Swansea Replay Aids Town

By Chiltern

HEAVY GOING IS EXPECTED AT VETCH FIELD

When a team is seeking promotion so hopefully as are the Town, a mid-week Cup replay is not the best of preparation for what is expected to be another hard test for them at Vetch Field, Swansea, on Saturday.

However, the position is much improved from their point of view by the fact that Swansea will have even less time to recover from their mid-week exertions because their replay with Barrow does not take place until this afternoon.

Something of a sensation was caused by the Welsh side last Saturday when they dropped the whole of the half-back line on account of quality, narrow, but there had to be a last minute readjustment of plans because Medwin, due to play at inside-right, was reported unfit on the morning of the match.

This gave the opportunity for the deposed centre-half, Hole, son of the former Welsh International outside-right, to take over at right-half where he played so well that he retains the position this afternoon.

Two Promoted Players Lose Their Places

FOR Henning, who was to be at right-half, there was an unlucky switch, since he was moved to inside-right and did not do well enough to remain in the position where he has been displaced by Jones (B).

Nor did Pearson, preferred to Williams at left-half, have a great deal of success, with the result that Williams has been recalled.

Charles the younger brother of John Charles, of Leeds United, is obviously a utility man, too, for although he is regarded primarily as a centre-half, he is now filling the right-back berth.

Ivor Allchurch Is The Swansea Star

IF a favourable result is achieved to-day and barring injuries, it is thought in Swansea that the line-up against the Town will differ little from this:

King; Charles, Thomas; Hole, Riley, Williams; Griffiths, Jones (B), Beech (C), Allchurch, Jones (C).

Best known member of the team of course is the golden boy Ivor Allchurch, winner of many Welsh caps despite his comparative youth, and a player for whom a number of First Division clubs would gladly pay a near-record transfer fee.

Heavy Going Is Almost Certain

REPORTS from Swansea yesterday indicate that the Town will probably face very heavy going since it rained hard all Tuesday night and was still doing so yesterday morning.

The pitch was heavy before that after having two matches played on it last Saturday and Sunday, has it been this week that the Swansea players have been doing their training on another ground, which is an unusual course for them to take.

After having gained only one point out of the last 10, Swansea have dropped dangerously near to the relegation zone, so their need for points will be just as urgent as that of the Town, who can give their promotion hopes a big boost by winning here.

Check On Injury Position To-day

NOT until later to-day or even to morrow morning will Manager Daily Duncan make the final announcement of his team and this will depend almost entirely on the injury position of which there will be a check this morning.

This is the second week-end in succession that they have been called upon to make a long, tiring trip, and they begin it at lunch-time to-morrow.

With the team for the first time will be the new trainer, Harry Wright, who was not expected to take up his new duties until next Monday, but who was released by Walsall to start at Luton on Tuesday.

Town's New Trainer Has Taken Over

TOM MACKEY, who has been trainer in charge of the team since Ralph Hann left, remained so for yesterday's Cup replay.

The new trainer has had wide experience both in training and coaching and he was a member of Colchester United's famous "giant-killing" team before they gained election to the Third Division.

With them he was a goalkeeper and had previous service with Charlton, Aldershot, and Derby County.

As an F.A. coach, he has a position in Norway immediately after the war and when he left Colchester was trainer-coach to Guildford City and senior F.A. coach to the Surrey F.A.

Recommendation From F.A.

WHEN he moved to a similar position with St. Albans City, he was senior coach to the Hertfordshire F.A., and when he went to Walsall as trainer-coach under Major Frank Buckley, it was on the recommendation of Sir Stanley Rous and Walter Winterbottom, of the Football Association.

For the Reserves on Saturday, there is another home match and they have the chance to take revenge for the defeat that Plymouth Argyle inflicted on them on Christmas Day.

The Town have now taken over third place in the Combination table, three points behind the joint leaders, West Ham and Spurs.

Brandham Is Back For Vauxhall

WITH Brandham recovered from the cold that kept him out of the side last Saturday, Vauxhall Motors, back to the Spartan League after two matches with Stotfold in the Senior Cup, will be fielding the team that took them through a long unbeaten run.

