateur 0

Rickmansworth deserved their victory for, on last Saturday's showing, they were the better balanced side and took advantage of all their chances.

A strong wind helped the Amateur in the first half.

Rickmansworth scored after 25 minutes and held on to that lead until the interval.

In the second half, with the wind against them, the Amateur conceded two more goals in the last ten minutes.

It was not a great game and the Amateur did not impress.

MOTORS WIN LOCAL "DERBY"

Luton 6, Vauxhall Motors 11.

This local "derby" was fast and clean, without any of the incidents that often mar these games.

Despite the high wind, both sides kept the game open, using their three-quarters as much as possible.

Luton played better than they have for some weeks and opened the scoring when Jones beat two defenders to touch down.

Shortly afterwards Heath threw himself over the line to increase the lead.

In the second half Vauxhall attacked strongly and a clever three-quarter movement ended when Waller touched down near a corner flag.

Brooks touched down to put the Motors on terms and then a period of even play followed.

A draw appeared imminent, but with only five minutes left, a defensive error enabled Waller to break through, to give Vauxhall the lead for the first time. He added the extra points, being the only successful kick of the game.

OTHER RESULT: Vauxhall "A" 3, Luton "A" 20.

Bleaney, who has played only three times since injuring an ankle four months ago. His last appearance was at Arlesey nine weeks ago, and he takes over on 'the right wing.

Other change is at right-back, where Les Morgan returns after an absence of a fortnight.

Team: C. Middleton; L. Morgan, R. Noble; E. Rouser, H. Naylor, W. Meyrick; E. Bleaney, P. Berry, W. Slag, R. Redding, K. Berton.

Can Vauxhall R.F.C. Do It Again?

LAST season it was Vauxhall Motors who, all against the form book, lowered the colours of Old Lutonians R.F.C. after a succession of wins, and they will be all out to repeat the feat when the teams meet on Saturday.

However, despite the Motors' victory over Luton last Saturday, the Old Boys are confident and will be represented by:

Reed; Hine, Bawster, Thorpe, Thurlow; Edwards, Robinson; Adkins, Knapp, Shepherd, Fensome, Hennessy, Cato, Allen, Kelly.

Luton are away to Aylesbury and will field the following team:

Skinner; Ruddick, Stone, H. Jones, Hawkes; Temple, Sault; Hammond, Pearce, Heath, Pockley, Boswell, Davies, Beecham, P. Oakley. Reserves: Simmonds, Doel.

Boxing

AMERICANS DREW BLANK

Premature End To Star Bout

Highlight of the Electroflux Recreation Club Boxing Tournament, held in the works canteen on Saturday, was the visit of the official United States Air Force team, who met boxers from England, Wales and Ireland.

There was a "full house" and among the spectators were Dr. Charles Hill, M.P., Mr. Norman Cole, M.P., and Mr. W. Barrington-Dalby, the famous referee and commentator.

The American team, all of whom were coloured, did not meet with much success for they were all beaten—not that that was any disgrace, for they met some of the cream of the British amateur talent.

Bout of the evening was expected to be the clash between J. O'Connor, an Irish international who boxes for Electroflux, and J. Peterson (U.S.A.F.), who has been described in the American Press as the most promising amateur since Sugar Ray Robinson.

Peterson, magnificently built, U.S.A.F. champion 1953, and a member of the 1953 Britannic Shield team, certainly looked formidable opposition when he bounded into the ring.

Taller, and with a longer reach than his opponent, he opened confidently and quickly drove O'Connor into a corner. However, before he could deliver any telling blows, O'Connor had slipped out of trouble.

Then he began to take the fight to the American and soon proved that his slight disadvantage in inches was compensated for by a considerable amount of pluck and more than usual ability.

Early on, Peterson was warned for hitting with an open glove, and he received a "last warning" soon after the start of the second round.

But he disregarded these, and after one bout of fierce exchanges he was disqualified.

FIRST-ROUND ENDING

In a welterweight contest E. Hamilton, of Hitchin Y.C., disposed of W. Allison, another American, in the first round. This, too, had promised to be a thrilling fight.

