EXPERIMENTS IN ATTACK FOR TOWN'S "FRIENDLY"

In comparatively recent times

they toured Australia and were in

come on apace, with one of their

most cherished records their win

Appetites Whetted By

Previous Visitors

N the Olympic Games, too.

forefront, and were runners-up to

Sweden in London in 1948 and again to Hungary in the last Olympics in Helsinki in 1952.

Already this season, the Town have had visitors to Kenilworth-

roud from Turkey and Austria.

both of whom put up fine exhibitions, and they whetted the appetites of the Town tans so

much that there should be a big

attendance on Saturday to greet this team, and there will be

added interest from the Luton point of view, too, in the experi-

As their match with Fulham

has been postponed until later in

the season to allow this game to

be staged, the Reserves will have

Town's "No" To

DECISION of the Town Board

goalkeeper Ron Baynham induced

by the enquiry Arsenal's manager from Whittaker, made on Tuesday,

will be applauded by the suppor-

Arsenal need a cover in the shape of a top-class goalke-per

who is not Cup-tied because of the

Swindin to Peterborough as the

Midland League clue's manager

"We need a cover, too, in our promotion bid and we cannot af-

terested," and, as a matter of in-

England Youth Cap

For Gregory

FOLLOWING the well-tried po-

Spartan Learue match with Hert-

ford on Saturday.

Team: D. Johnston: J. Burgess, K. Styrin: J. O'Neill, J. Humn'rev, D. Soper: T. Dolan, G. Todd, W. Lawrence, R. Brandham, E. James.

Considerable satisfaction is

5. Midlands League

LEADERS IN

WINNING VEIN

But Rootes Proved

The Exception

Leading teams in two of the

divisions in the South Midlands

League continued on their winning paths on Saturday, but Rootes, at the top of Division II. were surprisingly beaten by AC-Deico.

However, they are still joint

But Davis have two goals in

leaders, as Davis, too, dropped a point to Peartree Old Boys.

hand, and are still unbeaten, so

it looks very much as though they will win the title. In the Premier Division, Bal-

dock, the leaders, won a hard game at Arlesey, and Shefford beat Dunstable Town to move back into second place in front of Biggleswade, who were well

Just to prove that they are well out of the rut which brought

them eight defeats. Kent's Athletic beat the more-than-useful Potton United 7-1-their most convincing win of the season.

There can be no relegation fears while this form is main-

The two leading clubs in Divi-sion I, Electrolux and Marston

RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

Ampthill Town 2, Bedford Corinthians

Cranfield United 4, Biggleswade Town 0 Dunstable Town 2, Shefford Town 4 H ston 2, Peartree Old Boys 2 Letchworth -Town 1, Wootton Blue

Kent's Athletic 7. Pottop United 1 DIVISION 1

Langford 1, Vauxhall Motors 3 Leighton United 2, Waterlow's 0 Tickford Sports 5, Arlescy Town 1 DIVISION II

Baldock Town 5. Bedford North End 0 B stannia Works 0. Cranfic d United 0 Lanton Works 2. Stewarthy Works 2

Be, ford St. Cuthberts J. Kent's Ath. 1 Marston Shelton I. Fittwick Ath. 1 Peartree Old Boys I. Davis Ath. 1 Rootes Sports 0, AC-Delco 1 Wootton Blue Cross 2, Elstow Abbey 5,

OUALIFIED AT

DUNSTABLE

FIRST DIVISION

A. Southam 80—8=72 A. Attwood 85—5=60

SECOND DIVISION

J. E. Everitt 87-14=75 W. Lawson 92-14=78

Prizes were presented by the captain, C. G. Tipper, and the professional, S. S. Field.

LEADING SCORES IN

S. BEDS MEDAL

Leading scores in the monthly medal at South Beds on Satur-

R. Gurney 81—13=68 R. F. Harris 94—20=74 P. Wilson 87—11=76

J. B. Wright 87-10=77 T. H. Clark 93-16=77 F. Shortland 87-9=78

HOCKEY RESULTS

Downs on Saturday.

