

# Injury Position Is Hopeful

## IF ALL ARE FIT TOWN WILL BE UNCHANGED

Although they have still to await final verdicts on the fitness of Gordon Turner and Bert Mitchell, both suffering from ankle injuries received last Saturday, the Town are most hopeful of being able to field an unchanged team in their home match with Hull City.

Both players have been having intensive treatment every day, have been making good progress and there are reasonable grounds for hoping that they will be able to pass fitness tests to-morrow.

The other casualties of last week-end, Michael Cullen, Hugh McJarrow, both with ankle injuries, and Jim Pemberton, pulled muscle in the side, have fully recovered and have been in full training.

Charlie Watkins is up and about again after his attack of flu, but will not return to the team this week-end, which means that there will be another chance at inside-left for McJarrow.

No alternative arrangements have been made to meet the situation if either Turner or Mitchell proves to be unfit.

### Unlucky Spell For Bud Aherne

MOST difficult would arise were Mitchell unable to play, as Arthur Taylor does not finish his period of suspension until next Monday, and the probability is that Roy Davies would be called upon for this position.

Bud Aherne will again have to hold a watching brief this week-end, and after a long run of immunity from injury, he has struck an unlucky spell.

A fresh knock on the knee at Norwich cost him the chance of another Eire cap, an unfortunate turn of events in view of the fact that the knee that had been damaged previously stood up to the test well.

### Injury Gave Dunne His Chance

ON the other hand, the luck turned the other way for Seamus Dunne, who was brought in to deputise for Clinton (Everton) in the Eire team against Austria yesterday.

He did not receive notification until Monday afternoon and, when he travelled to Dublin overnight, knew no more than that he was to stand by in case Clinton was found to be unfit.

There must be no slips by the Town at home now and they should make sure of full points against Hull, despite the fact that the Yorkshire side have suddenly struck a consistent patch that looks likely to save their status.

### Hull Have Won Three Games In A Row

AT one time there was a definite threat of Northern Section football on the Boothferry Park enclosure again next season, but three consecutive victories have

In reply, the vice-chairman said that the club had not been in the happy position financially until recently to do all that they would have liked for charitable objects.

### Vauxhall Should Escape Now

WELL satisfied with the showing at Harrow, Vauxhall Motors have chosen an unchanged team for their home match with Leitchworth Town, who are by no means clear of the relegation threat in the Premier Division of the Spartan League.

Vauxhall's recent spurt should ensure them of escaping this fate, but they face a very crowded programme during the coming weeks, for they have 13 League matches still to play.

Team: D. Johnston; J. Burgess; P. Gobby; L. Ward; J. Humphrey; E. Lawrence; R. Chappin; J. O'Neill; G. Todd; R. Brandham; A. Morgan.

### Luton Amateur Are Out For Honours

IF Luton Amateur can win their four remaining matches they will be certain of occupying one of the leading two positions in Division I of the Spartan League when the final reckoning comes.

They are under no illusions about the difficult nature of their task, and expect a hard battle on Saturday when they visit Epping, whom they beat narrowly at Stockingstone-road last week.

Rex Saunders, recently demobilised from the Army, comes in at right-back, and there is a doubt about the outside-left position.

Team: A. Jones; R. Saunders, T. Kilby; P. Smith; B. Spavins, L. Jackson; K. Crawley, A. Allen, G. Clare, J. Williams, A. N. Other.

### Much-Changed Kent's Face Stiff Test

A STIFF test awaits Kent's Athletic on Saturday when they visit Bedford to meet the Town "A" in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League.

Defensive changes bring Max Caves in at right-back, with Les Morgan moving over to the other flank, and Ray Rutter returning at right-half.

Bill Meyrick moves into the forward line, and an experiment is made by giving the leadership to Bob Redding, Team.

C. Middleton; M. Caves, L. Morgan; R. Rutter, H. Naylor, W. Sing; K. Watts, D. Slough, R. Redding, W. Meyrick, D. Gunnell.

### Old Lutonians Play At Oxford

OLD LUTONIANS R.F.C. away to Old Oxford Citizens, will have Rance and Cameron, down from university, at centre three-quarter and wing forward respectively.

Head is given another try-out in the wing position, and Adkins and Kelly return to the pack after missing last week's match.

Team: Reed; Hine, Rance, Thorpe; Head; Edmonds, Robinson; Adkins, Jephson, Shepherd, Heanne, Fensome, Cameron, Kelly, Cato.

