

FINE SPELL BY TOWN
DID THE TRICKForest's Offside Tactics
Unpopular With Fans

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN 3 NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0
This was the heaviest defeat Forest have suffered at Kenilworth-road, where they are still awaiting their first victory, and they never looked likely to turn the tables on Saturday.

Quite a lot was at stake in this match—the Town needed the points to keep within striking distance of Huddersfield, while the Forest had the tempting bait of talent money dangling before their eyes—but much of the play was disappointing.

Main blame for this could be pinned on the firm ground and the lively ball, but the Town overcame this twin handicap long enough to make certain of finishing on the winning side.

After an opening that brought more yawns than thrills, the Town suddenly struck promotion form in a spell that lasted about 20 minutes immediately before the interval.

During it, Walker, in the Forest goal, was beaten twice and was distinctly fortunate not to have the melancholy task of picking the ball out of the back of the net more often.

First glimmer of brightness in the rather drab scene came in the 28th minute when WATKINS judged his jump to a nifty and headed through a free-kick from Jones as Walker went up for the ball.

That was the tonic the Town needed, and the Forest defence had a sticky time afterwards. Turner shot over from three or four yards and Davies, Mitchell and Fye all went close before a perfect through pass on to which MITCHELL racing between two defenders, fastened and he hit the ball into the net as Walker came out in despairing fashion.

To all intents and purposes this spell settled the match, for although Forest re-arranged their forward line with Moore in the middle, Leverton at inside-right, and Martin, who had been very much out of touch, on the wing, they could not stage a rally.

Certainly there was more liveliness from the visiting forwards, with most danger coming from Moore, but apart from a missed chance by Collindridge and a header by Capel that brought the best out of Baynam, there was little danger to the Town goal.

Offside tactics employed consistently by the Forest during the second half not only threw the Town attack out of gear, but incurred the displeasure of the crowd and brought several bouts of slow handclapping.

However, two minutes from the end the trap was sprung successfully when DAVIES beat Walker with a great low shot after a long run down the left by Mitchell.

INSIDE MEN UNSUCCESSFUL

Except that there was some weakness at inside forward, this was quite a competent display by the Town. Neither Turner nor Watkins really left much impression on this match, and it was left to Fye and Mitchell to pose the main danger to the visitors' defence.

There was a good deal of help, too, from Davies, whose goal should encourage him to use his shooting power more frequently.

In the defence there was



Jesse Fye

little to worry about, with Shanks making a successful return after 10 weeks' absence from the team and Owen dropping back into his old form on his switch to centre-half.

Morton turned in a splendid game, with the result that the Forest inside trio, faced by a solid middle line, found themselves left with little scope.

Apart from a tendency to allow Collindridge to get the ball under control, Jones was well in command of the situation, and there were few mistakes by Pemberton, who is playing confidently and well.

Again, Baynam was outstanding in the way in which he caught high centres, and he was never in the slightest difficulty.

LUTON TOWN: Baynam; Jones, Pemberton; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner, Fye, Watkins, Mitchell.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Walker; Thomas, Hutchinson; French, Gager, Burkill; Moore, Martin, Leverton, Capel, Collindridge.

Referee: R. E. Smith, Newport. Attendance: 18,599.

S. Midlands League

ARLESEY IN
COMMANDDid Themselves
A Good Turn

Arlesley Town now need only six points from their five remaining South Midlands League, Premier Division, matches, to make sure of the championship.

Even if Sheffield Town win all their remaining games they will have only 49 points whereas Arlesley already have a total of 44 from 25 games.

The leaders, did themselves a very good turn when they beat the powerful Bedford Town "A" on Saturday, and it will take a very good side to stop them now.

Kent's Athletic, showing improved form again after their recent slump, drew with Peartree O.B. but Potton United were well beaten by A.C. Delco.

Cranfield United will be promoted from Division I with Biggleswade. Although they were expected to do better than draw with lowly Percival Athletic, the point they obtained from that meeting has put them in an unassailable position.

PREMIER DIVISION

AC-DeLo 6, Potton Utd. 3, Arlesley Town 5, Bedford Town "A" 2, Baldock Town 7, Harrold Utd. 3, Bedford Corinthians 3, Leitchworth Town 1, Peartree Old Boys 1, Wootton Blue Cross 4, Kempston Rovers 1.

DIVISION I

Queen's Works 2, Waterlow's 1, Cranfield Utd. 2, Percival Ath. 2, Marston Shelton 5, Blechley Town 1, St. Neots St. Mary's 0, Langford Vauxhall Motors 0, Histon 0.