Best returns were:

Oucen's Works 1, Marston Sbelton 4 Rictchley B.B.O.B. 1, Skefko Ath. 1 Eaton Bray United 2 Stotfold 1 Electrolux 3, Percival Ath. 2 H ughton Rangers 1, Bletchley L.M.S.

beaten by Cranfield

season's end.

to make enquiries about him.

ford to let Baynham go."

Dally Duncan's reply to this is.

Arsenal were willing to old high

they are not the first club

not to entertain any offers for

Arsenal Inquiry

ments that are being made.

a day off on Saturday.

they have been well to the

Yugoslavia national team

Into the comparative calm of a friendly match against Continental opposition go the Town on Saturday when their attentions might so easily have been turned to the infinitely more serious business of another Cup-tie. For this meeting with the Yugoslavia champions,

Hajduk, at Kenilworth-road, Manager Dally Duncan has decided to take the opportunity to make some experiments in attack and it may mark the first appearance of their capture from South Africa, Peter McEwan, at centre-forward, Although the Town had not slavia on over 50 occasions; ceived confirmation yesterday. Broketa Gracic and Katnic. Although, since 1943, Hajduk have played more than 150 matches a broad and have appeared in all parts of the world, this is their first visit to

they are expecting him to attive at London Airport later to-day and, if he is fit and weil after his long journey be will be given this early chance to prove that be can hold his own in top-class

"We shall have to be guided Chile last year.
Since they first entered the international field in 1930, the by the player himself, but this is an opportunity that we do not want to miss," the manager told me yesterday

If McEwan, who is only 21. should prove to be the success by 2-1 over England in Belgrade in 1939. that Billy Arnison thinks he can be in English football then he can solve a problem that has been a source of some anxiety since the injury to Jesse Pyc.

Moore Retained At Outside-Right

TAKING a line from his second haif display in the position at Wolverhampton, the manager is to retain Bernard Moore at outside right where he has not yet had an extended trial, though ne shaped extremely well there in the opening stages of the home match with Leicester City until injury cut down his effectiveness.

There will be a rest for Bert Mitchell and the outside left berth will be filled by Roy Davies, who has played there with success on previous occasions. Mitchell has not been at his

best in recent matches and the ay-off might belo him to regain his form

Downie's First Chance Since November

RESTED, too, is Gordon urner of whom the manager. "He has been taking knocks in neatly every match recently and is bruised right down his shin to ans ankle."

This brings in Johnny Downie for a senior team outing for the after the home match with Brent-

in recent weeks. Downie has been playing extremely well for the Reserves and has been showing a liking for having a crack at goal which should be for Baynham, but they received the short arswer of 'We are not in-

volumble in the League side which has been lacking something in his direction and the lack of thrust of the forwards has been a matter of some concern. Deputy For Sid Owen

Is Bob Morton

THIS match presents Downie

with the chance to reinstate himself in the team and that would doubtless end all the talk about him wanting a move to another club Only change that is being made

in defence is caused by the injury to Sid Owen and, with Bob Morton moving to centre-half. this paves the way to an outing for Waliy Shanks. He has not been in any of the

teams for a month because he has been on what became, because of the Cup-tie replays, permanent twelfth man duty to the first

Morton of course, has played brilliantly at centre-half during previous enforced absences of Hopes That Owen Will

Play At Leicester

NEWS of Owen is that the muscle trouble that caused

him to switch to centre-forward on Monday is not too serious and he should be able to return for the vital promotion tussle at Leicester on Saturday week The muscle that is affected is the "running" muscle at the back of the thigh and he is having

intensive treatment for the Bernard Streten finished

Monday's match limping as a result of a knock on the side of the thigh when Blackpool's second goal came but this is yielding to treatment and he is expected to play against Hajduk. Further Rest Is

Necessary For Jones

ESLIE Jones, too, is making

progress but there will have to be a further period of rest for him before he is able to resume.

