OWEN, McJARROW, JONES ARE and is keeping out of the team Martin, the player for whom the Forest paid a five-figure fee to THOSE DOUBTFUL

After the holiday comes the reckoning of the toll injuries have taken during the hectic Easter period and vesterday's reports showed that the Town are rather more badly hit than their visitors of next Saturday, Nottingham Forest.

Yesterday Manager Dally Duncan could not attempt to name his team because of doubts about the fitness of Sid Owen, Hugh McJarrow and Leslie Jones and will await final reports to-morrow before doing so.

Owen missed Monday's match play and the absence of this noted because of a septic foot, but is making good progress and has a fair chance of returning to the

McJarrow strained a thigh muscle on Monday which puts him in the doubtful category, and the prospect of Jones, who did not play in any of the holiday games because of a slightly torn muscle, having recovered are thought to be moderately good.

If both Owen and McJarrow

should prove to be unfit, the Town would be faced with something of a problem for, although they could get out of the inside-left difficulty by moving Charlie Wat-kins there, they would still have the left-half position to fill.

Match That The Town Must Win OBVIOUS choice would be

Wally Shanks, who showed in the Reserves during the week-end that he is on the way back to form, but there is still a query about whether he has recovered sufficiently to return to the hurlyburly of Second Division football. He could be a possible for Saturday though and the Town

are hoping that the injury doubts will clear up, for the meeting with the Forest is likely to be one of the most difficult of the season. The Town must win to retain any chance at all of overhauling Huddersfield Town. whose 8-2

win over Everton went a long way towards removing any thoughts that they are on the side. Two Points Needed To

Set Up New Record VICTORY on Saturday will take

the number of points the Town have gained this season to 50 and will set up a new club record in the Second Division. Previous best was in the 1938-39 season when they finished with 49. An ankle injury received against Leeds kept former Town player, Horace Gager, out of the Forest team that drew with Sheffield United on Monday, but he is garded as certain to return Kenilworth-road.

In fact, the cally doubt the Forest have, and it is a serious one, is about Wally Ardron, who was off the field for the last 20 minutes on Monday after receiving a hard knock in the kidney

Ardron Is A Very Doubtful Starter YESTERDAY, the Forest were not very hopeful about the

possibility of him being able to

INJURIES HIT VAUXHALL Although the week-end matches

brought Vauxhall three valuable Spartan League points—they beat Wood Green Town and drew with Tuffnell Park-it could not be termed completely successful. Reason for that is that in the match with Wood Green Alf Mor-

gan tore a knee ligament and will not play again this season, while at Tuffnell Park, Roy Brandham damaged a cartilage and will also be out until next season. Against Wood Green Vauxhall out up a fine performance. They

lost Morgan, through injury, in the sixth minute and Brandham was hurt early on and spent most of the game on the left wing, they built up a three goals interval lead through TODD, WARD and BRANDHAM, and although Wood Green scored three times in the second half, TODD scored two more for the Motors to give them 5-3 victory Each side scored twice at Tuff-

nell Park on Monday. Vauxhall took the lead through CHAPPIN but the home side rallied and scored twice and there were only two minutes left when JAMES Even so two chances came

Vauxhall's way in the last minute and with a little luck they would have collected both points.

marksman who has scored 21 goals this season, would certainly improve the Town's chances.

If Ardron is out, the probability is that Manager Billy Walker will

repeat the experiment he has tried with quite a measure of success two or three times this season and switch Moore into the middle from the right wing. This would bring in Wilson at outside right.

The rem on Monday was:
Walker: Whare, Hutchinson;
French McKinlay, Burkitt,
Moore, Leverton, Ardron, Capel.

Collindridge. Run Of Eight Games

Without Defeat FOREST are another team who

immediately below the Town in the League table with four points

certain of finishing in third place and collecting between them the £330 talent money that goes with such an achievement. Forest will be out for this prize

Capel Is Playing Brilliantly Now

the lead in the Premier Divi-sion of the South Midlands League and are now odds-on favourities to win the championship for the second successive season. hey lead the way by only one

hand over their nearest rivals, Shefford Town, It was by beating Shefford on Saturday and Baldock Town on

Easter Monday that they moved back into top position.