They are due at Ware and have big hopes of picking up points and further improving their high League position. Team:

L. D. Johnstone; J. Burgess, K. Startin; J. O'Neill, J. Humphrey, F. Bunning; C. Firmin, A. Morgan, W. Lawrence, R. Brandham, E. James.

Schoolboys Field Strongest Team

IN the fortunate position of being able to field an unchanged team for their fifth round English Schools Shield match with West Bromwich at Kenilworth-road on Saturday morning are Luton Schoolboys.

The team, which includes eight boys who have played for Bedfordshire, has played together in all the previous rounds. Team:

Kershaw (Tech.); Black (Denbigh-road), Dillon (Old Bedford-road); Davie (Denbigh-road), Summerfield (Grammar), Heatherington (Stopsley Apt.); Westwood, Chance, Hills (Grammar), Whitby (Old Bedford-road), Mardle (Icknield).

Record Gate For Boys' Match Is Possibility

KENILWORTH-ROAD may well house a record gate for a schoolboys' match, for West Bromwich are bringing several coachloads of supporters with them, while Luton will receive reinforcements of fans from Bedford, Watford and Dunstable.

The prize for the winning team is a trip to Swansea, who last Saturday disposed of Islington in a hard-fought match.

Luton have been doing special training for this match, the last session of which will be to-night, and if they can find the form they showed against Leicester, then they should earn themselves that trip to South Wales.

Kent's Showed A Big Improvement

IN taking two points from Letchworth last Saturday, Kent's Athletic showed their best form for several weeks, but they probably face a stiffer task in visiting Peartree O.B. at Welwyn Garden City in the South Midlands League on Saturday.

Only change Kent's are making is at right-back, where Bill Day returns after missing last week's match.

Kent's have lifted themselves two places in the table, and a win over the Old Boys could put them well on the way to safety.

Probable team: **Cottingham; W. Day, R. Noble; W. Meyrick, H. Naylor, J. Hall; K. Peel, B. Berry, R. Peel, R. Redding, A. Dickens.**

Entertaining the Old Boys' second string, Kent's Reserves will be strengthened by the return of Ken Ray and Pat Feakes.

Old Lutonians Expect Hard Fight

OLD LUTONIANS R.F.C. are due to travel to Aylesbury on Saturday and may be in for a hard game, as the Buckinghamshire side started the season in fine form.

They have not been able to maintain the same high standard in all their games, but are powerful enough to bring out the best in their opposition. The Old Boys will be without Robinson and Knapp, and their places will be taken by Bracey and P. Vaughan.

Team: Yorke; Smith, Thorpe, Fensome, Thurlow; Edmonds, Bracey; Atkins, P. Vaughan, Shepherd, Heanue, Young, Cato, Allen, Kelly.

At home the Extra 1st XV will entertain Shuttleworth College.

Morning Kick-Off For Luton

IN order that the players can go to Twickenham for the rugby international in the afternoon, Luton R.F.C., who are entertaining Queen's Works 1st and "A" teams at Stockwood, have arranged to kick-off at 10 a.m.

Few changes have been made from the teams that played so effectively in the matches with Vauxhall Motors last Saturday.

First team: Fox; Cope, Holloway, H. G. Jones, J. Jones; Temple, Henman; Powell, Pearson, Hammond, Boswell, May, Oakley, Marshall A. N. Other.

"A" team: Burgess; Trabrene, Williams, Hawkes, Ruddick; J. Evans, Jenkins; Lee, Hewitt, Simpson, Thomas, Stanyon, Rally, Hogg, I. Evans.

HOLDERS THROUGH TO SEMI-FINALS

And Vauxhall Made No Mistake Either

Vauxhall Motors, Shefford Town and Langford won their second round Bedfordshire Senior Cup matches on Saturday and go into the hat with Dunstable, who beat Wootton Blue Cross on January 2nd.

Vauxhall, who were leading 4—0 when fog caused the game to be abandoned the week before, won 3—0.

However, Stotfold put up a hard fight and the Vauxhall goal had several narrow escapes.

Arlesey were beating Shefford 2—1 at the interval, but the Cup holders found their best form in the second half and emerged victorious by 4—2.

