the inevitable counting of the cost in terms of injuries, with the Town, though they have almost a crop of minor injuries, rather better placed than their Blackpool Cup rivals, who look like having to do without their captain, Harry Johnston, for the fourth meeting.

Nevertheless, Manager Dally Duncan was not in a position yesterday to make any decision on his team for the vitally important League tussle with Rotherham United on Saturday and has deferred

Matthews's reply to that question was "We shall have to play again the next day," but the Town have heard nothing of that, serious but, yesterday, the manager said that he hopes that all will be fit by Saturday. Davies, after treatment to his ankle. Aherne and Owen were ail

With their promotion bid very much in the forefront of their minds, the Town are not in the same position as Blackpool, who can afford to rest slightly-injured players from League matches because they have no champion ship pretensions now and nothing to worry about so far as relega-

Routine upsetting though these

### Them Breathing Space FROM this point of view, the

arrangements of the third replay for Monday suited them, League game,

week, on or before to-day, and date could be fixed.

a second replay says, "It must the seaside this week, still wait be replayed not later than the to see who their fourth round following Monday," and it was opponents will be. on this that the Town and Blackpool based their decision when they came to a mutual agreefaces the test of two Cup-ties in one week, which was what the Town were confronted with after their long drawn-out struggle with

## Football Association

phoned the Football Association. put the position to them, and received permission for the match

who will be keyed up to take at least one point from their Luton visit, and they will fancy their chance after beating Nottingham Forest 3-0 last Saturday. In an effort to bolster up their promotion bid, Rotherham paid

He has brought added craft to their from line which was not over-impressive when the Town were beaten 2-1 at Millmoor early in September.

#### Marksmanship Of Ronnie Burke NOTABLE absentee from their

line-up is Gladstone Guest. their captain who has groin muscle trouble which kent him out last Saturday and his place at inside left is being filled by a local player. Denis Churms, who local player. has been on Rotherham's books for four sensons. Former Town amateur, Ronnie

Burke, has been leading their attack with such success this season that he has obtained 23 Team: Quairney: Selkirk, Johnson: Murshall, Noble, Williams (D): Grainger. Hen-derson, Burke. Churms, Wilson.

### Reserves' Chance Of Two More Points

FOR the Town Reserves, favourably placed near the top of Division I of the Football Combination, there is a visit to Craven Cottage to meet Fulham, who are next to bottom with a meagre six points from 14 matches. On form, the Town should pick

up two more points here but at this stage, it is impossible to fare-cast what their probable team John Groves, now demobilised from the army, will be considered for a place at inside-forward, and there may be another outing, too, for the young amateur, Alwyn McGuffie, who played brilliantly for the "A" team on Saturday.

#### Vauxhall Alterations After Heavy Jolt

AFTER their heavy jolt at Ware last Saturday which brought to an end their long unbeaten run in the Spurtan League, Vauxhall Motors are making three changes for their home match with Histon Institute Two of these are in attack and

bring in as partners on the right wing. Dolan and Todd.

The former has had a spell on the injured list and Todd has been in the team for most of this season. They replace Firmin and Morgan and the other change is at left-half where Soper comes in

for Bunning.

Team: D. Johnston; J. Burgess, K. Startin; J. O'Neill, J. Humphrey, D. Soper; T. Dolan, G. Todd, W. Lawrence, R. Brandham, E. James,

#### Confidence Is Back In Kent's Camp SIX points from the last three matches in the South

Midlands League has restored completely the confidence in the camp and they are hopeful of success when they entertain Potton United at Walleravenue on Saturday.

For this stern task, Kent's, with Reg Noble still unavailable because of illness, continue with an

unchanged team:-R. Tottingham; W. Day, A. Stockbridge; W. Meyrick, H. Naylor, J. Hull; K. Peel, P. Berry, R. Peel, R. Redding, A.

The Reserves will also be facing a stiff test at Bedford St Cuth-bert's, and unfortunately, are likely to be without Dan Grady and Joe Summers injured last Saturday.

#### Schoolboys Can Feel Proud Of Themselves UTON SCHOOLBOYS have shown consistently good form to reach the last 16 in the

English Schools' Shield competition, and it is a feat of which they can be justly proud. The next round will see them at Swansea where they will meet the holders of the trophy-probably next month.

have won it twice since the war The present team is touch and clever, and knows how to fight back when things are not running their way. This was instanced in the last round when they beat Islington boys. At half-time Swansea were a goal down, but they fought back, and were deerving winners.