Shefford lost their only holiday game, Bedford Town "A" were

points from them, Coincidence in Division I was that Biggleswade Town and Cranfield United, who are in the

games and each scored seven goals and conceded four. Biggleswade are now sure of In Division II, Skefko and Bletchley B.B.O.B. won comfort-

ably. They, too, are certain of promotion. GOOD FRIDAY DIVISION I

PREMIER DIVISION

Cross 2 DIVISION I

Storfold 3, Bletchley T 2 DIVISION II Baldock T 6, Bedford N.E. 2

Elstow Abbey 3. Flitwick Ath 1 Davis Ath 4, Perriree O.B. 2 Kent's Ath 0, Bletchley B.B.O.B. 5 Wootton B.C. 1, Skerko Ath 5 PREMIER DIVISION Baldock T 1, Arlesey T 6 Dunstable T 5, Letchworth T 1

Kent's Ath 4. Harrold U 0 Potton U 0. Bedford T "A" 1 DIVISION I

On For Division I Honours By their sweeping victory over their chief rivals,

winning the championship of the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League. Now they require only two more points from their four

three points all season, they have shown remarkably consistent form. In the vital match on Saturday, STOPSLEY 2 (Pugh 2). SHILLING-Shillington's forwards were too fast and direct for the Stopsley de-

dogs, Electrolux, whose fate is now sealed. The neck-and-neck battle for the HITCHIN-ROAD O.B. "A" 0, TOT-Division I title goes on with Totternhoe still six points in front

of Glendale who have three matches in hand. Glendale had all their work cur out to overcome Laporte and Totternhoe found it no easy mat-

ter to take full points from Hitchin-road. O.B. Three points from their re maining three matches will as-sure Chaul End Athletic of the

champiorship of Division II. Cuddington gave them a hard fight and two late goals landed Chaul End the points. Their rivals, Bells Park and Beechwood Y.C. had much easier

tasks in their matches, but their prospects now seem to be remote.

Although Stopsley Reserves dropped a point at Barton, only the third they have lost this season, they are strongly placed in

Division II unless they have a sudden slump. Level on points with Hockliffe, they have two matches in hand which gives them a considerable advantage at this stuge of the season

In Division IV. Bidwell's win over Laporte Reserves means that they take runners-up medals. PREMIER DIVISION SATURDAY

EATON BRAY 6 (Giltrow 4, Ruffett, opponent). BARTON ROVERS 4 (W Horsler 2, Burr 2) FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C. SATURDAY, 11th APRIL

League - Division II

LUTON TOWN NOTTINGHAM

FOREST Kick-off 3 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/-.

have been in the fringe of promotion this season and they are

B winning this match, the Town, even if they miss promotion in the end, can make tolerably

too, and they have had a run of eight games without defeat from which they have taken 13 points In fact, they have lost only one of their last 13 League games.

FORMER Chesterfield and Bir-mingham inside-left. Tommy Capel is now playing brilliantly

ARLESEY HOT

FAVOURITES Arlesey Town have regained

point, but have two games in

not involved in any matches dur-ing the break, and Potton United and Kent's Athletic each played two games and collected two

top two positions, each collected three points from two holiday

Histon 3, Houghton Rets 3 DIVISION II Wootton Blue Cross 7. Filtwick Ath 2

AC-Delco 2, Kent's Ath 1
AC-Delco 2, Kent's Ath 1
Arlesey T 2, Shefford T 0
Bedford Corinthians 4, Dunstable T 5
Harrold U 2, Ampthill T 2
Letchworth T 3, Poston U 5
Peartree Old Boys 1, Wootton Blue

Bedford St Cuthberts 2, Waterlow's 0 Cranfield U.2, Biggleswade T 2 St Neots St Mary's 12, Houghton Rers 1

Bletchley T 3. Bedford St Cuthberts 2 Houghton Rers 2, Biggletwade T 5 Marston Shelton 2, Cranfield U 5 DIVISION II

Flirwick Ath 2. Bedford North Eng 2 THE TITLE IS ALMOST IN

SHILLINGTON'S GRASP NOW Neck-and-Neck Struggle Goes

Stopsley, Shillington made virtually certain of

remaining matches to establish themselves in an unassailable position and, having dropped only

fast and direct for the Stopsley de-fence and scored eight times.