Should McEwan not arrive on schedule, or should it be decided not to play him, it is likely that the leadership will go to Joe Scott, who held it until he was niured at West Ham on Christmas Day. Probable team:

Shelton, collected maximum points from their matches with Percival Athletic and Queen's Works respectively, but Langford were beaten by Vauxhall Motors, who might yet be among the honours at the Streten: Dunne, Aberne; Shanks, Morton, Watkins; Moore, Downie, McEwan, Cummins, Davies. Hajduk's previous matches on this tour resulted in a 1-1 draw

against Bristol City and they went down by the only goal at Wat-ford on Monday. Last night they were playing by floodlight at Hajduk Thrilled The

Bristol Crowd

AT Bristol, they drew an attendance of 17,981 despite the

art that there had been 24 hours' rain before the match, and t was described as a real spectacle, with all the good football expected from an exhibition combined with the therills of a cup-tie. Even though the heavy condiions were not in their favour,

Hajduk played some brilliant oothall in the true Continental tradition. In their party they have six internationals, including Vukas, the centre-forward, who is their

star artist and who was in the Rest of the World team that played England at Wembley. Have Played More

Than 150 Games A. Southam and J. E. Everitt qualified for the match play stages of the "Evening News"

SO, too, was the goalkeeper, Beara, and their other caps " are Matosic, their insidetournament by winning their divisions in a qualifying round over 18 holes medal at Dunstable

right who has played for Yugo-

GOOD WIN FOR POYNTERS ROAD

Poynters-road had a good win in the 14-18 section of the Chil-tern Youth League, beating Biscot

Mill B.C. 8-2. POYNTERS-ROAD 8 IC Sonnestein 2. V Tollervey 2. S Williams, C Thompson, J Hawkins, J Clarke), BISCO1 MILL B.C. 2 (D Attwell, A Mc Master)

VAUXHALL JUNIORS 2 (C Gray 2), LIMBURY O.B. 'A' 3 (K Holdway, J Dawson, J Cleary) LEIGHTON HOTSPUR 0, LANGLEY

RANGERS 4 (A Trotter 2, P Os-baldiston, J Bunce)

HOUGHTON JUNIORS 6, FARLEY

LUTON HOTSPUR 4 (A Davies, B Wills, T Baxier, B Crawley), RIS-COT MILL B.C. 3 (P Fensome, 7 Rell. I. Fedigan)
FLITWICK BROTHERHOOD 5 (M
Payne 3, M Cherry, L Stringer),
POYNTERS-ROAD 2 (D Hawes, D

HIGHERS DE LOVIS CLUB 4 CM Smith 2. Hunker, M. Jackson), OLD BED-FORD - ROAD O.S. 4 CS Whitby, R. Prime, D. Lewis, I. Holmen). Smith Saxons 1 Old Dunstabilians 0 Old Dunstabilians II 5, I.C.I. Weisye 3 Old Dunstabilians III 11, Royal Dental

being filt by Vauxhall officials by the selection of one of their younger stars, Tony Gregory, to lay at inside-left for England's youth team against Scotland at Mitdlesbrough on February 6.

Gregory, a product of Luton Schools football, played for Langley Rangers and the Town s youth XI in local youth football before moving on to Vauxhall this season and he has been one of the etars in the strong Bedfordshire

Happy Kent's Hope To Maintain Run

WITH four consecutive wins will face up confidently to the task of visiting Biggleswade Town in the South Midlands League match

non Saturday.

Reg Noble is fit again and returns to left-back with Alan
Stockbridge moving to centre-halt
to replace Harry Naylor, who is

Team: R. Tottingham: W. Day, R. Noble; W. Meyrak, A Stockbridge, J. Hull: K. Peel, P. Berry, R. Peel, R. Redding A. Dickens.

Beater: 'ast week, the Reserves emertain Britannia Works and are making changes in attack when the return of Joe Summers and Bob Peel is expected.

Opponents Always Difficult To Beat

MEETING opponents who are always difficult to bent, whether they are playing at home or away. Old Lutonians R F C travel to Cambridge on Saturday to meet Old Cantabrigians
Except that Robinson returns to

take over the scrum-half position. the Old Boys are retaining the victory last week.