DIVISION II

Queen's Works 0, Baldock Town 8, Blechley B.B.O.B. 3, Marston Shelton 1, Davis Athletic 5, Filwick Athletic 2, Peartree Old Boys 2, Wootton Blue Cross 1, Leighton Utd. 8, AC-DeLo 0.

END OF RUN
OF SUCCESSVauxhall's Heavy
Defeat By Police

This defeat brought to an end Vauxhall's long unbeaten record which started in January and which will probably be the means of them escaping relegation.

At Imber Court they were handicapped, as they were without Morgan and Brandham, two of their most dangerous forwards who are on the injured list.

The Police were dangerous from the start and the visitors' goal was soon besieged. SAMHAM scored in the 10th minute and FULLER (2) and EVANS put them further ahead before the interval.

Vauxhall rallied in the second half and had more of the play. However, a four goals deficit was too much for them to overcome. The Police defence was very strong but the Motors' forwards kept battering away and received some reward when DOLAN reduced their arrears five minutes from the end.

EASY WIN FOR
LUTON YOUTH XI

Luton Argyle enjoyed another convincing win this week when they beat Old Bedford-road O.B. 9-1, inside-right Gray scoring three goals. This feat was beaten by Luton Town Youth XI inside-left Gregory, who scored four of his side's 11 goals against Robin Hoods.

14-18
LUTON BEDFORD ROAD O.B. 1 (Lack), LUTON ARGYLE 9 (Gray 3, Whitehill 2, McCabe 2, Hull, Wheelhouse), ROBIN HOODS 0, LUTON T. YOUTH XI 11 (Gregory 4, Fitzpatrick 3, Graves 2, Tottenham, Berry).

14-16
BISQUIT MILL B.C. 4 (Daniels 3, John), KINGSTON ATH 0.

NEXT TIME
TRY
CHARLEY'S
Barber Shop

The Gent's Hairdressers
INGLIS
68 PARK ST., LUTON

Victory For Town Is Vital

UNCHANGED TEAM SHOULD FACE
TASK CONFIDENTLY

Victory at Goodison Park, Everton, on Saturday is the tough assignment the Town face this week and nothing less will assure them of keeping in the promotion race with a chance of catching Huddersfield.

Their prospects of repeating last season's feat when they won 3-1 at Goodison Park are increased by two factors. In the first place, Everton had a match with Bury last night and, secondly, the 8-2 defeat at Huddersfield may have shaken their confidence more than a little.

However, the Town will do well to remember that Huddersfield fell at the Goodison Park hurdle and that Everton, by reaching the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup, showed that they are a better side than their League position would suggest.

When they were here before Christmas, they played some neat, effective football on a snow-covered ground, and although they were beaten 4-2, they left a very good impression behind them.

Injuries have been a bit troublesome to them recently, but, last night, they had back in the team the two Eire players, Clinton and Cummins.

First Chance For A
Young Local

THE former was the player for whom Scamus Dunne deputised in the Eire team against Austria.

Cummins comes back in place of Fielding in whose future several clubs have shown an active interest this season, and formed a new right wing with an 18-years-old local, Mayers, who was making his League debut.

He replaced the former Manchester United winger, Buckle, who was rested and was the Eire International goalkeeper, O'Neill, for whom Leyland came in.

So, with the Bury match intervening, not much of a lead could be obtained on the likely constitution of the Everton team against the Town.

Everton Have A Long-
Term Policy

MANAGER CLIFF BRITTON will not decide on that until to-morrow, but, apart from the outside-right position, the following team chosen for yesterday, seems to be as strong as they can put into the field: Leyland; Clinton, Lindsay; Farrell, Jones, Lello; Mayers, Cummins, Hickson, Parker, Eglington.

Recent plan at Goodison Park has been to groom their own young players, something which is of necessity a long-term policy, but Everton may well be one of the teams to watch in the Second Division in the next season or two—if their Cup successes can be taken as an indication.

No Change Made
In Town's Team

THE Town should approach this match confidently, for they have yet to be beaten by the Liverpool side in the Second Division. No team problems face them and Manager Dally Duncan yesterday announced that the team that beat Nottingham Forest will be relied upon.

This will surprise nobody, for changes, other than those enforced by injury, are not desirable or necessary at this critical stage of the season. Team: Baynam; Jones, Pemberton; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner, Fye, Watkins, Mitchell. Wally Shanks had no trouble with his ankle after last Saturday's match and his presence will help considerably during the late rush of matches.