Incidentally, all eleven mem-bers of the Swansea side that drew with Luton in the Football League game at Vetch Field last Saturday have all, at one time or another, played in the Swansea Schoolboys' team,

### Two Changes

their home match with the Borderers on Saturday, Packwood replacing Allen, who stands as reserve, and Knapp taking over

herd, Heanue, Y Kelly, Packwood. Vauxhall are due to visit Leighton Buzzard, and will be

represented by: Booth, Steval; Long, Harro-well; Tearle, Glles, Brook,

Plastow, Martin, Brown, God-gin, Draper. Luton Are In A

N the fortunate position of hav-ing most of their regular players fit, are Luton, who are due to visit Old Dunstablians. At present, only Todd and Pooley are not available because of injuries sustained earlier in the season. Team: Cannon: J. Jones, H. G.

Jones Holloway, Cope; Temple, Henman: Powell, Peirson, Hammond, Boswell, Skinner, Oakley, Beechener, Swain. The "A" team, entertaining

Old Dunstablians "A." at Stockwood will be represented by: Fox: Traherne, Hawkes, Bureess Ruddick: J. Evans, Jenkins: Lee, Hewitt, Simpson, Thomas, A. Jones, Marshall, May, Peel.

#### Luton Greyhounds RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

7 30 -- (470 yards): 255 Black Jack, 116 Lipstick, 166 Lincky Dome, 336 Manaeville, 16 Nony B, 416 Specked

Band. 7.50.--(675 yards): 133 Charlie 11.

SELECTIONS 6.30: Chevalier (nap) (Darius, Vivo);
6.50: Short Head (Little Patsy,
Phillips Pet); 7.10: MacNab (Bessina
Lou, Red Scarf); 7.30: Lipstick (Lucky
Dome, Mandeville); 7.50: Dan Gay
(Old Dan, Charlie H.J; 8.10: Nut
Brown (Bide-A-While, Tracer); 8.30:
Midget (Eagle's Nest, Violet); 8.50:
Brickhill Lad (Vera's Pet, Rosse's
Ross) **FOILED** AGAIN!



Both goalkeepers have made some great saves during the Luton and Blackpool Cap-tie "marathon." This picture shows Farm, the Blackpool goalkeeper, stopping a hard header from Mitchell as Gordon Turner dashes in during a Luton raid in the second replay at Villa Park on Monday G6310J

# FOR SUNDON PARK

## First To Reach Goals Century And Take Over Leadership

and South Beds League as the result of the matches played on Saturday, which also marked the reaching of the century mark in goals scored by Sundon Park, who gained the distinction of the first team to do so once again. They were one of the teams who went to the top as the

result of their victory over near rivals in Division III, English Electric.

II where Robin Hoods spel at the top proved to be short-lived, even though they put up one of the day's best performances in holding unbeaten Hockliffe to a draw on their own ground. The point was not sufficient to keep them at the brad of affairs because Lilley Rangers had an easy

However, Hockliffe, only two

Lie position in Division III is that Sundon Park are one point mead of Caddington "B" and their not goals have come in only 13 natones which is a remarkable

premacy of Napier Sports, though sarton Rovers, who have taken over third place again, can make bid here, too. The Rovers stepped up following the somewhat surprising deteat

oy the only goal of Glendalo at Dagnail Vital victory in Division I was achieved by Luton Town

well-placed for a championship old, for they have dropped only luce points. Except that Cockernhoe blunted whatever hopes Lumoco Spor's night have entertained of bonours

his season, nothing much out of the ordinary happened in Division IV where the position remains Both Percival Apprentices and Shaw and Kilburn made no mis-

take, but they will do well to keep an eye on the consistent Cockernhoe who could well upset the calculations of either. PREMIER DIVISION

(Brudenell

Austin), PIONEER CORINTHIANS 1 (Summerfield) DAGNALL I (Sondie), GLENDALE

WEST PARK 1 (Rowlands LUION O.B. 10 (Basterfield 4, Evans 2. Lawless 2, Skelding, Groom), LEAGRAVE ATHLETIC 5 LEAGRAVE B.L. 1 (Conion), LUTON TOWN "B" 2 (Wheelbouse, Fitz-matrick) APORTE 2 (Davies, Lamb), CHAUL END ATHLETIC 1 (Cluer)

DIVISION II Mitchell 2, B Carr) HARLINGTON 4 (Woodbridge Russell), SKEFKO ATHLETIC 3 DAVIS ATHLETIC 6 (McGuire Sterry, Horsler), PERCIVAL ATH.