Stopsley recovered their form on Monday at the expense of bottom dogs, Electrolux, whose fate is

TERNHOE 2 (Bowler, Broyd) MONDAY GLENDALE 3 (James 2, Knapton). LAPORTE 2 (Lamb. Hotsler) DIVISION II SATURDAY

SATURDAY

SATURDAY
LUTON SOCIAL 4 (Hutchings 2.
Steit, Hampshire), LIILEY RANGERS 2 (B Carr, Coles)
CADDINGTON "B" 1 (Tomblin),
CHAUL END ATH 3 (Beasley,

Harris, Causer)
WARDEN HILL ATH 0. BEECH-WOOD Y.C. 6 (Ball 2. Williamson, Spittles, Skinner, Smylie)
BELLS PARK 9 (Childs 2, S Fensome 2, Woodbridge 2. R Fermome. White, King), OLD LUTONIANS 0 LUTON UTD 3. PERCUVAL ATH 2
DIVISION HI
BARTON ROVERS RES 0. STOPS-

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LEY RES 0 OFFLEY ROVERS 4 (D Crockford 2. Walker, opponent), WALCOT ATH 3 (Parsons 2, V Pedder) ADAMANT ATH 1 (Penny), HOCK-

LIFFE 4 DIVISION IV FRIDAY

FRIDAY

EATON BRAY RES 10 (Tibbett 3. Proctor 3. Bringinshaw 2. King 2). ENGLISH ELECTRIC RES 1

WILSDEN ATH 5 (Thorpe 2. Feakes 2. Jackson). VILLA ROVERS 4 (B. Taylor 3. Collett). SATURDAY

STOPSLEY Y.C. 2 (Reilly, Webb). LUTON O.B. RES 6

ENGLISH ELECTRIC RES 2. EATON BRAY RES 5 (Rutherford).

NGLISH ELECTRIC RES 2. EATON BRAY RES 5 (Rutherford 2. Burrows. Brigginshaw, Abrahams) BEECHWOOD Y.C. RES 6 (Lovelock 2. Hayward 2, Ray, Clarke),

HEXTON 0
LAPORTE RES 2 (Bowler, Boyd),
BIDWELL 4 (Garwood 3, Pyper) THOMPSON SHONE

AS LEADER Hustings Res. 3, Luton T. "A" Three times in arrears at

Hastings on Monday, the Town "A" hit back to equalise three times and then smatch a great victory. Player to whom they owed a great deal was full-back Thompon, who switched to centre forward for the second half,

scored two great goals and was unlucky with other efforts. Thompson changed with Ingle, who had not been happy in the middle, and held the line together splendidly. Other goals came from Bennett

and Bradley (penalty), while Hawkes missed a penalty, hitting

& post.

ampton in the Combination Cup and choice of their team has been delayed, too, partly because of injuries to first team players. The Reserves' casualties during the week-end were Arthur Taylor, who has a heel injury and is doubtful for this week, and Derek Allen, who damaged an ankle on Saturday, but who is likely to be available.

the Town.

Doncaster Rovers earlier this

who will not be able to include

David Sexton because they signed him after the dead-line date.

Reserves Collected

Injuries, Too

THE Reserves are due at North-

The Town's promotion chance

Revival of the Reserves has come too late to give them a real chance of accomplishing anyseason and, as Northampton have already drawn at Luton this season, the Town seem to be facing a formidable task. Two Youngsters

Report To-day REPORTING to-day are two youngsters from the North-

East who have been signed on professional forms by the Town. They are Raymond Bell, a tall centre-halt, and James Folwell, the left-back who impressed a great deal on his two outings with the "A" team this season. Both come from Langley Park Juniors and are 18 years of age They have been signed as part-

time professionals and will continue their trades in Luton. Another youngster signed by the Town on amateur forms is 16years-old Alan Loasby, an ins.do

forward from the Wedingborough area. He is joining the ground staff at Kenilworth-road, and is a nephew of Harry Loasby, who played at centre-forward for the Town in the early 1930's. Vauxhall Have To Replace Two Forwards

BAD blow to Vauxhall Motors in view of the crowded programme they face during the next three weeks are the injuries to Brandham and Morgan.

The clever play of Brandham at icit mis mag m with the improvement made by the team during the last few weeks, and as Morgan has been doing well, too, there is bound to be some effect on the team as a

whole.

Metropolitan Police at Imber Court, and bring Dolan and James into the forward line. The defence remains the same. Team: D. Johnston: J. Bur

gess, P. Gobby; L. Ward, J. Humphrey, E. Lawrence; R. Chappin, T. Dolan, G. Todd, J. O'Neill, E. James. Kent's Expecting A

Hard Battle

EXPECTING a hard battle when Peartree Old Boys visit them in the South Midlands League on Saturday, Kent's Athletic are hoping to be at full strength, though they have not yet been able to settle their forward line. R. Peel, who led the fine splendidly last week, will remain at centre-forward, but final choice of the attack will be

made from six players.