Test To-morrow For
Hugh McJarrow

SO far, the manager has not nominated a twelfth man to travel with the party to-morrow, and the choice will depend on the injury position after last night's

Luton Greyhounds

RUNNERS AND
SELECTIONS FOR
SATURDAY

6.30 (410yds)—134 City Lights, 532 Gem Outspan, 6 Redundant, 4 The Smiths, 213 Tony, 514 Watch Strap, reserve 6 Dodgee.

6.50 (470yds)—253 Cynic, 122 December, 145 Grats, 613 Greetings, 325 Phillips's Pet, 166 River Side, reserve 234 Quick Answer.

7.10 (410yds)—142 Echo, 121 Just Janet, 313 Sporting Express, Sustr Candy (Mar. 19, tp 4, 24.52; Mar. 21, tp 4, 24.72), 45 Trotter, 445 Vio-Rose.

7.30 (470yds)—53 Atomic, 525 Black Jack, 333 Lord Luck, 62 Lucky Dope, 233 Mad Swintney, Polite (Mar. 26, tp 5, 24.36; Ap. 4, tp 6, 24.28).

7.50 (675yds)—116 Born Tired, 212 Mary's Son, 533 Miss Take, 452 Moody Girl, 445 Tiny, 213 Yolande, reserve 625 Ill-Saw.

8.10 (410yds)—Best Wishes (Mar. 25, tp 3, 24.26; Ap. 4, tp 5, 24.19), 415 Gembley, 414 King's Fate, 132 Singer, 132 Tracer, 1 Widmer.

8.30 (470yds)—24 Arm In Arm, 111 B.J. Badger, 152 Capricious, 51 Just William, 51 Tio Pepe, 144 Upton's Special, reserve 433 It's Easy.

8.50 (410yds)—543 Black Satin, 4 Kelling, 521 Muriel, 132 River Bank, 34 Static, 2 Syrup, reserve 531 Malcolm.

SELECTIONS

6.30, Tony (City Lights, Watch Strap); 6.50, Greetings (Grats, December); 7.10, Just Janet (Sporting Express); 7.30, Atomic (Polite, Frog); 7.50, Born Tired (Moody Girl, Yolande); 8.10, Widmer (Singer, Tracer); 8.30, Bill Badger (nap) (Tio Pepe, Just William); 8.50, River Bank (Muriel, Syrup).

LUTON TOWN F.C.
FOOTBALL
SATURDAY, 18th APRIL
Combination CupLUTON RESERVES
v.
BIRMINGHAM
RESERVES

Kick-off 3 p.m.

ADMISSION: Centre Stand 2/-; Wing Stand and Enclosure 1/6; Boys 1/-; Bobbers' Stand 1/3; Boys 10d. (separate entrance); Ground (not covered) 1/-, Boys 5d.

NEXT WEEK, the ALMA THEATRE, LUTON, proudly presents, under its New Management, some, Ralph Bush Esq., its first big Musical Comedy, and staged by Elton and Barry Stannum, with the wonderful music of Leslie Stuart, the World Famous "FLOREODORA," a story which is as modern as to-morrow, although it has been written half a century. It is about a beautiful girl—a blond which makes erotic perfume—an American adventurer who wants to obtain the rights for his own firm's commercial needs, and how he succeeds and what methods he uses is told in this grand story, introducing that gem of all songs and dances and loved by everybody, "Till Me Pretty Maiden." A strong cast of talented artists includes Albert Grant, Valerie Lawrence, Arthur Clark (who was a great success in "Annie Get Your Gun") and a host of other clever performers, including a full London Operatic Chorus and an Amusement Orchestra. Incidentally, owing to the length of this big show, the show will be ONCE NIGHTLY from 7.15, with Matinee on Thursday and Saturday at 2.30.

LUTON'S BRIGHTEST
SHOWPLACE

F.A. Cup-tie with Wolverton Town, and has not been able to work since.

Prospects are that he will not be able to resume his employment for 12 months and Biggleswade are anxious to make the match as big a success as possible.

Northampton have sportingly agreed to send a strong side to Fairfield to meet a team of guest players which will be as strong as is possible no late in the season when most clubs have a crowded programme.

Vauxhall Begin A
Hectic Period

A HECTIC period for Vauxhall Motors began last night when they paid a visit to Ware for a Spartan League match and introduced a newcomer (to inside-left in Miller, who was demobilised recently and he has earned promotion by consistent play in the Reserves. Todd could not play last night, but will be available for the home match with Polytechnic on Saturday. Barring injuries, the defence will be unchanged, but final choice of the attack will be made from seven forwards.

Team: D. Johnstone; J. Burgess, P. Gobby; L. Ward, J. Humphrey, E. Lawrence; forwards from—T. Nolan, C. Firmin, J. O'Neill, G. Todd, W. Miller, E. James, R. Chappin.