Hamilton set about his opponent from the start but Allison knocked him to the canvas for a count of seven.

This was not enough to stop the Hitchin boxer, and he continued to attack until he penetrated Allison's defence and connected with a right to the body that ended the bout.

In another middleweight contest K. Phillips, an English international and a finalist in the 1953 A.B.A. championships, beat H. Green, U.S.A.F. champion 1953, and a member of the Britannic Shield team, after a hard-fought encounter.

In all the senior events the referee appeared in the ring to create a precedent in amateur boxing in Luton.

Results were—Bantamweight: L. McCurtain (Avon) beat K. Margamur (Downham Goldsmiths). Lightweight: R. O'Reilly (Electroflux) beat J. Lindsey (Davis). J. Cummings (Corinthians) beat W. Thomas (U.S.A.F.). Light welterweight: R. Jeffs (Oxford Y.M.C.A.) beat W. Franklyn (Cardiff Gas). D. Hughes (Cardiff Gas) beat W. Cherry (U.S.A.F.). Welterweight: E. Hamilton (Hitchin Y.C.) beat W. Allison (U.S.A.F.). Light middleweight: J. O'Connor (Electroflux) beat J. Peterson (U.S.A.F.). J. Flint (R.A.F.) beat W. Teidt (North City). Middleweight: K. Phillips (Warley B.C.) beat H. Green (U.S.A.F.).

FOOTBALL LUTON TOWN F.C.

SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY League — Division II

LUTON TOWN

LEICESTER CITY

Kick-off 3.0 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 7/6; Wing Stands 5/-; Enclosure (standing only) 3/6, Boys 2/-; Bobbers' Stand (covered) 2/-, Boys 1/3 (separate entrance); Terraces (not covered) 1/9, Boys 1/-.



JOHNNY MORRIS, Leicester's talented inside-forward, who may play against the Town on Saturday.

THE WIND WAS UNKIND

Helped Watford To Vital Goal

Luton Town Res. 1, Watford Res. 2

Although they had a most successful run in the Football Combination competition, Watford's Town Reserves in their first match in the Combination Cup, and as a result they lost their first home game of the season.

Play was never of a high standard, but this was due to a high wind which played all manner of tricks with the ball, including one very unkind one which gave Watford a goal that put them on terms before the interval.

Opening with their usual dash, Luton pressed from the start, and after a couple of near misses took the lead in the fifth minute through TAYLOR, who banged home a pass from McJarrow in fine style.

A moment later McJarrow was guilty of a bad miss when, with the goal yawning before him, he tapped the ball wide.

With the wind against them, Luton did well to keep play in Watford's half, and it looked as if they would maintain their slender lead until the interval. Then Luton were thrown back on the defensive for a spell, and after a couple of raids had been beaten off, Patterson shot wide and Stretten placed the ball for a goal-kick.

He kicked it into the face of the wind, and when it was just outside the penalty area it hit WILSON and rebounded towards goal. A gust of wind caught it and it rolled into the Luton net. All Stretten could do was to stand and watch, for he was well out of position.

The second half opened with a sharp sleet blizzard which drove into the Watford players' faces. Luton were quick to take advantage of this and, with the wind on their side, they confined play to the visitors' half. But Watford struck back, and in the 65th minute WILSON found himself unmarked and gave Stretten no chance from close range.

Despite terrific pressure in the closing minutes, Luton could not score the equaliser, although at one stage all the players except Stretten were clustered around the Watford goal.

Luton's defence has played better, and they appeared to miss the steady influence of Les. Hall, who was on duty at Manchester.

Willie Dallas, his deputy, did quite well in his first outing in the second string, but he could not blot Wilson right out of the game and the centre-forward was Watford's most dangerous forward.

LUTON TOWN RESERVES: Stretten; Dunne, Cooke; Kelly, Dallas, Smith; Bennett, Scott, McJarrow, Pemberton, Taylor.

WATFORD RESERVES: Saphin; Eastway, Croker; Jackett, Bateman, Devine; Cook, Brown, Wilson, Patterson, Bennett (H.).