Stotfold 0, Vauxhall Motors 3
Arlesey Tn 2, Shefford Tn 4
Houghton Rngrs 2, Langford 3

INTERMEDIATE CUP RESULTS

Caddington were beaten at home by Stevington in their replayed Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup match. Originally they lost at Stevington but appealed to the Bedfordshire F.A., because the match was not played on a closed ground.

It looked as if they would win on Saturday but Stevington staged a late rally and eventually won by the odd goal in five.

Stevington will now meet Britannia Works in the third round.

SECOND ROUND REPLAY
Caddington 2, Stevington 3

THIRD ROUND
Woburn Athletic 5, Flitwick Athletic 0
Barton Rovers 5, Kempston Rovers 2
Elstow Abbey 0, Shillington Athletic 6

Angling

17 ANGLERS WERE BUSY

On Sunday, 17 members of Leighton Buzzard Angling Club, competed in a club match held in the River Ouse at Water Eaton "Deeps."

Results were: Mr. E. Read, 4 lbs. 9 ozs.; Mr. D. Clare 2 lbs. 15 ozs. 4 drms.; Mr. R. Green, 2 lbs., 15 ozs.; Mr. E. Barnes, 2 lbs. 12 ozs.; Mr. D. Wheeler, 2 lbs. 10 ozs. 14 drms.; Mr. P. Sutton, 2 lbs. 8 ozs. 6 drms.

Prize for the biggest fish was won by Mr. R. Read with a roach 5 ozs. 7 drms.

Steward in charge was Mr. R. Green.

CUP-HOLDERS HAD A REAL FRIGHT

Back-To-Wall Fight By Handicapped Town

By Chiltern

BLACKPOOL ..... 1 LUTON TOWN 1

A real back-to-the-wall fight by the Town in the second half of this Cup-tie at Bloomfield-road when the rhythm of their attack had been upset by an injury to Turner, earned them the right to a second meeting with the Cup-holders.

And I mean earned, for despite the balance of play which Blackpool so clearly held after the interval, the Town did more than enough to win their second chance.

Indeed, had they lost and this could have happened in the tense lying minutes of the game, they would have been regarded as deservedly unfortunate in that they led for 78 minutes and battled so manfully under their handicap.

Blackpool fans had almost made up their minds that this was the only sample of Cup-tie football they would see this season when the equaliser arrived with only seven minutes left and it was a well-worked effort which they appeared forcefully and vocally, but unsuccessfully.

Ironical part was that after Blackpool had tried so often to find a way through the Town's defensive wall by clever footwork and close, intricate passing, it was a hefty kick unleashed from Shimwell that made the success possible.

He hit the ball hard and high down the middle and the Town defenders were certain that both Mortensen and Taylor were offside. Rightly the former accepted the verdict of the referee and put the ball into the net first and then awaited the argument.

On the Town's appeals, the referee went over to consult the linesman whose decision went against them.

LIVED TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY

So, Blackpool, in rather doubtful style, lived to fight another day and atoned in some measure for the way in which their forwards had wasted chances earlier.

On top for much of the second half, they were fooled by the quick turning of the defence and the brilliant work of Stretten, who received an ovation all to himself at the end.

With the ball continually coming back to them, the defence had a real hammering in the second half, but always there was someone to extricate them from danger and, finally, when everything else had failed, Stretten to pull off a magnificent save.

In the first half, there had been a different story, with the Town playing altogether the more effective football in attack and keeping the Blackpool defence, not too safe against the long, accurate pass, at full stretch.

This was the traditional Cup-tie football, with the ball made to do the work and this sort of movement brought the Town a great goal after only five minutes.

Davies, sent Moore streaking away down the right wing, and from his centre, Shimwell could only head straight to CUMMINS who took his bewildered stand at the edge of the penalty area, the inside-left met the ball on the volley and sent it crashing past Fox, who was left helpless.

To describe that as a shock to the home fans is to under-estimate the feeling had, but some 10 minutes later, they looked confidently for an equaliser when Blackpool were awarded a penalty when Stretten pulled down Mortensen after an offside claim had been refused.

"This is it," everybody thought, but Brown, running almost nonchalantly at the ball on the penalty spot, missed the target completely.

After that, though Blackpool received a lot of patterns, they did not look so dangerous as the Town who missed a fine chance of consolidating their position when Turner, with only Farm to goalkeeper's legs.