HOCKLIFFE I. ROBIN HOODS SUNDON O.B. I. BOYS' BRIGADE

t (Nicholls)

2 Cairney, McSavaney), ENGLISH ELECTRIC 4 (Wilkinson 2, Francis, WALCOT ATHLETIC 2 (Holdstock, Hawkes), CRESCENT UNITED 1 (Pearce)
ALLIANCE FOUNDRY 8 (Dickens 5, Smith 2, Clewes), LUTON BREWERY 2

DIVISION IV R.A.F.A. RESERVES 7, LAPORTE RESERVES 1 (Robbens) PERCIVAL APPRENTICES 4 (Norcott 3, Ionsi, WILSDEN ATHLETIC SHAW AND KILBURN 14, LUTON LUMOCO SPORTS O COCKERN-

## OFF TO A GOOD START

## Chiltern Youth League

### There was a full programme of youth football on Saturday. This was because the Chiltern Youth

and it got off to a fine start. In the !4/16 section Luton Town Youth had a narrow victory over Luton Hotspur and Biscot Mill had a good win over newcomers Farley Hill. However, adhough ocaien, Fariey full piayed good well when they settle down.

14/16 SECTION

OLD BEDFORD - ROAD OLD

BOYS 5 (E Parks 2, R Prime 2, G

Woodcrafts, POYNTERS-ROAD 4 (B)

Shamul 2. D Roberts, D Blowers)
BISCOT MILL B.C. 2 (T Hell, R
Bigho, FLITWICK BROTHER-HOOD 0 VAUXHALL MINORS 3 (A Kidd, B Evans, H Gersch), LUTON BOYS' CLUB 3 (M Jackson, M McDonald,

R Holdstock)

LIMBURY OLD BOYS 0, LUTON HOTSPUR 5 (B Crowley 2, A Davies 2, B Wills, P Rodall)

14/18 SECTION

LUTON TOWN YOUTH XI 2 (T Southam, W Berry), LUTON HOTSPUR 1

OLD REDUCED

Outon). POYNTERS-ROAD 2 (I Hawkins 2) BISCOT MILL B.C. 5 (A McMassers 2, B Harvey, D O'Dell, D Andrews). FARLEY HILL 0 LIMBURY OLD BOYS 'B' 3 (G King, K Pain, I Harry). LANGLEY RANGERS 1

HOCKEY RESULT

## BRILLIANCE Cullen Shone

### For Reserves Luton Town Reserves .... 4

Plymouth Argyle Reserves 2 The referee blew his whistle

for half-time seven minutes early in this Combination much at Kenilworth-road, but changed his mind after consulting both his linesmen.

The Plymouth players were probably relieved to hear the whistle which really did signify half-time, for they were com-pletely out played before the

They had scored one goal—in the 35th minute, when DAVIES headed past Baynham after a corner-kick—but Luton scored three times in the first half-hour, and with any luck at all might well have doubled that output, There was a brisk start, and in the fourth minute SMITH opened

the scoring. This was followed five minutes later by a goal from CULLEN, who netted after a determined run down the middle, and Luton's third goal was also scored by CULLEN-direct from a corner.

As Cahill, the Argyle goal-keeper, jumped to reach Cullen's inswinger. so did Scott, but neither of these players touched

The Luton outside-right had a very good game. He had the beating of Morgan and put over many dangerous centres, as well as shooting for goal himself whenever an opportunity came along. Once he hit the cross-bar with long drive, and Scott twice hit

the ball, which suddenly swerved

Plymouth gave a much better performance in the second half. and WYATT reduced arrears, but a goal from ALLEN made Luton's position safe before the end There was a lot of scrappy play

The two Luton teams at the top of Division II. Rootes Sports in the second half, when Luton's finishing was not up to their preand Davis Athletic, are still going interval standard. strong. Rootes have 29 points from 18 games and Davis 26 fowards the end they forced a series of corners, and also had

claims for a penalty ignored when a defender appeared to fist a shot rom Scott off the gual ine Cuiled and Scott were Luton's best forwards, and the defence as

whole was more than adequate LUTON TN. RES.: Bayn-ham; Dunne, Hawkes; Pem-berton, Hall, Smith; Cullen, Allen, Scott, Adamson, Adam. PLYMOUTH ARGYLE RES.: Cahill: John, Morgan: Dougall, McArthur, McShane: Davies, Wyatt, Davis, Willis. Anderson.