TWO LEADERS MET WITH SETBACKS IN TITLE BIDS

Glendale's Success Strengthens Their Hand Considerably

Leaders of two divisions, Totternhoe (Division I) and Bells Park (Division II), each met with their second defeats of the season in Luton and South Beds League on Saturday.

Failure of Totternhoe after a long string of successes came in a vital championship battle with Glendale who, although they have leeway of three matches to make up, have put themselves in a very favourable position so far as a title bid is concerned.

Even so, they have not yet been able to take over second place which is still held by Leagrave B.L., holding on to what can be considered as no more than an outside chance at the moment.

The hand of Chaul End Athletic, who have yet to drop a League point this season, was strengthened considerably by Bells Park's defeat at Lilley and they have now drawn level and have two matches in hand.

Even so, Chaul End had one of their most difficult struggles of the season to overcome Glendale Reserves and did so only by the odd goal in three.

Situation in the Premier Division remains unchanged, with Caddington and Shillington each picking up both points.

The performance of the latter in winning at Cockernhoe was the more meritorious, as Cockernhoe had some claims to be regarded as being in the title fight and would really have been in it had they managed to lower the colours of Shillington.

Things did not work out that way, though, thanks mainly to a "hat-trick" by Shillington's centre-forward, Saunders.

What hopes Totternhoe may have entertained, received a distinct knock by their home failure to the much-improved Eaton Bray whose main concern at the moment, probably is to reach the final of the Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup.

At the other end of the scale, Electroflux picked up their fourth point of the season and handed over bottom place to Luton Social.

The weather upset most matches but only in one case was an abandonment necessary.

More free scoring came from Hookcliffe, leaders of Division III, but they still have the strong challenge of Stopples Reserves to contend with and Offley Rovers came back into the picture with an easy victory over Alliance Foundry.

Nothing looks likely to stop Sundon Park, highest-scoring team in the League, from achieving their ambition of finishing top of Division IV and they were well among the goals once again.

PREMIER DIVISION

ELECTROFLUX 2 (Rogers, Billington), DAGONALL 2 (Munt, B. Osborn). TOTTDINGTON ROVERS 2 (A. Cosgrove, R. Conquest), EATON BRAY 3 (F. Simmons, Burrows, Gilroy) (Lilbury O.B. 0, CADDINGTON 2 (Pain, Ginger). COCKERNHOE 0, SHILLINGTON 4 (Saunders 3, A. Flint).

DIVISION I

SHILLINGTON "A" 1 (Hart 2, Day), SUNDON ST. MARY'S 1 (N. Odell), GLENDALE 2 (Jones, Crawford), TOTTERNHOE 0 (Vince), HITCHIN-ROAD O.B. "A" 1 (Wright).

DIVISION II

ROBIN HOODS 5 (Fitch 2, Pullman, Mitchell, Smith), WALCOT ATH 2 (Tinsley, Pedder). OFFLEY ROVERS 4 (D. Crockett 2, G. Crockett, Ayres, Davy), ALLIANCE FOUNDRY 2 (Dickens, Smith). LUMOCO SPORTS 2 (W. Smith, Hill), HAYWARD-TYLER 1 (Ansell).

DIVISION III

ST. JOSEPH Y.C. 3 (Dawley, Hickman, Perkins), ENGLISH ELECTRIC RES 1. ROOTES SPORTS RES 4 (Sunde 2, Cains, Bevan), HEXTON 2 (Moliker 2, Bidwell 2, Bird 2), LAPORTE RES 0. BEECHWOOD Y.C. RES 1 (opponent), SUNDON PARK 8 (McSavary, S. Lersch 2, Warren, McShane, Sromach). EATON BRAY RES 1 (Proctor), VILLA ROVERS 3 (Harty, Pratt, Taylor).