DESERVED TO LEAD AT THAT STAGE

The interval was reached with one only prepared to admit that the Town had earned their narrow lead, crashed the bar against the advantage and then came that great second half. Right, with Turner a near-passenger on the wing and everybody at full stretch to hold on to the slender lead.

For the Town, there could be nothing but praise for their part in this very good game, and the defence earned full marks throughout the piece.

While Stretten played a starring role with his daring, agility and anticipation, he was superbly covered by a defence that knew that the marking had to be close to diminish the effectiveness of this famous Blackpool forward line.

There was great strength in the middle line, where Morton and Watkins cut down to a very marked extent the potential threat there was from the international inside men, Taylor and Brown.

Moore had plenty of work relentlessly to the task of keeping out a Mortensen who was desperately eager to end his run of matches without finding the net, and Owen came through a testing time with great credit.

So did Alberne, who had one of Dominic's most dangerous jobs in trying to keep "tabs" on Matthews. The ball did not begin to reach the winger consistently until the second half, though during the half, but Alberne was always there or thereabouts, and he never made the mistake of going straight in to tackle.

Although Jones was too far away from Perry at times, he completed a strong defence that succeeded in getting through this match with a clean sheet.

When at full strength, the forwards looked a fast-moving, dangerous line, Davies always finding the open spaces and, in doing so, worrying Johnston a great deal.

Moore led the line with plenty of life, and there was good work, too, from Cummins, a brilliant, shrewd craftsman on this showing, and from Turner until he was injured.

Although Mitchell often showed Shimwell a clean pair of heels in the first half, he was never quite the more dangerous winger, and he did a tremendous amount of work when he had to move inside.

BLACKPOOL: Farm; Shimwell, Garrett; Fenton, Johnston, Kelly; Matthews, Taylor, Mortensen, Brown, Perry.

LUTON TOWN: Stretten; Jones, Alberne; Morton, Owen, Watkins, Davies, Turner, Moore, Cummins, Mitchell with Musgrove replacing Turner.

Referee: T. Seymour, Wakefield.

S. Midlands League

NO LONGER AT THE BOTTOM

Kent's Make An Upward Move

As a result of Kent's Athletic beating Letchworth Town in a South Midlands League (Premier Division) match on Saturday, the Luton club have handed over the bottom position to Bedford Celco, who lost at home to Ampthill Town.

At the top of the table there was a shock for Biggleswade—beaten 5—1 by Wootton Blue Cross. Shefford and Arlesey were involved in a Bedfordshire Senior Cup game and Baldock, the present leaders, had no League match.

In Division 1, Vauxhall Motors have comparatively lost ground and they suffered defeat at the hands of Bletchley B.B.O.B. They still have a slight hold over Cross, leaders, but they cannot afford many more slips if they intend to be among the honours at the end of the season.

There was a real "derby" in Division 1 when Rootes Sports, the present leaders, entertained Davis Athletic, who are in second position with two games in hand.

Had Davis won they would have crept into first place but Rootes managed to hold them to a draw and so they still lead, although their position is a precarious one.

By defeating Peartree Old Boys, Cranfield United moved from bottom position and the present "wooden-spoonists" are Britannia Works, beaten to the tune of 9—0 by AC-Celco—and on their own ground.

RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION
AC-Delco 3, Ampthill Town 5
Cranfield United 0, Peartree Old Boys 2
Dunstable Town 2, Potton United 3
Histon 3, Bedford Corinthians 5
Letchworth Town 1, Kent's Athletic 2
Wootton Blue Cross 1, Biggleswade 5

DIVISION 1
Queen's Works 1, Bletchley L.M.S. 3
Bletchley B.B.O.B. 1, Vauxhall Motors 0
Leighton United 2, Arlesey Town 2
Percival Athletic 2, Tickford Sports 1
Skefko Athletic 5, Eaton Bray United 3
Waterlow's 1, Marston Shelton 5

DIVISION II
Baldock Town 7, Wootton Blue Cross 0
Britannia Works 0, AC-Delco 9
Lynton Works 1, Bedford North End 2
Marston Shelton 0, Kent's Athletic 3
Peartree Old Boys 0, Cranfield Utd 2
Rootes Sports 2, Davis Athletic 2
Stewarts & Works 0, Bedford St. Cuthberts 2

BEAT MUD AND NORWICH

More Points For Reserves

Luton Town Reserves 2, Norwich City Reserves 1

A fine first half display in which the forwards played such attractive football in the mud, brought the Town Reserves two more Football Combination (Division 1) points when they entertained Norwich at Kenilworth-road on Saturday.