### THROUGH TO THE LAST 16

#### Luton Boys Facing A Welsh Trip Now Luton Schoolboys 2,

West Bromwich Schoolboys 1 last sixteen in the English Schools' Shield Competition is no mean achievement, and that is just what Luton Boys did on Satur day, when they beat a powerful side from West Bromwich. They will now travel to Wales

to meet Swansea, the holders of the Shield, in the next round. It was a bard game, between two evenly matched teams, and the visitors came near to equalising on more than one occasion. The clever inside forwards in the home team. Chance and Whitby, were inclined to hung on to the ball too long, with the result that they often ran into no doubt that Luton were the more accomplished footballers. and they deserved their narrow WHITBY gave them the lead

Second half goals were scored for Ware by GOODEY (2) and in the 17th minute when he accepted a chance from Westwood, and HILLS added another mid-way through the second half. ASTON, the West Bromwich ASTON, the West Bromwich centre-forward reduced their arrears five minutes later Stars in the Luton side were Hills, Hetherington and Kershaw.

any more points until after the

Luton continued to press in the

second half and Boswell touched

down smartly after a well-judged kick ahead by fiy-half Temple.

Holloway converted and a few

minutes later crowned a good morning's work with a weaving, 50-yards run and a touch down,

He converted the try himself.

ONG (2).

#### NOT AT THEIR BEST, BUT O.L.s WON work by the three-quarters, but although the Bedford side was hard pressed they did not concede

Play was generally fairly ever and Aylesbury saw more of the ball from both tight and loose Opening with the wind and sun be-hird them, Old Lutonians were unable

to make much headway against determined Aylesbury, but did succeed in remaining in the home half for long periods. The only score in this half came when Adkins kicked a penalty. Changing round to face the elements. Old Lutonians gave little for their changes of victory but. Edmonds changed the face of the game when, breaking round the blind side of a loose scrum, he was able to "make" thirty yards before kicking ahead. Cato touched down.

touched down.

With the score at 6-nil, the home team fought back. From one clean heel the Aslesbury stand off cut through and their centre threequarter touched down. They were unfucky to have their kack hit the upright especially as an easy penalty kick was similarly missed. Midflield play resumed and Thorpe kicked through the defence and raced the opposition for the touch time. Adkins's kick into the wind just failed.

A second chance came to Thorpe Three of the tries came after handling movements by the forwards—a very encouraging sign.
Scorers were Steval 2, Long 2.
Draper, Malia, Mastin, Squires and

A second chance came to Thorpe almost immediately when he inter-cented imside his own half, but the previous run had slowed him up and he was caught. Following this effort Fersome broke loose with the ball at his feet only to lose control within

breezy for this morning match at Stockwood last Saturday-and so

was the rugby Luton quickly went ahead when

Cope touched down after good

Tries were scored by Burgess (3). Hawkes (2), Ruddick (2) and Evans. Evans converted one of them, despite feet of the touch line. LUTON WERE IN GOOD FORM Luton 13, Queen's Works 0

DEPLETED SIDE BEATEN The weather was brisk and

Again the Town owed a big debt of gratitude to Streten for his brilliant part, and he gave an exhibition that many Birmingham fans described as the best they have seen on the ground in years. BLACKPOOL: Farm; Shimthey scored in the first half, and will also point to the handicap they laboured under for the well, Garrett; Johnston, Crosland,

Cummins, Mitchell. Referee: T. Seymour, Wake-

### To Yield Point SWANSEA TOWN .... 1

tie tension, the lown's search for vital t cague points must go on, and, in the circumstances, it was a good performance to return with a draw from Veten Field on Saturday. Yet it could have been an even hetter one had the Town made

brought about by a free kick against Morton. By Williams, the ball was punted high into the Town's penalty area too high for Owen to get his head to it.

Jones (B.) lobbed it over to MEDWIN, who was in an open space, and he gave Streten abso-

who was standing on the goal-line might well have been able to chest lutely no chance the ball away. As it was, it brushed his side on its path to After a somewhat unsettled period, particularly in defence, the Iown regained the stride Pandemonium broke out among the wearers of the tangerine favours and 22 leg-weary players oegan the extra half-an-hour when Blackpool, more confident after their goal, looked the more

Both the Town's goals against Blackpool have been obtained by CUMMINS and the one he gained in this match was a deftly taken affair when he fastened on team. to a heautiful through pass by Fine saves by King kept the Town at bay, however, and some Close up to him as he got the ball under control, was Farm, but opportunities were allowed to by, too, but, a minute from ne blithely side-stepped the goal-

half-time, a fine bit of work by ceeper, before smashing the ball Davies laid on a first-time shooting chance for MOORE, and he into the roof of the net with his left foot to put the Town ahead That success came at a time drive to take command though, earlier, tht Town, playing fast, open foot-

ball in attack, had been near to nacked up by strong wing-half play, often had the Swansca causing the downfall of the Blackpool defence and both Turner and Mitchell had missed pos-