Day Off For Kent's
First Team

WITH the first team idle on Saturday, Kent's Athletic are fielding a strong side in their South Midlands League (Division II) match with Peartree Old Boys at Waller-avenue. They are hoping

CALLING ALL
SECRETARIES

Will local cricket and bowls clubs secretaries please send a copy of their fixture lists to the Sports Department, "The Luton News," Luton, so that they can be included in the "Saturday Telegraph" Sports Diary during the summer?

On receipt of the fixtures a supply of score cards will be forwarded to the club secretary.

Shillington's Help
For The Blind

ALL proceeds from the match between Shillington Athletic and Toddington Rovers on Saturday will be devoted to the "extra comforts fund" of the County's Blind Home.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the match since a win for Shillington will make them champions of the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League.

A big crowd is expected, especially as the Town are away in the north.

TONBRIDGE
ARE CHAMPIONS

Young Town 'A' Made Them Fight Hard

Tonbridge Reserves 2, Luton Town "A" 0

By taking these points, Tonbridge made certain of the championship of the Metropolitan League, but the young Town team made them fight every inch of the way.

Including the two 18-years-old newcomers, Bell and Folwell, and 16-years-old amateur, Alan Loasby, the Town more than held their own in the first half, in which there was no scoring.

A mistake by Bell, the only blemish on a brilliant display, led to the home team taking the lead soon after the interval, and the second goal came when a cross-shot went into the net off the post.

The Town fell away in the second half, when the defence put up a stout resistance and Williams made a number of fine saves.

Bennett had a very bright half, but was handicapped later by a damaged ankle, and Loasby showed a great deal of promise on his debut at inside-right.

Rugby

ON Monday Biggleswade Town are staging a benefit match for one of their players, Eddie Murphy, who was injured in the

VAUXHALL SEVENS TITLE
FOR QUEEN'S

Sixteen teams competed for the Mortimer Cup in the seven-a-side tournament organised by Vauxhall Motors Rugby Club on Saturday.

After many exciting matches, Queen's Works (Bedford) eventually triumphed, beating Vauxhall "A" 13-3 in the final.

The final was rather disappointing after the fine semi-finals, in which Vauxhall "A" beat Blechley, and Old Lutonians "A" were piped on the post by Queen's, who won 5-3.

The match in which the Old Boys were involved was the hardest of the afternoon, and they did very well considering that they lost their hooker and their scrum-half was handicapped through injury.

Vauxhall started weakly, with an unimpressive victory over Jaguar, only enlivened by a magnificent run by winger Steve-Jones which took him from his own goal-line to score between Jaguar's posts.

In the next round Vauxhall handled the ball confidently and made no mistake about beating Bedford Lions 13-0. Holmes and Stavel scored very good tries to dispose of Blechley in the semi-final.

To reach the final Queen's Works beat Old Dunstables 8-3 and Old Lutonians "B" 8-5 before meeting the Old Boys "A" seven in the semi-finals.

The quick tackling of the Queen's players, and the tenacity of their scrum-half, completely upset Motors in the final. They took advantage of a dropped pass to score in the second half, and added two more tries in the corner. Vauxhall's only points were obtained by Holmes.

Despite the rather small entry, the

tournament was a great success. The prizewinners received a cask of beer and the runners-up were presented with a smaller cask.

Mr. Bert Stafferton, vice-chairman of the Vauxhall Club, presented the Cup in the absence of Mr. R. Mortimer, the donor, who was unable to attend.

KEEN PLAY
IN LOCAL "DERBY"

Luton 5, Old Lutonians 11

Fielding the team that will meet St. Mary's Hospital in the Flood Relief Fund game at Stockwood to-night, Old Lutonians beat Luton after a fast, hard game in which excellent tackling and covering by both sides reduced the amount of open play considerably.

Both sides used the ball well and play fluctuated from end to end. After 20 minutes a strong attack by the Old Boys' forwards took play into the Luton "25." From a neat handling movement their backs penetrated the Luton defence and touched down.

Luton responded by attacking vigorously and they continued play to Old Boys' "25" for several minutes before Hammond went over for a try that was converted by Skinner.

There was some grip, determined play by both sides before Thorpe touched down for the Old Lutonians and Ironmonger converted to give them a three-points interval lead.

The pace did not slacken in the second half. Luton saw more of the ball from the set scrums and although they did not often gain possession in the lines-out they made sure, by excellent marking, that the Old Boys' backs were not allowed to shine.

Scoring in this half was confined to a try by Cameron for the Old Boys.