Team (from): C. Middleton,
L. Morgan, R. Noble, D.
Slough, H. Naylor, R. Router,
k. Watts, W. Sing, R. Peel,
W. Meyrick, R. Redding, T. McCurdie. Greyhounds

THRILLS AT

LUTON STADIUM

Bill Badger Won Sweepstake Final The Easter Sweepstake final at Luton Stadium on Monday night produced one of the most thril-

ling races seen for many a long Winner was 7-2 chance Bill Badger who beat Just Janet by 1} The Consolation Final was also

close thing, Canny and Rosie's Boy dead-heating for first place. I. (410yds.—1 WATCH STRAP (5), 2 Foriaw (1), 3 City Lights (3), 4 Turn Right (6), 5 Jany (4), 7, 4, 1, 1, 25,33, Non-runner Billy's Boy (2), Oft Betting: 2-1 WATCH STRAP, City

Lights, 4-1 Foxiaw, 5-1 Turn Right, 6-1 Jany. Forecast: £1/6/3. II. (470yda) — 1 DESTINY (1), 2 Father's Glory (4), 3 Waistcoat (6), 4 Baily Low (3), 5 Lindy (2), 6 Smartly Girl (5), 1, 1, 11, 6, 3, 29, 24, Off 6, 57. Betting: 3-1 DESTINY, Waistcoat, Bally Low, 4-1 Lindy, 8-1 Father's Glory, 10-1 Smartly Girl, Forecast: III. (410yds) - 1 CLIPPER (3), 2 Lucky Dome (2), 3 Cynic (5), 4 Black Satin (1), 2, 3, 5, 24.78, Non-runners Friday (4), Rent Day (6), Off 7.17.

Betting: 4-7 Lucky Dome, 3-1 Cynic. 4-1 CLIPPER, 8-1 Black Satin Fore-CAS: £1/9/6. IV. (470yds)—1 ALL WHITE (2), 2 Black Jack (5), 3 Agile (1), 4 Gerald (3). Short hd., 4, 3, 28.59. Non-runners Watty (4), Pet Lip (6). Off 7.37.

Betting: 4-6 Black Jack, 5-2 Gerald.
4-1 ALL WHITE, 7-1 Agile, Forecast:

EASTER SWEEPSTAKE FINAL (470yds)—1 BILL BADGER (1), 2 Just Janet (5), 3 Oil Lamp (3), 4 Manor Park (6), 5 Jasper (2), 6 River Side (4), 1½, neck, 1, 1, 1½, 28.60, Off 7.57, Betting: 3-1 Manor Park, 7-2 BILL BADGER, Oil Lamp, 4-1 Just Janet,

6-1 Jasper, 8-1 River Side, Forecast: CONSOLATION FINAL (470yda) CONSOLATION FINAL (470yds)—
1 CANNY (4), ROSIE'S BOY (5)
dead-heat. 3 Marvex (3), 4 Press On
(6), 5 Phillip's Pet (1), 4, 4, 3, 28,41.
Non-runner Mary's Son (2), Off 8,19.
Betting: 2-1 CANNY, 11-4 ROSIE'S
BOY, 3-1 Marvex, 6-1 Press On, 7-1
Phillip's Pet Forecasts: 10/6, 14/9,
VII. (410yds)—1 GRAND STYLE
(5), 2 Tracer (1), 3 Singer (6), 4 King's

(5), 2 Tracer (1), 3 Singer (6), 4 King's Par: (4), 5 Gambler (2), Short hd, 2. 3. 24.50. Non-runner Jetty (3). Off Betting: 4-5 GRAND STYLE, 3-1 King's Fare, 5-1 Tracer, 7-1 Gambler, 8-1 Singer. Forecast: 15/0.
VIII. (470yds) — 1 DETERMINATION (3), 2 Muriel (2), 3 Lizard (5), 4 Embassy (4), 5 Rockafella (1), 6 Baby Girl (6), 1, 1, 4, 1, 6, 29.26.

Betting: 3-1 DETERMINATION, 7-2 Muriel, 4-1 Embassy, Lizard, 5-1 Rockafella, 100-8 Baby Girl, Forecast: RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON ON SATURDAY 6.30 (410yda)—313 City Lights, 414 Cross Keys, 231 Max Future, 352 Muriel, 224 Please Do, 421 Sunlight,

O.I 9.02.

meerve 413 Lizard.