Yorke: Smith, Thorpe, Fen-some, Thurlow: Edmonds, Robinson: Adkins, Knapp, Shepherd, Heanue, Young. Cato, Kelly, Packwood. Two Changes Being

RETURN of Hawkes and Marshall after several outings in the "A" XV represent the only changes being made by Luton for the visit of Bedford Wanderers to Stockwood. Team:

Made By Luton

Fox: Hawkes, J. Jones, Holloway, Cope: Temple, Henman: Marshall, Powell, Hammond, Boswell, Sklaner, May, Beechener, Swain. Visiting Bletchley, the "A" team will have several alterations

Cannon: Ruddick, Burton. Jenkins, Burgess: Evans, Sault; Lee, Hewitt, Hogg, Thomas, A. Jones, Rully, Peel, Halliday.

and will be represented by:



JOHNNY DOWNIE, who will play against Hajduk on Saturday. His last appear-ance in the first team was on November 7.

RESERVES SHOT-SHY

Fulham Saved A Point Late On Fulham Reserves 1, Luton Town Reserves 1,

Weakness in front of goal cost the Town Reserves a point at Fulham. Had they been prepared to shoot more often they would pro-bably bave won for they played clever footbell and, in the first

half particularly, had the home defence in a tangle.

When they did get in a shot they found Nicholls the young Fulham goalkeeper, in brilliant form, and he made some excellent

Downie was unlucky for he made several fine efforts which deserved to bring coals, but

Nicholls was almost unbeatable
Luton's only goal was scored
by LOWE, the Falham leftback who put through his own
goal, and it came in the 33rd
minute. Fulham improved after interval, and Baynham saved well from Wilkins and Newcombe Apart from those two efforts, however, the home forwards were given little scope by the Town

defence. With only five minutes left for play it looked odds-on to a Luton victory, but then WILKINS beat Baynham from 15 yards to give the London team a point they

scarcely deserved.

Best Luton forward was Downie. Scott had a quiet sort of game, while Groves, making his first appearance since his demobilisation from the Army, was inclined to keep the ball too close.

FULHAM RES .: Nicholls: Healey, Lowe (R): Smith, Gibson, Stapleton: Dwight, Wilkins, Cronin Chamberlain, Newcombe LUTON TOWN RES: Bayoham; Dunne Pemberton: A. McGuffic, Hall, Smith (R); Cullen, Groves, Scott Downie, Adam.

WITHDRAWALS CAUSE A DRASTIC ALTERATION

cam. Vauxhall Motors are Limbury O.B. Decide That They Cannot Complete Fixtures

The situation in the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League has changed drastically, following on the withdrawals of two of the clubs. Hitchin-road O.B. were fined £10 last week after

their decision not to carry on and, on Monday, Limbury O.B. decided that they could not complete their fixtures and announced their immediate withdrawal, which will be considered at the meeting of the League Executive Committee to-night.

With two records to be extakes on a different complexion. tor Barton Rovers, who were beaten by Hitchin-road O.B. earlier in the season, benefit from it, and now emerge as the team best placed for a challenge

o the leaders, Napier Sports.

fronically, Napier had a
7-0 victory over Limbury on
Saturday—an effort that will now prove to have been all in vain.

Barton's windfall, combined with Shillington's defeat by the only goal at Caddington, has put them in second place, five points behind the leaders, but with two matches in hand.

The withdrawals have actually cost Napier six points, hile Shillington go back from the 21 points mark to 14. At the other end of the table,

too, repercussions have been felt, for Totternhoe and Luton Social are now bracketed at the bottom, though the former have matches in hand. Surprise in Division I was the

beavy defeat of Leagrave B.L. by their local rivals, Leagrave Athletic, and this has served to destroy largely the title ambitions they must have cherished.

Now, the fight here seems certain to be between Woburn Athletic, still unbeaten, and Luton Town "B," who are making up leeway rapidly and have dropped only three points out of 24. The see-saw in Division II continues, with Robin Hoods taking over the leadership again.

as Lilley Rangers had no match, but they have Davis Athletic on the same mark with them, and Hockliffe, who have four matches in hand, only a point behind. Unbeaten Hockliffe must be firm favourites here, and they

showed their power by the convincing fashion in which they disposed of Luton Social Res... who were in the running for a long time.