### DANGER IS LESSENED NOW

Harrow 8, Vauxhall Motors 3. Continuing to show improved form, Vauxhall collected two much-needed Spartan League points from Harrow, and they were deserved.

If they can maintain this form for the next few weeks they will definitely escape from the bottom of the Premier Division.

Harrow, who held the Motors to a draw earlier in the season, opened well but Vauxhall gradually got on top and took the lead half way through the first half when CHAPPIN scored with a dropping shot from the right wing that tricked the home goalkeeper.

A few minutes later BRANDHAM obtained the Motors' second goal after neat work by O'Neill, and the same player scored again in the second half.

### AN INTERESTING POSITION

Position at the top of Luton Youth League, 14-18 Section, is very interesting. Now the season is nearing its end the leaders are Limbury, who have 31 points and have two more games to play to finish their programme.

Luton Town Youth XI have 27 points and four games to play, and Vauxhall 26 points and five games to play.

Limbury did well to beat Vauxhall on Saturday 14-18.

VAUXHALL 1, LIMBURY 0.8 (Evans 3, Lavery).

LUTON TOWN YOUTH XI 12 (Fitzpatrick 5, Gregory 3, Graves 2, Southern, Tottlingham), LUTON CO-OP 0.

POYNTERS-ROAD B.C. 12 (Hawkins 4, Punter 4, Clarke 3, opponent), KINGSTON ATH 3 (Bland 2, Shurness).

LIMBURY 0.3, OLD BEDFORD-ROAD 0.8.1.

VAUXHALL MINORS 9 (Herrick 4, McGill 2, Harris 2, Naylor), LUTON HOTSPURS 5 (Smith 2, Henry 2, Crawley).

BEECHWOOD 1, ST. MARGARET'S Y.C. 12 (Obaidiat 4, Rushon 3, Wells 3, Ayres 2).

players to shine were Ouy, who did well as hooker, and Bland, a wing-forward.

### BACKS WERE NOT SO BRIGHT

Old Lutonians 20. Despite a promising score it was apparent that the Old Lutonians lacked spirit in their back play.

Old Lutonians were unfortunate to lose a man early in the game, but, even so, the Old Lutonians' forwards were again in good form and one felt that possession would have been gained under almost any circumstances.

Within five minutes of the start the Old Lutonians were six points up with two line tries. The first, scored by Robinson, was undoubtedly the best of the match, practically every three-quarter handling true. Thorpe got the second under very similar circumstances.

Play then settled down and the Old Lutonians' back division lost its sparkle. Time and time again promising forward passes were fumbled out after half-hearted runs, but, eventually, Thorpe was able to bring the half-time score to 9-0.

Play in the second half followed the same pattern, good play by the forwards dying out in midfield. Hine was the first to show what a good piece of determined running could do, and shortly afterwards Fensome was up to receive a pass from Robinson to force his way over. The second of these tries was converted by Reed; the only goal of the afternoon.

The fighting spirit shown by the Old Lutonians throughout the game deserves the highest praise and at this stage they took the offensive. For some time Old Lutonians were pinned inside their "25" and several three-quarter attacks very nearly brought dividends.

A good clearance finally relieved pressure and Thorpe scored again before the game ended.



KEN HORTON, Hull inside-right, who joined them from Preston North End early this season for a £10,000 fee.

### CANARIES' HAPPY TUNE

#### Reserves Well Below Form

Norwich City Reserves 4, Luton Town Reserves 1.

Visits to East Anglia have been strangely unproductive for the Town Reserves who suffered another 4-1 defeat when they visited Carrow-road on Saturday to add to the one administered to them at Ipswich the previous week.

Once again, though they included a strong leaving of players with vast League experience, the Town gave a much below par display and seldom promised to save a point.

Right from the start they were struggling when JOHNSTON gave Norwich the lead after five minutes and the home side continued to be more dangerous.

JOHNSTON added to their lead 10 minutes before half-time, but the Town had quite a good spell early in the second half without really threatening to reduce their arrears.

Moore had one shot saved at full length by Oxford and this represented one of the few scoring attempts made by the Town.

Then Norwich struck twice in the space of five minutes with goals from COXON and JOHNSTON and Luton's sole success was delayed until a minute from the end when MOORE beat Oxford.

While the defence showed gaps, it was the forwards who were most remiss and little was achieved by the inside-forward trio.

Moore was much in the grip of Carberry. Sexton had a poor game and Scott was inclined to be too casual.

From Taylor there was just a moderate display and it was left to Davies, re-appearing after absence from injury, to take the honour of being the best forward.