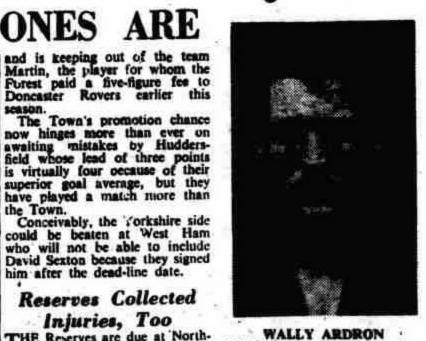
6.50 (470yds) - 334 Bally Low. 234 Brookside. 461 Destiny, 232 Father's Glory, 323 Lazy Blackie, 332 Star Signal, reserve 524 Saucy Chris, 7.10 (410ydn)—1 Biddy, Dodger (Mar. 25. tp 5, 24.81; Ap. 4, tp 2, 24.91). Syrup (Mar. 26, tp 5, 24.94; Ap. 1. to 3, 25.08), 521 Tony, 451 Watch Strap, White Captain (Jan. 22, tp 4, 24.99; Ap. 1, tp 5, 24.98), reserve 4

Kelling. 7.30 (470yda) - 214 Gratis, 43 It's Easy, 413 Just Janet, 114 Manor Park, 516 River Side, 321 Ronie's Boy, reserve 253 Cynic

7.50 (675yds) — 52 Black Jack, 245
Churchill, 523 Quick Answer, 413
Singer, 212 Tom Boy, 114 Whinkers,
8.10 (410yds)—2 Arm In Arm, 223
Agile, 51 Atomic, 256 Flying Officer,
144 Cardsharp, 433 Lord Luck, reserve
313 Sporting Express,
8.30 (470yds)—226 Brick Dunt, 453
Gem Cutters, 566 Janet L., 662 JigSaw, 153 Malcolm, 424 Press On,
reserve 355 White Lady,
8.50 (410yds)—154 Black Satin, 5
Just William, Kerry Dancer (Mar, 19,
to 1, 24.65; Ap. 1, to 2, 24.70), 313
River Bank, 3 Static, 4 Trotter, reserve
135 Vivo,
SELECTBONS
6.30, Piesse Do (Sunlight, Max reserve 253 Cynic

6.30, Picase Do (Sunlight, Max Future); 6.50, Destiny (Father's Glory, Star Signal); 7.10, Tony (Biddy, Watch Strap); 7.30, Manor Park (Rosie's Boy, Just Janet); 7.50, Whiskers (Singer, Tom Boy); 8.10, Atomic (Agile, Arm In Arm); 8.30, Jig-Saw (Brick Dust, Malcolm); 8.50, River Bank (nap) (Black Satin, Trouser).

(Black Satin, Trotter),



WALLY ARDRON
Nottingham Forest's star
centre-forward, who was injured against Sheffield United and is not expected to play on MAXIMUM

FORRESERVES

Overcame Two

Leading Teams

It was a 100-per-cent week-end for the Town Reserves, who collected maximum points from their two games with the Combination Cup (Section III) leading teams, Norwich City and Ips-

LUTON TOWN RES. .. 5 IPSWICH TOWN RES. . 1 Two goals in the first ten

Monday.

minutes put Luton on the right road to victory when they met Ipswich Reserves at Kenilworthroad on Saturday. Luton, with a young and rela-tively inexperienced torward line,

opened brightly, and in the second minute Shanks centred from somewhere near the corner-flag. and BENNETT dashed in to meet the ball and head it past the helpless goalkeeper. Eight minutes later, SHANKS, who played a strong, constructive ame and who appeared to have regained his best form, beat two Ipswich defenders in the penalty

area and crashed home a low

Ipswich hit back and reduced

their arrears through DOBSON, and after this success they tried hard to equalise before the interval. But the home defence stood firm, and in the second half Luton proved themselves the On Saturday the Motors visit stronger side. Bennett made several long runs which could have brought goals, and in the 70th minute BROWN

sent in a high, curling shot which deceived McMillan completely, and two minutes later GROVES lobbed the ball over the heads of two defenders for Luton's fourth Two minutes later GROVES scored again to com-plete the discomfiture of a dispirited Ipswich team. LUTON TOWN RES.:

Streten; Cooke, Aherne; Smith, Kelly, Shanks; Bennett, Allen, Scott, Groves, Brown.