More tall scoring by Sundon
Park—they reached a dozen
against Boys' Brigade O.B. and

had seven successful marks-men-kept them at the top of Division III, where their lead over Caddinaton "B" amounts to one point. comparatively In gaining a comparatively easy victory, Caddington kept themselves vitally interested in

the position here. In Division IV, Shaw and Kilbun now enjoy a lead of two points over Percival Apprentices, but can be caught if Cockernhoe

can win their two outstanding matches. The leaders reached double figures against a de-pleted Laporte Res Feature in this Division was a late rally by Barton Woodworking who wiped out arrears of four goals to save a point, and another by Hexton, who turned

a two goals deficit into a 3-2 win late in the game. PREMIER DIVISION PREMIER DIVISION
PIONEER CORINTHIANS 1 ((Tyler).
STOPSLEY 7 (Pugh 2. Bowles 2.
Gustard 2. Owens)
NAPIER SPORTS 7 (Weston 3. Welham 2. Cubherley, Shotbolt). LIMBURY O.B. 0
GLENDALE 1 (Tames). BARTON
ROVERS 2 (Horsler 2)
TOTTERNHOE 1 (Flecknett), LUTON
SOCIAL 1 (Jackson)

SOCIAL 1 (Jackson) CADDINGTON 1 (Pain). SHILLING-

FOOTBALL LUTON TOWN F.C.

SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY LUTON TOWN

versus HAJDUK (Jugoslav National Champions)

Kick-off 3 p.m. ADMISSION: Centre Stand 5/-:

R.A.F.A. 1. ELECTROLUX 5 (Draycott 2. Gilks. Hinton, Chambers)
SHILLINGTON 'A' 2 (Hare, Dil.ey),
LUTON G.B. 1
WEST PARK 2 (Wesley 2), WOBURN

WEST PARK 2 (Wesley 2). WOBURN ATH 4 (Dudley 2. Healy, Turney) BELLS PARK 11 (Skinner 3, Fensome 3. Smylle 2, Fensome 2, Pickering) STOPSLEY RESERVES 1 (Clarke) LUTON TOWN 8' 5 (Wheelhouse 4 Nelson). LAPORTE 0 LEAGRAVE BL. 1 (Curth), LEA-GRAVE ATH 5 (Taroley 3, Ball, Humphreys)

DIVISION II

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LUTON SOCIAL RESERVES 0, HOCKLIFFE 9 (Scott 5, Millburn, Wall, Tucker, Seabrook)

PERCIVAL ATH 1, LUTON UNITED 6 (Auburn 3, Cox 2, Walker)

WARDEN HILL ATH 1 (Thirkettle), DAVIS ATH 4 (Upton, Bradley, Francis, Stimpson)

ROBIN HOODS 3 (Mead, Ward Bunyan), OLD LUTONIANS 2 (Abbott, Northcott)

SKEFKO ATH 1, EATON BRAY RESERVES 6 (Kirby 3, Line 2 Burgess)

DIVISION III

BARTON ROVERS RESERVES 3 (Durnford, Burgoine, West), HAY WARD-TYLER 1

WARD-TYLER 3
BIDWELL 4 (S Bird 2, B Bird,
Peddarl, SUNDON O.B. 0
ALLIANCE FOUNDRY 1 (Lefevrel,
LEAGRAVE ATH RESERVES 0
LEAGRAVE BL RESERVES 2 (E
Smith, Rolts, CADDINGTON 'B' 5
R Ginger 3, R Ginger, Morgan)
LUTON BREWERY 1, WALCOT
ATH 5 (Ray 4, McGoorty)
BOYS' BRIGADE O B. 1 (Daniels),
SUNDON PARK 12 (McSavaney 3
Dixon 3, S. Lersch 2, Mechan,
Cairsey, Knappett, W Lersch)

DIVISION IV

LUTON O.B. RESERVES 7 (Anderson 3. Field 3. Fountain). VILLA ROVERS 2 (Harry, McCabe). ROOTES SPORTS RESERVES 0. LUMOCO SPORTS 1 (Fowler). WILSDEN ATH 4 (Bennell 2. Pearson. opponent). BARTON WOOD WORKING 4 (Turner 3. Norman). HEXTON 1 (Martin, Molleker, Jenkina). TOTTERNHOE RESERVES 2 Gare, Mead).