Somehow or another, fulfilment never came, though there were several occasions when it looked inevitable, as when Turner took a shrewd pass from Cummins, beat Kiley cleverty, and then blazed straight at King

attack, none more exciting than when Ivor Allchurch made terrific drive that Streten punched over in first-class style, but although they had more of the play later, their young forwards badly needing a guiding hand-lacked the craft to find gaps in a Town defence that was well up to its highest standard after the

### he battle went on through the

HAD SOME BAD LUCK That there should have been more goals for the Town is econd half with Blackpool suffering a severe blow when Johnston was injured in a tackle with Jones First he went to outside-left. hen switched to centre-forward.

> was not sufficient shooting. Moore, Cummins and Davies all played their parts in the constructive work, but there could have been a greater willingness to

of finishing power was disappoint-Both Swansea's young wingers While Moore is doing much ere largely played out of the

foraging and is most harassing and dangerous when he breaks through on the wings, sufficient clearances.

Oxford Attendance: 15,000. FOOTPATT LUTON TOWN F.C.

#### From the defence there was another heroic showing that once again cut down the effectiveness of this star-studded Blackpool

#### For their work they deserved to keep a clean sneet, and it must have been desperately disappoint-UNITED ing for them to concede a goal just when success seemed assured.

honours last season, and, with at least one England selector among the onlookers, must have pressed home his claims 1/3 (separate entrance): Terraces (not covered) 1/9, Boys 1/-. seldom found a way down the

68 PARK ST., LUTON

## After three hard-fought matches in six hectic days comes a big fee some weeks ago for Henderson, an inside right from Third Lanark.

selection until to-morrow. Members of the Cup team bring about a decisive result has who required treatment on Tues- not come to the discussion stage day were Aherne (bruised toe), yet, Davies (jarred ankle), Owen (bruised leg) and Jones, who felt some knee trouble during Mon-On television on Tuesday Stan

day's match.
Of these, Jones is the most

### Nothing Less Than A Win Will Do

FOR the Town, every League match they play is as keen as a Cup-tie, especially with the promotion struggle in the Second Division so wide open, and they cannot afford to do anything else but win over Rotherham, who are only a point behind them.

So, it can be taken for granted that the Town team will be as little altered as the injury position allows and that, if this clears up completely, there will be no

continual Cup replays are, the Town need every point they can get hold of at this stage, if they are to be in the hunt at the end of the season.

# Arrangement Gives

for it has given them some breath ing space before this important Unofficial assumption at Villa Park on Monday was that the next replay would have to be this

there was earnest consultation of the F.A. Cup rules before the In them, the possibility of a

third replay is not mentioned morning.
specifically, but the rule affecting And so West Ham, relaxing by

BEFORE any announcement was made, though, they

Position Was Put To

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

FA. CUP-3rd Round-3rd Replay MONDAY NEXT, (JANUARY 25th)

Wolverhampton Wanderers' Ground KICK-OFF 2 p.m. BLACKPOOL v. LUTON T.

**Tickets for Stand Seats on sale** from Noon To-day, (Thursday) at the Kenilworth Road Office

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and presumably it would be a matter of mutual agreement again.
Secretary Phil Coley said to me
yesterday. "I should say it would
have to be on Wednesday at the able to join the party that played golf at Hammonds End yesterday. very latest. The "Closed Doors"

# Rumour Is Not True

RUMOURS around the Town that any further replay would have to be behind closed doors are completely wide of the mark, and there is no mention at all of any such happening in the Cup

Villa Park was mentioned as a possible venue for Monday's THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON OF T

# Sports Chat Chiltern

match, but there was some doubt about whether there could be two replays on the same ground, and then Mr. Arthur Oakley, of

Wolves, stepped in with an offer of the Molineux ground, which was speedily accepted. Stand tickets for the match a 8/6 and 7s. will be on sale at the Town ground from noon to-day. Admission to other parts of the ground will be through the turn-

#### Players Chose To Travel On Monday THERE was some idea of taking the Town players to Learning-Spa on Sunday afternoon

after they had had baths, massage and any necessary treatment. Choice was left to the players themselves, and their decision was that they would prefer to remain in Luton and travel on Monday to see who their fourth round

Whichever team goes forward

Brentford two years ago. Unchanged Rotherham Will Be Keyed Up To get back to the rather

more mundane, but equally important matter of the Second what happens if two hours at Wolverhampton does not suffice to unchanged Rotherham United.