DIVISION IV

WATFORD Y.C. 3 (Dawley, Hickman, Perkins), ENGLISH ELECTRIC RES 1. ROOTES SPORTS RES 4 (Sunde 2, Cains, Bevan), HEXTON 2 (Moliker 2, Bidwell 2, Bird 2), LAPORTE RES 0. BEECHWOOD Y.C. RES 1 (opponent), SUNDON PARK 8 (McSavary, S. Lersch 2, Warren, McShane, Sromach). EATON BRAY RES 1 (Proctor), VILLA ROVERS 3 (Harty, Pratt, Taylor).

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DIVISION VI

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DIVISION X

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MANCHESTER CITY 1 LUTON TOWN 1

With just a few seconds to go to half-time, Manchester City looked to be nicely placed in this match at Maine-road on Saturday, for after playing against the wind, they were leading by the only goal.

That last minute of the first half brought perhaps the most dramatic moment in a match that fell rather below expectations because of the difficulties a strong, gusty wind posed to players of both teams.

Making one of his strong, swerving runs in a desperate effort to get the goal that would act as a tonic to the Town in their uphill fight after the interval, Pye was brought down and left sprawling on the ground a couple of yards outside the penalty area.

Promptly, the referee awarded the Town a free kick, and, hope-fully, they worked one of Moore's oldest tricks. Moore shaped to take the kick, ran past the ball and PYE, following up close behind him, slammed the ball low into the net before the City defence, which had left a gap, Trautmann, knew what was happening.

Before the cheers of the delighted Town contingent, estimated at 5,000, had died down, the half-time whistle blew, and they were left to speculate on the possible outcome of the Town's battle against the wind in the second half.

This turned out to be not so difficult as some of us thought at the interval, for although the City went all out from the start and there was a fortunate clearanc in which Hall and Baynham be-tween them somehow managed to keep a point-blank drive out there were few occasions when the Town goal looked likely to fall again.

Well-placed corners were the main threat throughout the half, but the City's shooting was largely off the mark, and they did not take full advantage from having the wind in their favour.

Indeed, the nearest approach to a goal that would have made unnecessary a second meeting, came near the end when Moore got clear of all opposition except Trautmann and hit the ball hard. The goalkeeper made a despairing leap, was nowhere near the ball with his hands, but it struck him on the knee and was diverted to safety.

The City's goal had come 20 minutes after the start and was the result of almost their first direct shot at goal Baynham, in fact, did not handle the ball during the first 10 minutes.

BROADIS was the scorer with a perfectly-timed, left-foot shot into the corner of the net, after Morton had half headed away a well-placed free kick taken by Rev. almost on the touchline.

It was immediately after this success that the City had their best chance to clinch the game, and Cunliffe missed a good chance by pulling the ball wide, and Broadis shot wildly when left with an opportunity similar to that from which he had scored.

There was no question of one-way traffic in the second half when the Town forwards looked more dangerous than they had been with the wind behind them, and they kept the City defence on tenterhooks with suddenly-developed attacks.

Not that this was a game in which forwards were allowed to shine brightly, for defences had much of a grip, and the wind making ball control difficult, also lowered the accuracy of the passing movements.

PYE NEEDED WATCHING

Pye was the Luton forward whom the City could never afford to leave for a second, for with his deft footwork and short bursts of speed he was an ever-present menace.

From Moore, too, there were some sharp breaks-through that might have been attended with bet-

Dramatic Goal In Last Minute Of First Half

By Chiltern

ter fortune and a raking first-half drive from 35 yards was one of the best efforts in the match.

Much of his passing was (if target though but even so, he and Cullen formed quite a progressive wing with the latter clever in approach. However, after a shaking up in a tackle late in the game, he seemed to be caught in possession.

Particularly in the second half there was a lot of valuable work in the back-ground from Watkins but Mitchell, well watched by Branagan, did not get the fullest measure of support from his partner.

A slice of bad luck five minutes from the end was the injury that ended Shanks' part in the match and Watkins dropped back to fill in the gap, though the City did not really threaten to obtain the winner even then. Along with Morton, again in brilliant form, Shanks had played manfully and had done much to hold up a City line that rarely moved smoothly.

Early on, the brilliance of Broadis was a distinct menace—until Morton got his measure and then the inside-left's influence became less and less.