Gore, Mead)
APORTE RESERVES 0. SHAW
AND KILBURN 10 (GRbs 3, Owen 3. Hm 2. Hillier, Faringdon)

THIS DISPLAY

Awakening from their lethargy of previous weeks, the Old Lutonians looked like running up a fifty-all score when they kicked off on

Old Lutonians 21, Borderers 3

Saturday. The final result was, however, three goals, a try and a penalty goal to a penalty goal, all of the home side's points coming in the first half. Almost directly from the kick-off their forwards took the ball into the Borderers' half and Packwood was well

up to core. Adkins kicked the goal and the attack was resumed directly from the kick-off. Persone, running well, broke through in the centre, and Thurlow completed the movement. Then Thurlow gave Thorpe the chance to cross and score

in the centre. Adkins again kicked the The attack was maintained through-out the first half. The ball was cuming from lines-out and tight and loose scrums with regularity, and other

tries must have come had not the back division thrown away chances. As it was a passing movement amongst the forwards enabled Kelly to cross and Adkins once again landed the goal. Adkins completed the scoring with a peralty The second half produced rugby of

The second half produced rugby of a different calibre.

The Borderers withdrew a man from the scrum and the additional player in the back division enabled them to bortle up the Old Boyn attack.

Surprisingly, with a man short forward, they began obtaining possession from lines-out and tight scrums and even when the ball came the Old Bry's way, it was but they fraction too late to begt the clone defence. Their possessiy soal came towards the end of

peralty soal came towards the end of

PRESSURE TOLD ON O.D.s IN THE END

By Chiltern OUT-BUT IT WAS A .

By Chiltern

BLACKPOOL 2 LUTON TOWN 0 Right up to the closing minutes of these ciubs' fourth attempt at Molineux Ground, Wolverhampton, on Monday to secure a decisive result, the Town were fighting as grimly as at any time during this struggle that will go into the F.A. Cup annals as a seven-

from the end, could they look upon their position in anything approaching comfort and, for a long time during the second half, there seemed a very real danger that the players would have to face extra time once again

> Turner, who seems to have lost temporarily the deadly finishing power that first brought him into the limelight and he did tot have

ised by four positional changes He pulled a muscle quite early in the game, and this fact prob-ably had a deal to do with what led up to Blackpool's first goal after 22 minutes which put them

in the lead for the first time in Facing his own goal and not under pressure, though he prob-able hesitated to turn and clear because his leg was becoming increasingly troublesome, Owen not have the same scope for his constructive skill as in his own position. Unfortunately, this, made wide

of the goal, went much too high was much in evidence and it was for Streten to reach, and the due in large measure to his hard work and solid tackling, combined Matthews which proved fatal to the Town, as it had been in bringing that late equaliser at Villa Park. with the positional sense and per-sistence of Aherne that the Matthews-Taylor wing was kept

Perry, one player who seemed completely at home in these convalue to Blackpool, and probably nothing would have come of it had not the ball rebounded against Watkins's knee and been deflected Here, the dangerous PERRY, by Dunne session, and although he only half

series?

this early period of supremacy and, indeed, through the whole of the match, was marksman-**CHANCES** With an opportunist in form they could have won, as could have been the case in all of the other three games, and Blackpool's success came their wa

tage of their chances.

They could not claim to have had more of the play than the Town, over whom they certainly were not superior so far as teamwork was concerned, but their forwards, subdued for long periods, had spasms when they showed the ability to cut out openings in crisper style than did the Town

came and Owen led the line, with Moore at outside-right, there was some praiseworthy football, but it all came to nothing when the time to pro-duce the scoring shot arrived. Half-time instructions were for both wingers to get the ball across as often as possible to given Owen an opportunity to use his head in the hope that he would follow in the path of the Blackpool skipper, Johnson, at Villa Park.

and save the game.

However, though he harassed and harried the Blackpool defence, and kept the line moving. he had few opportunities of doing so, and almost the only occasion when the equaliser seemed to be on its way was when Moore headed the ball sharply downwards and Frith stopped it on the goal-line, with Farm out of position.