Swansea have a great record in the Schools' Shield for they

Old Boys Are Making TWO changes are being made by Old Lutonians R.F.C. for

as hooker. Team:
Yorke: Smitr, Thorpe, Fensome. Thurlow: Edmonds,
Bracey: Adkins, Knapp, Shepherd, Heanue, Young, Cato,
Kelly Packwood.

Fortunate Position

6.30.—(410 yards): 311 Chevalier, 225
Darini, 345 Keep Single, 131 Sporting
Express, 324 Viso, 323 Zsa-Zsa,
reserve 54 The Builder,
6.50.—(470 yards): 326 Chance, 143
Little Patsy, 514 Mary's Son, 645
Phillip's Pet, 113 Short Head, 5
Snogger,
7.10.—(410 yards): 155 Bessing Lou,
44 Kelmscote Boy, 114 MacNab, 5
Make Haste, 463 Pet Lip, 632 Red
Scarf.

7.50.—(675 yards): 133 Charlie 11.
565 Cliff's Pal. 523 Dan Gay. 652
Jumbo, 541 Lindy. 265 Old Dan.
reserve 423 Dainty Piece.

#.10.— (410 yards): 321 Bide-AWhile, 3F2 Dark Clouds, 135 Nut
Brown, 451 Some Hopes, 634 Taffy.
632 Tracer.

#.30.—(470 yards): 322 Eagle's Nest.
261 Midget. 436 Miss Take. 13 Rum
Chicken, 233 Sally Ann, 143 Violet.

#.50.— (410 yards): 324 Brickhill
Lad, 354 Elm Boy, 3 No Dice, 355
Rosie's Boy, 433 Snowdrift, 3 Vera's
Pet.

FIRST-HALF

# A DOUBLE DISTINCTION

Changes of leadership occurred in two divisions of Luton

Other alteration was in Divisio

victory and they are the latest to take over the lead. points behind and with three matches in hand, are obviously going to have a big say before the final reckoning comes but they cannot afford to make many

Sum picking up points consis-tently in the Premier Division are Shillington, now firmly established as the main enallengers to the su-

"B" in overcoming Leagrave B.L., who thus missed a chance of taking over the leadership as Woburn Athletic had no match. Although they still occupy fourth position, the Town "B" are

LUTON SOCIAL 2 (Geary, B Jackson). SHILLINGTON 4 Millard, Flint), LIMBURY O.B. 0 BARTON ROVERS 5 (A Virgin ) Horster 2, Burr), TOTTERNHOE 2 (Ficcancil, Witts) CADDINGTON 4 (Upton, Pain, Banks,

DIVISION I
ELECTROLUX 4 (Bryant 2, Draycott.
Caste), SHILLINGTON "A" 5
(Carter 2, Robinson 2, West)
STOPSLEY RESERVES 2 (Weston 2).

NAPIER SPORTS "A" I (Kentick) LILLEY RANGERS 6 (Offer ). HARLINGTON

2. BARTON ROVERS RESERVES SUNDON PARK 6 (Mechan 2, Dison

# HOE 2 (P Ayres, Crick) BARTON WOODWORKING 1 (Hyde), ROOTES SPORTS 6 VILLA ROVERS J (L Smith 2, Mc-Cabel, HENTON 2 (E Day, Staple-

Full Programme In

League commenced its fixtures,

OLD BEDFORD - ROAD OLD BOYS 3 (S North, C France, W Quinn). POYNTERS-ROAD 2 (J

## S. Midlands League

DANGER ZONE Kent's Ath. Are Well On The Upgrade

LEAVING THE

Kent's Athletic really are climbing away from the danger area of the South Midlands League, Premier Division, and on Saturday they collected another two points when they beat Peartree Old Boys.
With games in hand over most of the other clubs in the division. Kent's are now four places from neither of the the bottom, and although they cannot get into the championship into the net.

race they might well finish the

position at the top is un

changed, with Baldock still lead-In second place are Bigglesing. wade, with Shefford, the only unbeaten team in the division, in third place, with four games in hand, and hot favourites for the he woodwork. In Division I. Electrolux did themselves a good turn when they beat Langford, but their leadership is not, by any means. safe, as Marston Shelton are but one point behind them, yet have

played three games less.

points from 16 games. In third position are Bedford St. Cuth bert's, five points behind Davis, Kent's Athletic Reserves are in good position in this division and they, like their seniors, beat Peartree Old Boys on Saturday PREMIER DIVISION Arlesey Town 1. Dunatable Town 2
Baldock Town 2. Ampthill Town 1
Bedford Corinthians 5. AC-Delco 2
Biggleswade Town 3. Histon 1
Peastree Old Boss 2. Kent's Athletic 1
Potton United 2. Wootton Blue Cross 1
Shefford Town 4. Letchworth Town 0

Electrolux 3. Langford 1
Electrolux 4. Electr Cranfield United 0, Bedford St.