Conditions underfoot were atrocious for the thaw had left the ground soft and muddy, but the heavy going did not affect the home side until after the interval.

In the fourth minute they went ahead through SCOTT who took the ball on, almost too far, it seemed, before blasting it past Norwich from close range.

There were a couple of narrow escapes for Norwich before they equalised 21 minutes later—the chance call being when Cullen headed against the woodwork after an accurate centre from Scott, who had drifted out to the right wing.

Norwich were penned in their own half for long periods, but when they did break away they wasted too time in heading for goal and it was as one of these rushes that they equalised. WOAN, their best forward, had a hard shot beaten down by Baynham but before the goalkeeper could recover Woan regained possession and scored.

But the Town continued to look the better side and after ALLEN had had a shot cleared off the goal line he restored Luton's lead with a good effort from near the edge of the penalty area.

In the second half the mud hampered both attacks with the result that the game was slowed down considerably.

However, with good luck Luton would have increased their lead for once Scott hit the cross-bar and Adam unaccountably failed to connect with a pass from Scott. Had he done so a goal would have been certain.

Scott was the liveliest Luton forward and Allen, too, was always trying hard but, once again, it was Downie who was the brains of the attack and he showed many clever touches.

In defence, Smith was tremendously strong and appeared to get stronger as the game progressed. Dunne was another who seemed to relish the tricky conditions and many of his big clearances set Luton rails in motion.

Pemberton started well at right-half but faded a little in the second half while Hawkes had one of his best games so far.

LUTON TOWN RESERVES: Baynham, Dunne, Hawkes; Pemberton, Hall, Smith; Cullen, Allen, Scott, Downie, Adam.

NORWICH CITY RESERVES: Nethercott; Proctor, Duffy; Bullimore, Holmes, Carberry; Adams, Woan, McCrohan, Coxon, Collins.

THAW BROUGHT GOALS IN PLENTY FOR LOCAL TEAMS

Double-Figure Scores Were Commonplace In The Mud

With the thaw came goals galore for teams in Luton and South Beds League on Saturday when quagmire conditions made things most difficult for defences and double-figure scores were quite commonplace.

Five teams reached that mark and others came very close to it. The biggest scoring riot occurred in the match between Luton United and Skefko, which produced 15 in all.

Going steadily ahead in the Premier Division are the leaders, Napier Sports, who disposed of Luton Social without undue trouble and are now eight points ahead of Shillington, who have three games in hand.

Back into second place moved Glendale as the result of their sweeping victory over Hitchin-road O.B., the present wooden-spoonists.

While Woburn Athletic, top of Division 1, were beaten by Leagrave B.L. took the opportunity to draw level. They have played a match more, however, but there could be no finish here.

Although it is unlikely to be lasting, there was quite a radical change at the top of Division II where Robin Hoods and Lilley Rangers are level at the head of affairs by a single point from Hockliffe, who have matches in hand.

On the same mark as Hockliffe are Luton Social Res. and Davis Athletic, both of whom have played more matches, and they were both beaten surprisingly on Saturday.

Social were unfortunate in that they began with only nine men and were reduced to eight through injury during the second half.

No change in Division IV, though, where Caddington "B" and Sundon Park remain neck and neck at the top and Sundon Park are making a hot challenge. All three won in impressive style.

As Laporte Res. opened their winning account in Division IV, there is now no team in the League still without a victory.

At the other end of the table, neither of the leaders, Shaw and Kilburn and Percival Apprentices was playing, and Cockernhoe took advantage of this to draw nearer after a convincing success. They have now reached a position from which they can make a real bid for honours.

PREMIER DIVISION

TOTTERNHOE 2 (Phillips, Hobbocks) DAGNALL 2 (B Osborne, Shaw)
LUTON SOCIAL 1 (Brown), NAPIER SPORTS 2 (Nethern 7, Wooten, Cubbertes)
GLENDALE 10 (Palmer 3, Anderson 2, Kelly 2, James 2, Curson), HITCHIN-ROAD O.B. 0.