IPSWICH RES.: McMillan;
Hewitt, Snell: Jones, Fletcher,
Garnham; Havenga, Dobson,
Higgins, Callaghan, Marsh.

Back To Near Top Form LUTON YOWN RES. 3

NORWICH CITY RES. . . 1
This victory on Good Friday brought to an end a run of four consecutive defeats and in achieving it Luton Reserves showed something like the form they displayed when winning the championship of the Football Combination, Division II. Norwich fielded a strong side

and took the lead in the 16th minute when HANSELL took advantage of a defensive mix-up. Two minutes later Allen sent in a hard drive and SCOTT, standing almost on the goal-line, helped it into the back of the net with a SCOTT scored again after the interval and ALLEN, who was a l w a y s dangerous, obtained

Luton's third goal.

Luton fully deserved their victory for their forwards played clever football and were well

directed by Moore at centre-forward, while the defence was sound, with Thompson, at leftback, giving a grand display.

LUTON TOWN RES.: Streten; Cooke, Thompson; Smith, Kelly, Shanks; Davies, Scott, Moore, Allen, Taylor.

Oxford; Dutton, Duffy; Foulkes,

Carberry, Cleary; Jones, Hansell,

Summers, Coxon, Rackham. ST. ANDREW'S R.H. STILL POINTLESS Results went according to the

form book in the Youth League.

NORWICH

St. Margaret's had an easy win over Old Bedford Road, and Hart Hill Athletic beat St. Andrew's This match represented St. Andrew's best chance to win a point — they are pointless at

present - but Hart Hill rose to the occasion and doubled their points output. 14-18

ST. MARGARET'S Y.C. 9 (Wells 5, Ruthton 3, Lake). OLD BEDFORD-ROAD O.B. 2 (Lack, Nelson)

ST. ANDREW'S ROBIN HOOD 1 (Toyer), HART HILL ATH 3 (Blake

2, Worsley) 14-16 LIMBURY O.B. 3. VAUXHALL MOTORS 3 LUTON HOTSPUR 0. POYNTERS-ROAD 4 (Hawkins 2. Clarke,

OLD BOYS Old Lutonians 12, South

Kugby

Wigston O.B. 10 With the majority of their first-team players participating in the Southend Rugby Festi-val, Old Lutonians dld very well to beat the South Wigston

The game was not so even as

SUCCESSFUL

the score would suggest, however, for the Lutonians were always on p. and their opponents did not score until the game was in its dying minutes. The home pack consisted mainly of second and third team players, but their forward rushes were always dangerous and the depleted back divi-

side on Saturday.

sion more than held its own.

Ironmonger, Thorpe and Edmonds scored first-half tries, though none was converted, and Thorpe touched down again after the interval Defensive errors let Wigston through lowards the end, and they scored two

"GUESTS" HELPED LUTON TO VICTORY Bedford Wanderers 6, Lules 18 Deprived of several of their players

helped out by Old Dunstablians, who provided "guest" players who did well in the three-quarter line. Luton started poorly and conceded two penalties, both of which were con-verted. Gradually improving, they kept their line intact until the interval.

In the accord half they gave a great display and Hawkes (2) and Bullock scored good tries, all of which were converted by Rogers, who also kicked

WON THROUGH TO Unable to field their strongest side for various reasons, the Old Lutonians' seven were extremely pleased with their Mrs. C. W. Thompson 108—36=72; Mrs. C. W. Crew 86—4=82; Mrs. E. efforts when they reached the final of Strange 100—18=82.

Started With A Defeat-**Ended With Easy Victory**

After getting away to a bad start to their Easter programme by losing narrowly at Bury, the Town gradually improved by gaining a draw at Blackburn on Saturday and obtained their first victory of the week-end in their only home match-with Bury on While three points out of six were less than the Town

had hoped for, they served to keep them within striking distance of Huddersfield Town, which means that their promotion ambitions are not at an

LATE GOAL DECIDED

LUTON TOWN 0 After having played seven con-

secutive away inatenes without meeting defeat, this was not only a disappointing, but an un-expected result, for it was confidently thought that at least one point would come the Town's way. Weakness in an attack that

seldom functioned smoothly after the opening stages was the main reason why the Town met with this setback, and could they only have accepted the chances that came their way in the opening minutes, they would probably have had little difficulty in maintaining their away requence. Twice McJarrow had attempts

headed over the bar, but, in the main, there was not sufficient craft nor quickness of movement in the wich Town. They were Town forward line to break down without a game on Easter a home defence that covered well. Too often, the Town were try-ing to play football the hard way instead of being content to let the ball do the work and there certainly was little of the promo-tion look about their attacking

> Bury looked the more dangerous but, even so, their finishing was below standard and the Town looked to be in no real danger of losing a point until nine minutes from the end.