DIVISION I Bletchley L.M.S. 2. Leighton United

## Cuthberts 1 Cuthberts 1 Ehtow Abbey 3 Redford North End 2 Flywick Athletic 3. Rootes Sports 5 Davis Athletic 6. Marston Shelson 1 Rent's Athletic 3. Peartree Old Boys 0 Kent's Athletic 6. AC-Delco 0 Stewarthy Works 6, AC-Delco 0 SHOCK FOR

VAUXHALL Ware 7, Vauxhall Motors 0 Vauxhall had no alibis after this Sparran League defeat-their first, incidentally, for some months. They were beaten by a stronger, faster and fitter side and the home

side dictated play, especially in the second half. Vauxhall gave as good as they received in the first five minutes when Lawrence hit the crossbar and James missed a good chance, but Ware pressed and LONG gave them the lead. This was increased when O'NEILL put through his own goal and HIBBERT made in three before the interval.

Ware are due to meet Bishop Auckland in the Amateur Cup on Saturday. If they reproduce the form they showed against Vaux-hall they could easily sprieg a

Aylesbury 3, Old Lutonians 9 Old I otonians were deserving victors at Bangett's Field, Ayles-bury on Saturday, when they bent the home side by two tries and a penalty goal to a try. but once again the Old Boys' for-wards failed to find their best form

IMPROVED FORM BY VAUXHALL Vauxball Motors 35. Leighton Bazzard 3 Vauxhall, playing much better than of late, completely outplayed a weakened Leighton side and were superior in all departments.

Leighton were mainly on the defensive and could not hold a lively Motors' pack. Otty hooked well and all the forwards did well in the loose.

flockingham, with some very tone and accurate kicks, converted four of EASY VICTORY Oseeas Works "A" 0, Lusten "A" 26
The home side pinned their hopes
on kick and rush tactics and found
Luton's quick-heeling pack and clever
backs too much for them.
Tries

Arbeitury 'A' 14, Old Latonians 'A' 8
Old Lutonians third string were a
man abort when they met Aylesbury
'A' and home side's first two tries
came after their scrum-half ran through
on the blind side on the blind side.
The Old Boys' stars were Gurney. Heanue, Hirst. Jackson and Witney.
Trim were scored by Hirst and
Martin. Gurney converting the first.
OTHER RESULT
Luton Extra "A" 25, Vauxhall "A" 3

## Defences Still On Top In Prolonged Cup Battle

BLACKPOOL ...... 1 LUTON TOWN ..... 1 Remarkable tribute to the power of both defences is that in 330 minutes of stern Cup football in this tie that is rapidly passing from the serial stage and assuming

there would not be the necessity for yet another hard struggle at Wolverhampton on Monday.

times by the speed and punch of Perry Jones played his part well, can count themselves fortunate to still hold an interest in the com-petition, they could claim with and the covering of the defence as a whole was excellent. some justification that they scarcely had the rub of the green For one thing they will claim as vehemently as did the Town about the legitimacy of Mortenson's equaliser in the first tie, that

Kelly; Matthews, Taylor, Mudie, Brown, Perry.
LUTON TOWN: Streten;
Jones, Aberne: Morton, Owen,
Watkins: Davies, Turner, Moore,

# KEPT IN

the fullest use of their superior

they had found in the first

made no mistake with a low

beyond dispute, but they suffered a certain amount of bad luck.

have a crack at goal.

Mitchell had the beating of inish well either

name by Jones and Aherne who both showed a fine positional sense and continually tried to make use of the ball in their Once again Streten was in peak orm and the Swanses crowd is mother on whom he left a big

Jones (C.), LUTON TOWN: Streten: ones (I...). Aberne: Morton. Owen, Watkins: Davies, Turner. Moore, Cummins, Mitchell Referee: Rev. S. V. Davis. had he made the most of his chances and exploited to the full

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**NEXT TIME** 

INGLIS

# By Chiltern

greater part of the second half through an injury to Johnston,

goal four minutes from the end.

just when the strong Luton

contingent among this crowd of 31,663 (receipts £4,600) had made up their minds that it was West Ham for them on Satur-

mistaken policy on the Town's

part to concentrate on bolding

during the last 10 minutes the

slender advantage they had but

in a match of this character, the

This late rendency to put too much emphasis on defence

enabled Blackpool to rally, but the Town looked as safe as houses until there came that fate-

As the ball came over, Mudic

deflected it and it went to JOHN-

STON, who from point-blank range, blazed it past the diving

Streten, with the rush of Town

defenders a fraction too late to

stop the shot arriving.
Afterwards, Streten said that if he had not dived and obscured

the view of Jones, the right-back,

temptation to play "safe'

ful corner by Matthews.