Dave Hickson
Everton centre-forward and hero
of their successful Cup run.

FINISHING
WAS WEAKReserves Had
Their Chances

NORTHAMPTON TOWN RES. 1
LUTON TOWN RES. 1

Had the Town Reserves been more accurate in their finishing, they would have returned with both points from this Combination Cup-tie at the County Ground, and they deserved to do so on the run of the play.

Always, they were better together than the Cobblers and showed more ideas in their approach work, but broke down when it came to rounding off their work.

The liveliness of the ball was a handicap, but, even so, Cullen and Moore should have exacted full toll from chances that fell to them a few yards from goal.

By the way they started the Town suggested that they would make victory secure, for they went ahead in four minutes when MOORE broke through the middle and scored with a shot that Draper could only half stop.

Play was much in the Town's favour, but just before half-time Northampton reached equality through ADAMS, following a corner.

The second half followed much the same pattern, with the Town threatening to regain their lead, but never quite getting to the point of doing so. Best effort came from Scott, and Draper was rather fortunate to save.

Although Hall was not quite so good as usual, the defence was strong, with Cooke establishing a grip on Starosick early on and never relaxing it.

Aberne is steadily regaining his best form, and Smith was the best of the middle line, though Kelly used the ball well at times.

What there was to do Stretton accomplished in comfortable, efficient style, and what looked to be, on paper, a dangerous Cobblers' attack, was largely held.

The more consistently dangerous Town wing was formed by Allen and Thompson, for Scott had a patchy sort of game, and Cullen spoilt much of his work by his habit of continually working in to the middle.

Moore led the line fairly well, but was off the target with his shooting.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN RES.: Draper; Connell, Wilson; French, Crox, Upton; Payne, Pinchbeck, Adams, Hearn, Starosick.

LUTON TOWN RES.: Stretton; Cooke, Aberne; Kelly, Hall, Smith; Cullen, Scott, Moore, Allen, Thompson.

ONE POINT WILL WIN A
TITLE FOR CHAUL ENDStopsley Reserves Are Drawing
Nearer To Success, Too

Although Chaul End Athletic were held to a draw by Bells Park in the vital top of Division II battle in Luton and South Beds League on Saturday, they are almost certain to win the title now.

The point they gained kept them level with Bells Park, who have finished their programme, and now Chaul End need only one point from their two remaining games to clinch their bid.

In Division III, the situation is becoming more clear, too, for although Hockliffe are keeping up their remarkably consistent run and also their prolific scoring, the two matches which Stopsley Reserves have in hand gives them the edge.

Both teams have 43 points and, if Stopsley take three from the three matches they have still to play, they will be champions.

Last problem to be solved is likely to be that in Division I where there has been no change in the situation. Totternhoe lead the way by six points from Glendale who have three matches in hand.

Totternhoe had something of a shock against Hitchin-road O.B. "A" who led by a single goal until 20 minutes from the end. Then, the villagers who had not looked like scoring, suddenly found their best form and put on five goals in quick time.

A "bat trick" by Jones enabled Glendale to sustain their challenge by taking full points from Shillington "A" and quite a formidable task faces them in their outstanding matches.

Main interest in the Premier Division where Shillington are more or less assured of the championship, now centres on "the struggle for the position of runners-up."

This rests between Caddington, who led the way for so long and Stopsley. Caddington, a double figure scorers against Napier Sports, have a lead of four points but have played three more matches than Stopsley.

Surprise win by Electrolux at Eaton Bray was only their second success of the season, but they remain anchored at the foot of the table.

PREMIER DIVISION

HITCHIN ROAD O.B. 2 (Allison, Hillier) STOPSLEY 3 (R. Manton 2, J. Manton, Pugh, Gustard).

Golf

BEST RETURNS IN
DUNSTABLE MEDAL

Leading returns in the medal competition at Dunstable Downs on Saturday were:

FIRST DIVISION

E. W. Lines 85-12-73
G. E. Bull 87-9-78
C. Simmon 87-9-78
P. T. Woods 84-5-79
M. Henderson 85-6-79
Dr. H. R. J. Ritchie 91-12-79
T. Moore 88-6-80
A. Howarth 90-9-81
W. G. Ridge 90-9-81
C. Bailey 90-8-81
O. F. Bond 97-12-85
E. Edwards 98-12-86
A. G. B. Gunn 95-8-87

SECOND DIVISION

J. E. Everitt 91-16-75
A. G. T. Gibbons 99-24-75
A. G. Wignar 92-16-76
R. V. Hurle-Hobbs 93-15-78
W. Lawson 96