Then, Baynham went full length to turn a pile-driver from Cameron around the post and could not clear the corner from Cameron This led to GLEAD-ALL being left with a close-range chance of which he exacted full COULD NOT QUIBBLE

AT RESULT No rally that looked likely to

retrieve the situation came from the Town in the closing minutes, and, on the run of the play, they could scarcely quibble at the result, except that it was rough luck on the defence to fall after holding out for so long Once Bury got over the early nervous stages when they were

none too comfortable, their fast,

direct football did not give the Town a chance to settle down to the style they showed early on. The inside forwards could not work out openings and Pye was much in the grip of Hart who marked him very closely. Of the wingers, the more threat came from Mitchell, who, how-

ever, did not maintain his bright start and Cullen took too long to make ground. One of the outstanding features in defence was the rolished, assured display of Pemberton, quite his best for the first team, and he did extremely well against

Dunne was not so happy on his return to the team and Hall was shaken up by a nose injury that took him off the reld for five minutes during the irst half and he found Plant a landful.

There were competent defensive

the fast, dangerous Fletcher.

While Baynham seemed to be at fault when the goal was scored, the Town claimed that he was impeded and the remainder of his work was in the top-class BURY: Kirk; Fairclough, Massey; Greenhalgh, Hart, Bards-ley; Fletcher, Daniel, Plant,

Gleadall, Cameron.
LUTON TOWN: Baynham;
Dunne, Pemberton; Morton,
Hall, Owen; Cullen, Turner, Pye,
McJarrow, Mitchell.

THE END BLACKBURN ROVERS 1

LUTON TOWN 1 Five minutes from the end,

the Town seemed destined to go down to another single-goal defent at Blackburn on Saturday, but, five minutes later, they not only walked off the field with a point but had come within inches of "stealing" both. Man who saved the day was Mitchell, playing against one of his former clubs, and he rounded

off a movement that developed quickly between Davies and Moore after Eckersley had made a mistake. When the ball came across from Davies, MITCHELL quickly got it under control and steered

the ball on the line. Moore was close up, but was a split second too late to help it over the line before Elvy got there.

combined with the fact that the Rovers' shooting could have stood a good deal of improve-

competition at Northampton on Easter Monday. Decisive victories were secured in the Marathons by 8 points to nil, Old Grammarians by 13—nil, and Old Deaconians 6—nil. The much-fancied local side, Old Northamptonians, were

their opponents in the semi-final, and

this proved the best game of the day.

with a very tired Luton side hanging

on grimly to win by 5 points to 3. This gruelling match proved too much for them, and a faster, fresher and possibly fitter Corby side beat them easily in the final by 14 points to nil. Team Ironmonger. Swallow, Allen. Robinson, Edwards, Harris, Thorpe CRUISED TO A BIG SUCCESS Cheimsford 0, Old Lotonians 23 Playing at Chelmsford on Friday, Old Lutonians cruised to victory, They played a fast, open game, and

scrum and straight, hard running soon brought results, Thorpe touching down. Soon afterwards Thurlow to

a good service from the base of the

In the second half points were added by Thorpe, Thurlow and Adkins, the last try being converted by Shepherd, while Robinson kicked a near dropped goal and Adkins converted a long-raper penalty. verted a long-range penalty. Golf MIXED FOURSOMES Best results of a mixed foursomes

competition at Dunmable Downs Golf Club on Monday were: Mrs. G. F. Lashmore & J. F. Lyon 100—23 = 77. Mrs. Moore & J. Potter 97—18‡ = 78‡. Ladies' Medal

situation a good deal.

Eight minutes later McJARit well clear of Elvy. With only a minute or so re-ROW headed another spectacular goal again from Davies's centre maining, Blackburn had a narrow escape when Kelly's back pass eluded Elvy, and only by a superhuman effort did the goalkeeper manage to recover and smother suggest that they could do enough not end, for, in a desperate last-minute raid, Crossan made to win. Captain for the day in the enforced absence of Owen, Pye a terrific shot that Baynham often led the sisiting defence a saved in great style. The brilliance of Baynham, merry dance and was most un-

EASTER FOR the Old Northamptonians' seven-a-side often dangerous, though showed an inclination at times to attempt too much. For Dunne, this was his best

> Hall was inclined to give Fletcher too much room and was a bit hesitant at times.