This was during the Town's long spell of heavy pressure during the second half, and it was in a breakaway that Blackpool obtained the goal that ended all STEPHENSON was the scorer

when he beat Streten in a race for the ball after Perry had headed across a pass from Taylor. Perhaps the Town did not have a real share of the "breaks" in this match that did not approach

the standard of the other three, largely because of the difficult going, but they have learned the hard way that goals win Cup-ties as well as League matches. They had their chances, none of them simple in these condi-

tions, but the fact remains that the line did not look a scoring combination. MOORE BETTER ON

At centre-forward, Moore was a disappointment, but his showing at outside-right suggested what

many people have thought pre-viously—that this may prove to be his best position. He provided a number of good centres after the interval and it was from this quarter that the Town's a ain threat came On the other wing. Mitchell was too erratic in his finishing and too often brushed off the ball

by the hefty Shimwell to be rated a success and Cummins, though he worked as hard as ever, did not achieve quite so much with his scheming as in previous NOTHING LETHARGIC IN

the lead until the interval, despite

line and Burgess converted.

Shortly after the start of the second half, however Evans broke through to score, and then Ruddick followed suit A few minutes later Hawkes crossed the The scoring was completed by Pegi, who dribbled for 20 yards before touching down.

BACKS WAS POOR Old Dunstablians mit Luton 8 An excellent display of rugby was spoiled by the slap-dash handling of the Luton backs, who

threw away several good scoring opportunities.

Both packs played well, with the Luton back row of Oakley. Swain and Beeckener outstanding. J. Jones opened the scoring when he touched down his own kick ahead, Holloway conyerting, and 10 minutes later Hollo-

way scored, but this time the

kick failed.

The Old Boys rallied in the second half, but Luton held out. VAUXHALL WERE

WELL ON TOP

Vestkall Motors 29. Le phiog Bozzard 9 Vauxhall were much too atrong for

Leighton and were worthy winners by four goals and three tries to nil. The Motors' pack, well lead by Plustow, dominated the play and the home backs were able to start many good movements because of the grand

Two or three chances fell to

Throughout the match, Watkins

ditions and although the winger could be put down as Blackpool's match-winner, this does not de-

be faulted when the second goal came, who will be inclined to harp on this after the hero's art he has played in this long drawn-out BLACKPOOL: Farm: Shim-

Referee: T Seymour, Wake-field Attendance: 25,855, re-ceipts, £4,160. What the Town lacked during

Cost The Town A Vital Point RUTON TOWN

could ne inid fairly and squareis at the door of the fown's inability to make the most of their scoring chances, which is now becoming a familiar story. Useful side though Rotherham were, and hard though their defence fought, the Town could have had this match won before belf-time had they shown accuracy at close quarters

Chief culprits early on were Moore and IURNER, but it was the latter who gave them a deserved lead after 16 minutes, and, for nearly half an hour the fown played some delightful, often brilliant, tootball in approach which should have enabled them to build up a substantial lead.

Rotherham of whose torwards not a great deal had teen seen previously put them on level terms when Grainger squared the ball and BURKE hurling himself at the ball, headed through after 39 minutes.

Long periods spent by the Long periods spent by the Town durine the second half in hammerine away at the visiting goal failed to enable them to regain their advantage, though they were unlucky when a shot by Cumming rebounded from the bar and another by Turner missed by Inches.

With Owen coming out on top of his tussle with Burke and Mor-ton and Watkins in dominating and forceful mood. Rotherham's raids were mostly limited to breaksaway — dangerous enough when they were under way because the visiting forwards looked did those of the Town

Much of the danger that was

expected from Grainger did not accrue because of the close watch was again in peak form.

tered the former long before the Davies was the more successful winger, having a particularly good first half, but Mitchell is having

Cummins, Mitchell. ROTHERHAM U.—Quairney; Selkirk, Johnson; Marshall, Noble, Williams (D.); Grainger, Handerson, Burke, Churms, Wil-

SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

4. 24.86), Jan 2) tp 6. 24.81), 5 Snonger, reserve 3 Alice (Jan 21, tp 1 24.62).

Noneger, reserve 3 Alice (Jan 21, tp 1 24.62).

7.50 —470 yards: Fish Hook (Dec 1, tp 3, 24.49, Dec 17, tp 3, 24.22)

33 Jackie, 341 Lottic's Pet, 114 Rall-way, 511 Some Hopes, 126 Vallil.

R 10.—410 yards: 623 Agile, 522 Annabe'le, Periwinkle (Jan 13, tp 3, 24.61 Jan 16, tp 4, 24.50), 64 Red Head (Jan 16, tp 6, 24.48), Roving Tro (Jan 21, tp 5, 24.63) Jan 23, tp 5, 24.061, 631 Trial Spin, reserve 421 Fair Cop.