DIVISION 1

R.A.F.A. 1 (Clark), LAPORTE 6 (Davies 2, Dent, Millen, Lamb, Cunningham)
LEAGRAVE ATHLETIC 3 (Humfrey 2, Guy), ELECROLUX 2 (Duggan, Castle)
LUTON O.B. 3 (Basterfield 2, Evans), STOPSLEY RESERVES 2 (Field, opponent)
WEST PARK 2 (Wesley 2), BELLS PARK 10 (Weeks 5, Smith 4, Pickering)
CHALK END ATHLETIC 1 (Causer), LEAGRAVE B.L. 3 (Conlon 2, Fensome)

DIVISION II

LUTON UNITED 10 (Cox 4, Hayash 3, Hiess 2, Harrington), SKEFKO ATHLETIC 5
HARLINGTON 2 (Martin, opponent), GLENDALE RESERVES 0
EATON BRAY RESERVES 7 (Rogers 4, Scott 2, Pemberton), DAVIS ATHLETIC 2 (MacFarlane, Bradley)
ROBIN HOODS 7 (Fitt 3, Mead 2, Bunyan 2, Smith), LUTON SOCIAL RESERVES 2
LILLEY RANGERS 12 (B Carr 5, L Carr 3, Mitchell 2, Walsh, Offer), PERCIVAL ATHLETIC 3

DIVISION III

WARDEN HILL ATHLETIC 5 (Wilson, Purkiss, Milson, Martin, Holt), OLD LUTONIANS 1 (Abbott)
WALCOT ATHLETIC 4 (Tingey 2, C Howard 2), BARTON ROVERS RESERVES 1 (West)
ENGLISH ELECTRIC 7 (Dorrington 3, Francis, Whitecraft, Roberts, Mooney), SUNDON O.B. RESERVES 0
LEAGRAVE B.L. RESERVES 0, SUNDON PARK 9 (Cairney 5, McSandy 2, W. Leach, opponent)
CRESCENT UNITED 1 (Hitchin), CADDINGTON 'B' 4 (Pearson 2, Cockerill, Rodger)
BIDWELL 2 (Bird, Gamgee), LEAGRAVE ATHLETIC RESERVES 0

DIVISION IV

LUTON CO-OP 0, R.A.F.A. RESERVES 2 (Fensome, Whitelev)
LAPORTE RESERVES 2 (Sinnfield, Biggs), TOTTERNHOE RESERVES 1 (Fraser)
COCKERNHOE 9 (Burgoyne 3, Ayres 2, Halton, Crick, Claridge, opponent), BARTON WOOD WORKING 0
HOCKLIFFE 4 (Cole 2, Day, Mollekes), LUTON O.B. RESERVES 3 (Smith, Tompkins, Lawless).

15 GOALS FOR LUTON TOWN "B"

Luton Town "B" XI scored 15 goals without reply when they entertained Skefko Youth in the 14/18 Section of Luton and District Youth League.

14/16

BOYS' BRIGADE JUNIORS 0, LUTON BOYS' CLUB 4 (M Smith 2 Heard, Godfrey)

14/18

LUTON TOWN "B" 15 (Hansard 4, Berry 3, Southgate 3, Jenkins 2, Chamberlain 2, opponents), SKEFKO YOUTH 0

Luton Greyhounds

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

6.30.—410 yards: 431 Chevalier, 343 Chiltern Boy, 46 Flashy Sir, 134 Keep Cheerio, 70 Old Joe, 231 Terry's Pal, reserve 4 Bella's Joy.

6.30.—470 yards: 332 Bally Low, 642 Dancing Mouse, 1 Rum Chicken, 642 Moody Girl, 152 Nancy, 145 Skip II.

7.10.—470 yards: 464 Biddy, 464 Bill Badger, 341 Johnny Boy, 6 Mr. Wilmot, 656 Rocket, 3 Vera's Pet.

7.10.—470 yards: 446 Blossom Time, 432 Chance, 116 Gaiety, 242 Pat Will, 661 Red Ace, 1 Rum Chicken, reserve 156 Lotus.