Hall, late deputy for Owen, made some mistakes early on but settled down to play an effective part in the success and he gave Williamson little room in which to operate.

Both full-backs were more than adequate and shut out the City wingers while what there was to do Baynham accomplished in his high comment style.

MANCHESTER CITY—Trautmann; Branagan, Little; Revie, Ewne, Paul; Meadows, Scurd, Williamson, Brondis, Cunliffe.

LUTON TOWN.—Baynham; Jones, Annerne; Morton, Hall, Shanks; Cullen, Moore, Pye, Watkins, Mitchell.

Referee: G. F. Sawyer, Weston-Super-Mare.

Attendance.—38,411. Receipts, £5,482.

S. Midlands League

FINE CHANCE SLIPPED BY

Shefford Could Have Led Way

Shefford Town failed to take full advantage of their meeting with Wootton Blue Cross in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League when they drew 3-3.

Had they gained both points they would have moved to the top of the table, for they were only two points behind Arlesey, the leaders, who were without a game, and they have a better goal average than the champions.

Now they are still a point behind Arlesey, and they have played a game more.

Kent's Athletic beat Dunstable comfortably and have moved back into third place, overtaking Bedford Town "A," surprisingly beaten by Stony Stratford Sports.

Amphill Town collected another two points, although this time their opponents were lowly Letchworth, who appear to be doomed for relegation.

There were leaders galore in Division I. The leaders, Biggles-wade, were losing 2-0 to Lang-ford, but had a reprieve when the match was abandoned 10 minutes from the end.

Houghton Rangers lost heavily to Cranfield United, who found their best form again after a fortnight's lapse, but Electroflux, in third place, were forced to bow the knee to Waterlow's.

Top two teams in Division II, Skefro Athletic and Bleichley B.B.O.B., both improved their position.

PREMIER DIVISION

Baldock Tn 0, Potton Tn 2, Dunstable Tn 0, Kent's Ath 3, Harrod Utd 0, Kempston Rovers 1, Leitchworth Tn 0, Amphill Tn 2, Peartree O.B. 1, AC-Dele 0, S. Stratford Spis 3, Bedford Tn "A" 2, Wootton Blue Cross 3, Shefford Tn 3.

DIVISION I

Queen's Works 2, Bedford St. Cath. 5, Bleichley Tn 2, Vauxhall Motors 3, Cranfield Utd 8, Houghton Rangers 2, Langford 2, Bleanewade Tn 0, St. Neots O.B. 1, Perchival Ath 2, Stotfold 1, Histon 2, Waterlow's 2, Electroflux 0.

DIVISION II

Briantia Works 0, Skefro Ath 6, Bedford N.E. 2, Wootton Blue Cross 0, Bleichley B.B.O.B. 8, AC-Dele 0, Kent's Ath 1, Leighton Utd 2, St. Neots O.B. 1, AC-Dele 0, S. Stratford Spis 1, Elstow Abbey 4, Abandoned after 80 minutes.

HARD FIGHT WAS IN VAIN

Vauxhall Still In Bottom Place

Histon 2, Vauxhall Motors 1

Still stranded at the bottom of the Spartan League, Premier Division Vauxhall fought hard against Histon but never looked likely to salvage a point.

Opening with a strong wind at their backs, Histon attacked continuously and took the lead in the 10th minute through THURSTON.

Vauxhall were hard-pressed and in the 37th minute WOODWARD put Histon further ahead although in the same minute CHAPPIN reduced the home side's arrears.

With the wind helping them in the second half Vauxhall had hopes of staging a rally, but they failed to use the wind to advantage and when the end came they were still struggling to keep the lively Histon forwards at bay.

MANY BIG SCORES IN YOUTH LEAGUE

There were some big scores in both sections of Luton and District Youth League last Saturday.

In the 14-18 Section Luton Town Youth XI ran riot against Hart Hill Athletic and Limbury O.B. scored 13 times against Luton Co-op.

Two of the three games in the 14-16 Section also resulted in a crop of goals.

14-18: LUTON CO-OP Y.C. 0, LIMBURY O.B. 13 (Simpson