Outstanding in defence was Smith, working hard all the time, while there was some good distribution from Shanks who, however, had not reached 100 per cent. match fitness yet.

Seemingly to lack confidence, Dallas was not a complete success at centre-half and never subdued the lively Johnston.

Bad luck for Aherne was that just when he was settling down, he received an injury to his sound knee, which cut down his effectiveness afterwards, but Cooke had a fair match.

There were several smart saves from Stretton and he had no chance with the shots that beat him.

NORWICH CITY RESERVES: Oxford; Proctor, Duffy; Foulkes, Carberry, Cleary; Jones, Hansell, Johnston, Coxon, Rackham.

LUTON TOWN RESERVES: Stretton; Cooke, Aherne; Shanks, Dallas, Smith; Davies, Sexton, Moore, Scott, Taylor.

### FIRST WIN CAME AT LONG LAST FOR ELECTROLUX

#### No Title Issues Are Settled Yet, But Some Are Clearer

The end of a long, long lane came for Electrolux on Saturday when they gained their first victory in the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League at the 23rd attempt.

It was registered away from home, too, on the ground of Cockernhoe, who have had a reasonably successful season, and this result ranked as one of the day's surprises.

Not that there were many—at least, not those affecting championship issues, which, in some cases, have become a little clearer, though in not one division is anything settled yet.

While Shillingford were having an afternoon off, Caddington were registering a good win over Eaton Bray, but even that still leaves them a point behind the leaders, and they have played three matches more.

Maintaining what is now no more than an outside chance of taking the title were Stopley in unmistakable fashion against Rootes Sports, whose defence capitulated nine times.

The Division I race between Totternhoe and Glendale goes on unabated with neither giving the slightest suggestion that they will drop a point.

Glendale reached double figures against West Park, and although Totternhoe had a more difficult task in meeting Leagrave B.L., one of their chief rivals this season, they won with something to spare.

Into the lead in Division II, though only by virtue of superior goal average so far, go Chaul End Athletic, impressive winners over Caddington "B", and they are now level on points with Bells Park and have two matches in hand.

A "hat-trick" by Weston kept Stopley Reserves strongly placed in their bid for the Division III title, and it seems only a matter of time before they take over the leadership from Hockliffe.

Just two more points, and they have four matches still to play, will place Sundon Park in an unassailable position at the head of Division IV.

They were the day's top scorers with a round dozen against Villa Rovers. Surprise here was the failure of Brown and Green, but others near the top, Bidwell and Totternhoe Reserves, made no mistake.

PREMIER DIVISION: COCKERNHOE 0, ELECTROLUX 1 (Rogers).

ROOTES SPORTS 3, STOPSLEY 9 (Gibbs 4, Pugh 3, J. Mantion, R. Caddington 4 (Thorn 2, Fullerton, Banks), EATON BRAY 2 (Line Gilroy).

BARTON ROVERS 4 (Bury 2, Horner 2, TOTTENHOE ROVERS 3 (R. Conquest, James, Ayres).

LUTON TOWN 4 (B. Jackson 2, Chambers, Riddell), NAPIER SPORTS 2 (Weston, B. Bachini).

FOOTBALL: LUTON TOWN F.C. SATURDAY, 23RD MARCH Luton—2nd Division II. LUTON TOWN v. HULL CITY. Kick-off 3 p.m. ADMISSION: Centre Stand 7/6; Wing Stands 5/-; Enclosure (standing only) 3/6, Boys 2/-; Bobbery Stand (covered) 2/-, Boys 1/3 (separate entrance); Terraces (not covered) 1/3, Boys 1/-.

# TWO QUICK GOALS STAGGERED CITY

## Inspired Spell Put Town On Top At Lincoln

By Chiltern

LINCOLN CITY ..... 1 LUTON TOWN ..... 2

After having played second fiddle to Lincoln for most of the first half at Sincil Bank on Saturday and being a little fortunate to be no more than one goal down at the interval, the Town staged a brilliant rally in the opening stages after the re-start.

In four minutes they scored twice to make certain of their seventh away win of the season, their fourth double and two points that keep them keenly interested in the promotion fight.

Half-time instructions to go all out for an early goal have seldom been obeyed more promptly for only a minute had gone when the Town attacked, throwing off their sluggishness of the first half, suddenly sprang into life.

A quick-fire movement between Cullen and TURNER left the latter most acutely angled and it was a matter of some wonder just how he managed to force the ball past Jones (J.) into the far corner of the net.

Force it there he did, despite the efforts of Green to prevent it crossing the line and the stage was set for the Town revival.