JONES NEARLY

PREVENTED IT

dangerous in attack.

after exactly half-an-hour.

There had been, too, a tremen-

dous drive by Davies that Farm just pushed over the top but, to

set against this, there were bril-

INJURY TO JOHNSTON

siders' final rally, the equaliser and

another gruelling half an hour that

tested the stamina of every player.

Both teams had the chances at

arious times during this match

shooting is not coming from the

centre-forward position, and there

was less than there should have

been from the line as a whole

because Turner was unable to

strike the form he has been show-

Forward honours were shared

by the industrious, clever Cum-

mins and Davies, who was always

willing to chase anything and kept

There was a somewhat patchy

Owen was in the form that

earned him representative

for further recognition. Hard though Mudic tried, he

middle, and time and time again Owen's head or feet cleared his

ines under pressure,

Morton is overdue

possession many times.

display from Mitchell, who could

well have been the match-winner

ing in recent matches.

Sarrett fully occupied.

his speed against Shimwell.

**GREAT SHOW** 

BY DEFENCE

attack.

that the Town played.

after 57 minutes.

right-half.

Morton.

claimed

day week.

playing so capably.

always great.

the proportions of a saga, is that only four goals have been scored. On the other hand, this could be taken as a reflection on the finishing of both forward lines, who have not shown sufficient capacity for snapping up their scoring chances. Had either been able to do so,

Although by virtue of the fact that they have twice been reprieved by a goal in the dying stages of the game when their exit looked imminent, Blackpool

Yet, it was their captain, hobbling painfully, though not a complete passenger, at centre-forward, who gave them the right to a fourth attempt to knock out the Town with a

# TITLE RACE

Swansea Forced Though they were pressing quite steadily and frantically switching players' positions in an endeavour to equalise, Blackpool could have had little hope of LUTON TOWN ..... 1 doing so at that late stage, especially with the Town defence In the middle of all the Cup-As things turned out, it was a

> skill in attack by turning it into the goals that should have come. Although they went into this match with ro illusions about the tough test that faced them, the Town could scarcely have budgeted for the early blow that was struck by the home team only two minutes after the start. Then, the first Swansea raid,

minute and gave Swansea's defence some nasty moments. Anxiety for the Town came mainly through fast breaksaway in which Jones (C.), Medwin and Allchurch missed chances, but the more persistent pressure came from the Town, whose for wards moved with more smoothness than those of the bome

For quite 20 minutes of the second half, it looked only a question of time before the Town took the lead, for the forwards. defence on the brink of disaster

liant saves by Streten from Mudie, Brown and Perry. Narrowest escape, though, came when Matthews shot somethough. from the region of the penalty Swansea had their moments in that unexpectedly and the ball dropped out of Streten's hands and, over the line, so Blackpool Not that there was much chance for anyone to estimate whether the ball had crossed or not, for Jones

was on the spot to kick away and remove the cause of argument. Right on half-time. Mitchel: hould have increased the lead and

with Turner having rather more han his share of it in his shootwith first Brown, then Taylor, at As a whole, the forwards were After this, the Town were on a hard-working lot, who failed top, without really promising to only in the matter of producing get the goal that would have the finish and. Turner apart, there the finish and. Turner apart, there banished Blackpool's Cup hopes completely and then came the Sea-

to clinch the issue, Blackpool's charles, who pulled him down coming mostly from their close heavily several times, but did not passing which was in marked conrast to much of the open football Outstanding roles were played both Morton and Watkins Though much of their approach both in defence and attack, while work was good and made the Owen, though not quite the Blackpool defence, without Johndominant figure he can be, was sound and gave Medwin little ston in the middle this time, look ess solid than at Luton, their lack

> SWANSFA TOWN: Kine: Charles, Thomas: Hole, Kiley, Williams: Allchurch (L.), Jones (B.). Medwin, Allchurch (I.).

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Morton lived up to the reputa-tion he has gained for being one of the strongest, cleverest wing-**CHARLEY'S** halves in the country with another brilliant performance in which he again held Brown and plied his BARBER SHOP The Gants' Hairdressers

forwards with much good material. Some sort of honour for Completing a strong half-back line was Watkins, in quite his best form, and he caught Taylor in Behind him Aherne repeated his previous tactics against Matthews

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