7.50.—410 yards: 16 Lucky Dome, 411 Machine, 313 Nice Mouse, 446 Pet Lin, 245 Some Hopes, 163 Tiger.

8.10.—410 yards: 262 Agile, 452 Ambulance, 348 Bide-Awhile, 125 Black Jack, 365 Dublioon, 641 Speckled Band.

8.30.—470 yards: 132 Eagle's Nest, 326 Midget, 436 Miss Take, 464 Phillip's Pet, 243 Snowdrift, 654 Susannah, reserve 5 The Builder.

8.50.—525 yards: 424 Black Dot, 121 Black and White, 243 Snowdrift, 5 Kate, 335 Rosie's Boy, 211 Short Head, reserve 143 Hill Top.

SELECTIONS

6.30: Keep Single (Old Joe, Chevalier); 6.30: Bomber (Bally Low, Dainty Piece); 7.10: Bill Badger (nap) (Rocket, Johnny Boy); 7.30: Rum Chicken (Blossom Time, Pat Will); 7.50: Tracer (MacNab, Lucky Dome); 8.10: Bide-Awhile (Dublioon); 8.30: Susannah (Midget, Eagle's Nest); 8.50: Black and White (Fair Cop, Short Head).

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

Football Combination—Div. I

SATURDAY, 16th JANUARY

LUTON RESERVES

versus

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This is the incident which kept the crowd talking at Blackpool on Saturday. The Town were leading 1—0 when Blackpool were awarded a penalty but Allan Brown, the home team's "penalty king," shot wide.

Under the Weather?

Winter puts a heavy strain on the system. You burn up energy to keep warm, and often don't replace it. People who arrive home cold and "tired to eat," are taking a risk. That's how colds and 'flu happen.

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CARROW WORKS NORWICH

Rugby

EXPECTED HARD GAME AND GOT ONE

Welwyn 3, Old Lutonians 3

Bearing in mind their defeat two years ago in the first-ever match between the clubs, Old Lutonians travelled to Welwyn expecting a hard game.

They were not disappointed for the game ended in a draw, the home side scoring a try to the Old Boys' penalty goal.

Conditions under foot were difficult and the play swung from end to end. It was essentially a forwards game and Welwyn had the ability to exploit to the full the Old Lutonian's consistent weakness in loose forward defence. Time and time again the heavy Welwyn pack broke through with the ball at their feet and gave the visitors defence a trying time.

Nevertheless the Old Boys took the lead before half-time with a well contested penalty kick by Adkins. Back play was restricted and keen tackling by both sides stopped any promising movements. Fensome, playing in his unaccustomed position of centre three-quarter, was particularly prominent during this period.

The Old Boys might have gone further ahead when Thorpe cut through, but indecision on his part prevented him from scoring.

Play continued very much the same in the second half. Welwyn continued to break through in the loose and an unfortunate misunderstanding by the Old Lutonians scrum was seized upon with alacrity. Following the resultant try Shepherd showed admirable initiative to charge down the kick. Welwyn, with thoughts of victory, continued the pressure and came close to scoring on several occasions. Robinson made a magnificent fine save with a flying tackle with the Welwyn winger only inches from the corner flag.

The crisis averted, play swung back into the home side's half, but the Old Boys were unable to break through and a draw was the only fair result.

FIGHT TO KEEP SCORE DOWN

Luton 8, Vauxhall Motors 0

Luton were clearly the masters in all departments in this local "derby" at Stockwood and it was only Vauxhall's tenacious defence which prevented the clean-handing Luton backs from putting up a big score.

Luton were ahead after five minutes with a good try from J. Jones which was converted by Skinner, and scrum-half Henman cut through to score an unconverted try in the second half.

Despite the heavy conditions the game was fast and open.

YOUNGSTERS WERE OVERWHELMED

Vauxhall "A" 0, Luton "A" 37

Despite the one-sidedness of the scoring this game provided a good display of clean, open rugby and was played in an excellent spirit with few infringements.

Vauxhall fielded several young players, but never gave up and fought courageously. Veteran Joe Buckingham was always prominent for Luton. Jenkins a newcomer to the club played a beautiful game in scrum-half.

Tries were scored by Evans (4), Ruddick (2), Burgess (2), Trabrene, Fox and Jenkins. Evans and Burgess each converted one.