That success came before Lincoln had settled down for the second half battle and before they really knew what was happening, they were in arrears.

This time, a movement that began in midfield led to a passing dual between Turner and Pye and it was PYE who finally stabbed it past Jones (J.) for a well-taken goal.

### REAL TRANSFORMATION SCENE

That brought a real transformation scene, rocked Lincoln back on their heels and settled the Town into a far more confident combination.

For much of the second half, they played clever, constructive football in attack and might well have increased their lead.

Lincoln missed the boat in the first half when they had several reasonable scoring chances, but failed to profit by them. In fact, they had the chance of a flying start, for Birch missed with only Baynham to beat in the first minute of the game.

Fast and forceful, the City forwards, ably backed up by their wing halves gave the Town defence plenty to do before the interval, but their finishing did not match their approach work and it was not until they obtained a rather fortunate penalty kick that they were able to go ahead.

This was awarded when Pemberton put up his hands to protect his face as Munro prepared to centre the ball from a few yards away.

The ball struck his hands, went behind and the referee pointed to the penalty spot despite the protests of the Town players. WHITTLE made no mistake and Lincoln were a goal ahead after 30 minutes.

Much of the reason for the semi-collapse of the Town in the first half lay in the fact that the forwards seldom achieved anything approaching unity and cohesion and seemed unable to adapt themselves to the lively conditions.

### DIFFERENT STORY WHEN GOALS CAME

Attacks broke down before they were really under way and there were far too many instances when forwards were caught in possession.

Once the goals came, there was a different story altogether for, with Turner and McJarrow using the ball well, there was more support for Pye who threw off the yoke imposed on him by the strong Emery in the first half, and played a great part in welding the line together into an effective force. McJarrow had a most successful second half.

Mitchell, by changing his tactics, staying out on the wing and beating Green on the outside often threw the Lincoln defence into confusion, while Cullen struck up a happy understanding with Turner on the other wing.

While it had one or two uncertain periods in the first half, mainly through not going in to meet the ball consistently, the defence as a whole was more than adequate.

Owen played a leading role in breaking up raids and did much to put out of commission Lincoln's two centre-forwards plan. Hall saw to the other half of this scheme by holding Graver and Morton, apart from a tendency to be caught "in between" was most effective, too.

Once again, the full-back partnership of Jones and Pemberton worked extremely well, with coolness and constant effort to use the ball the keynote of their confident displays.

There was not the semblance of an error of judgment by Baynham who made certain of catching everything in the air and was supremely safe through the piece.

LINCOLN CITY.—Jones (J); Green, Graham; Dykes, Emery, Owen (R); Munro, Garvie, Graver, Birch, Whittle.

LUTON TOWN.—Baynham, Jones (L), Pemberton; Morton, Hall, Owen (S); Cullen, Turner, Pye, McJarrow, Mitchell.

Referee.—H. Webb, Leeds. Attendance.—15,458.

### South Midlands League SHOCKS FOR TWO LUTON TEAMS

#### Nothing Will Go Right For Kent's Ath.

There were two surprises in the South Midlands League on Saturday, otherwise results went very much according to form.

In the Premier Division, Kent's Athletic, for whom nothing was going right lately, were hoping to right their way out of their sticky patch by beating Baldock.

Instead it was Baldock, who collected both valuable points. The other shock was in Division I, where Electrolux failed to beat Marston Shelton. Electrolux have only three more games to play and are four points behind Biggleswade, the leaders, who now seem certain for promotion.

Slump of these two Luton teams is rather surprising for earlier in the season both were being tipped as championship prospects.

Skeffo Athletic, the only Luton team with a chance of a title, regained the winning path after their defeat of the week before and, with four games to play, are three points in front of Blechley B.B.O.B., the only other Division II team with any hopes.

Both Shefford and Arlesey won their Premier Division matches—both by the only goal scored, yet both were meritorious victories for they were against AC-Delec and Jeddard Town "A", two very useful sides.

### AMATEUR LEFT IT VERY LATE

#### Yet Their Form Was Championship Calibre

Luton Amateur 2, Epping Town 1. Showing real championship form, the Amateurs hit back to beat Epping after being a goal down at the interval.

They opened well, and their forwards, cleverly led by Clare, were dangerous. Epping survived some dangerous attacks before their forwards raided, but when they did settle down they had a fair share of the play and James made several fine saves.

He was beaten in the 22nd minute, however, when SPELLER scored a good goal to give the visitors the lead.