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ment, was the main reason why the Town remained in a position from which they could snatch a

late equaliser.

Often, their goal seemed to be on the brink of downfall, but this combination defeated all the efforts of the Rovers, and Baynham made a deep impression on the crowd of 25,000 by his sure handling of the ball, his agility and his anticipation. He was only beaten once, and

that was from the penalty spot in the 33rd minute when ECKERS-LEY made no mistake after Dunne had been adjudged to have fouled Crossan. Many people were of the opinion that no offence had been

there seemed no grounds for the referee's decision. In fact there seemed more foundation to the Town's claim early in the match that Moore had been brought down from behind when he looked a likely

committed, and the Town's appeals were of no avail. To me

It was during this early period that the Town were seen at their best and, for about a quarter of an hour, they looked as if they were due for another big win over the Rovers.

Although the chances were

there, the goals would not come.

Elvy made a great save from

Watkins, Moore missed a couple of good opportunities, and Pye hit the side-net when well placed. Once they settled down, though the Rovers had more of the play, and the Town defence were kept busy for long periods. When they scored it was no more than their due and they, too, missed chances. They continued to be the more

powerful side in attack after the

interval, and there did not seem to be much prospect of the Town retrieving a point until the goal actually came. There was another belowpar showing from the Town forwards, with Pye too wellmarked and receiving too little support to create the havoc he

did in the two previous meet-

Neither inside-forward was consistent, and Moore had a

ings between the teams.

bleak afternoon, particularly with his shooting. Had Mitchell continued in his early form, he could have been the match-winner, and Davies gave quite a reasonable display on his return to the team.

Again the defence was the

stronger part of the team, with

Dunne showing an improvement

on his Bury form, and Pemberton, although inclined to give Campbell too much room, again looking the part of a polished full-back. There was defensive strength in the middle line, and although Hall could not be said to have

taken a grip on Quigley, he pre-vented the centre-forward from BLACKBURN ROVERS: Elvy; Suart, Eckersley; Clayton (R.), Kelly, Bell; Campbell, Crossan, Quigley, Wright, Glover.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham;

Dunne, Pemberton; Morton, Hall, Owen; Davies, Moore, Pye, displays from Morton and Owen, though the constructive work of Watkins, Mitchell. neither was all that it might have TWO FOR

> McJARROW UTON TOWN On going that was both soft and treacherous at Kenilworth-

road on Monday, the Town for-wards regained their scoring

touch, though it was not until the

goal from Davies's perfect centre

Six minutes later, a mistake by

last half an hour that they finally blunted Bury's hopes of gaining what would have been an invalu-DRAMA AT able point for them. Making their customary bright start, the Town pained some reward from it this time when McJARROW headed a picture

> Hall let in Simm from whose centre GLEADALL was able to glide the ball into the net out of Baynham's reach. Continually after this, the Town threatened to regain the lead and they had a certain amount of bad luck in their

missed opportunities, too.

shooting, but there were some

Then, with half on hour gone

after five minutes.

Turner broke away on the right wing and HART, in attempting to head clear, sent the ball flying into the back of his own net. So the position remained until the 64th minute when a deflected centre from the right was eagerly snapped up by TURNER for a goal that eased the Town's

and after that, it was a case of whether the Town would further improve their goal average. BURY WERE PLUCKY Bury gave a plucky display, and played some neat tootball at times, but there was scarcely sufficient punch in their attack to

lucky not to score at least one goal. He was the general of the attack and Hart did not obtain the grip on him that he had on Friday. There was bright work in patches from the inside men and Davies made some good centres, though there were times when he was lying too deep Mitchell was

creditably against Imlach who is regarded as one of the most promising young left-wingers in the country While his kicking was not always sure, Pemberton again did well and Morton was the best of the half-back line in which

which he is capable.

LUTON TOWN: Baynham;

Dunne, Pemberton; Morton,

ley; Simm, Daniel, Fletcher, Gleadall, Imlach. Attendance: 16,360.

game of the week-end and he did

Back at left-half again, Watkins did not touch the form of

Dunne, Pemberton; Morton, Hall, Watkins; Davies, Turner, Pye, McJarrow, Mitchell. BURY: Kirk; l'airclough, Massey; Greenhalgh, Hart, Bards-

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