The Amateur monopolised most of the second-half play. CLARE put them on terms within three minutes of the re-start but, although there were several near misses, the winning goal was not scored until two minutes from the end, when P. SMITH netted.

Hockey: EASY WIN FOR OLD DUNSTABLES. This game took place in Spring sunshine with the Old Boys winning the match right from the start. They were much quicker on the ball, and their passing was more accurate. Poor marking on the part of the Tring defence allowed the O.D.'s right wing, STEVENS, to get a shot in from the edge of the circle which rebounded off the goalkeeper's pads into the back of the net. Shortly afterwards a corner enabled them to increase their lead through READ.

In the second half, with the advantage of a slight slope, they forged further ahead with goals by HOY, READ HEAD and ALLISON. Together an easy win for the O.D.'s team which was never really extended.

### SUCCESS OF A NEWCOMER

Luton Town "A" 2, Windsor and Eton 2. Outstanding feature of this Metropolitan League game was the performance of centre-half R. Bell, an 18-year-old player from County Durham, who signed professional forms for Luton after the game.

Apart from 1/4 most promising performance there was little about which to enthuse. Luton, with seven amateurs in the side, were often ragged, while Windsor were faster on the ball and generally used it to their advantage than their opponents.

LAWRENCE gave Windsor the lead in the 20th minute, but Luton equalised before the interval, when ALLEN scored after a long, determined dribble in which he beat several defenders.

The second half was also very even, and Luton took the lead in fortunate fashion when THOMPSON took a free kick 10 yards inside the Windsor half. To his, and everyone else's surprise, the ball trickled past the Windsor goalkeeper, who must have been unswitched.

After this Luton pressed for a spell, but were unable to increase their lead, and Windsor eventually equalised through COLLINS a few minutes before the end.

Allen was the best of an indifferent Luton forward line, but Bradley had an unhappy afternoon.

### Luton Greyhounds

#### RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

6.30 (410yds)—514 Absolute, 553 Halfway 441 Lindy, 535 Roger Boy, 332 Star Signal, 344 Waincoat, reserve 562 Father's Glory.

6.50 (470yds)—532 Brick Dust, 626 Greenites, 616 Hall Sands, 542 Mol, 653 Rockafella, 24 The Smith (March 7 to 4, 24.81), reserve 2 Cynic.

7.10 (410yds)—Atomic (March 19, to 4, 24.66), March 21, to 1, 24.60, 221 Guttersnipe, 14 Rance (March 21, to 5, 24.67), 1 Red Wind, Static (March 5, to 2, 24.64), March 18, to 3, 24.61), Sugar Candy (March 19, to 4, 24.62), March 21, to 4, 24.72), reserve 25 Nickel Coin (March 21, to 2, 24.79).

7.30 (470yds)—5 Balcony, 122 Emperor, 2 O.B.E., 234 Sinner, 41 Watty, 511 Whiskers.

7.50 (675yds)—634 Black Flash, 331 Embury, 332 Juv Fanny, 562 Mary's Son, 515 Phillip's Pet, 165 Rich.

8.10 (410yds)—Bolt (March 19, to 3, 24.55), March 21, to 5, 24.58, 411 Capricious, 134 Gerald, 443 Lord Luck, Lucky Dome (March 19, to 5, 24.56), March 21, to 6, 24.52), Trotter (March 19, to 2, 24.53), March 21, to 5, 24.55), reserve 414 Cardsharp.

8.30 (470yds)—321 Bill Badger, 46 Fox Hunter, 34 It's Easy (March 21, to 4, 24.46), 111 Jasper, 2 Vic, 613 Vivo.

8.50 (410yds)—14 Gem Cutters, 122 Johnny D, 463 Radwell, 633 River Bank, 255 Sam's Song, 346 The Bride, reserve 635 Recorder.

SELECTIONS: 6.30, Waincoat (Absolute, Roger Boy); 6.50, Rockafella (Hall Sands, Greenites); 7.10, Guttersnipe (Red Wind, Rance); 7.30, Whiskers (Singer, Watty); 7.50, Rich Juv Fanny, Black Flash; 8.10, Cardsharp (map) (Lucky Dome, Lord Luck); 8.30, Jasper (Vivo); 8.50, Sam's Song (River Bank, Radwell).

### Golf

#### LADIES' MEDAL

Leading returns in a South Beds Ladies' medal competition, held on Tuesday, were: Mrs. V. Jony (22), 91-71; Mrs. O. Fyson (30), 101-71; Mrs. H. Horler (18), 90-72; Mrs. L. G. Randall (18), 91-73.

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