R 30 —470 yards: 251 Lemon Squash, 664 Lucky Dome, 361 Mandeville, 14 Noisy B 541 O B.E., 131 Short Head, reserve Ki-Ming (Jan 9, tp 1, 24.81 Jan 13, tp 3, 24.92).

R 50.—410 yards: 244 Black Dot, 165 Gelety, 215 Kerry Dancer, 126 Lord Luck, 65 Peter Piner, 542 The Builder reserve 444 Blasson Time.

SELECTIONS

6.30: Terry's Pal (Still Waiting Material): 650 (March) (March).

All the Vauxhall three-quarters

Town Worried Blackbool Almost To The Very End

caused by an injury to Owen.

made a back pass to-Streten.

Not that it was a true vintage

result was a corner taken

back into the danger zone

frantic dive by Streten

FIRST

uneven surface

TOWN SETTLED DOWN

lurking in the middle, gained pos

Before that happened it had been the Town who had looked

the more capable team and who

the whole series.

So, the Town went out of the competition for this season with their colours flying high and theirs

was a gallant effort in view of the fact that for nearly an hour they a good match cenerally.

For Owen, there is raise for the way he kept roing under a handicap and the life he put into had to play with a team reorgan-

reasonably quiet. For Dunne, coming into this buttle for the first time, there was the unenviable task of marking Matthews corner, for the ball went over too far to be of real

> tract from a stalwart performance Compared with the work that has come his way in the previous matches, Streten lad a asonably light afternoon and although there was some suspicion that he could

> well. Frith; Fenton. Crosland. Robinson: Matthews. Taylor. Stephenson. Brown, Perry LUTON TOWN: Streten: Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Davies, Turner, Moore,

WERE MISSED simply because they took advan-

Loss of this valuable point in the hectic race for promotion Much of the Town's midfield work was well executed, and even when the reorganisation

> stantial lead. rally near balf-time by

missed by laches. They had everything except the ability to get the ball into the back of the net. back of the net.

Despite the fact that Jones aggravated a knee injury just before half-time and was below his usual standard, the defence was strong and had a grip on a Rotherham attack that has a reputation for being free scoring.

With Owen coming out on top

Aherne kept on him and Streten Best of the forwards was the eager, clever Cummins, who was unlucky not to be the matchwinner and although Moore and Turner fitted in during the ap-proach work, their finishing let them down and Noble had mas-

an indifferent sort of patch just LUTON TOWN. - Streten: Jones, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Watkins; Davies, Turner, Moore,

Luton Greyhounds RUNNERS AND

6.30.—410 yards: 4 Bella's Joy, 166 Half-Pint, 4 Malcolm, Miss Nick (Jan 21 to 6, 24.96, Jan 23, to 5 25.05) 155 Still Waiting 314 Terry's Pal, re-HANDLING OF

serve 456 Keep Single.

6.50.—470 yards: 1 Manor Park, 361 Mim Take, 342 River Bank, 132 Rum Chicken, 31 Vera's Pet, 241 Vivo. reserve 156 Lotus.

7.10.—410 -yards: 113 Chevaller, 2 Limelight, 35 Lullaby (Ian 23, tp 6 25.13) 64 Mr. Wilmot, 455 Pipe Down Plasterer (Dec 3 tp 5 25.02, Ian 20, tp 3, 25.01), reserve 242 Brickhill Lad 7.30.—410 yards: 13 Fawn Peter (Jan 21, tp 6, 24.64), 225 Foxlaw Lucky Star (Nov 5, tp 5, 24.66, Dec 31 tp 1, 24.71), 44 Mr. Murphy (Jan 20, 1p 4, 24.90), Rebel Ruler (Jan 21, tp 6, 19.40), 19.40, 24.90), Rebel Ruler (Jan 21, tp 4, 24.90), Jan 23 tp 6, 24.81), 5

6.30: Terry's Pal (Still Waiting Malcolm): 6.50: Vivo (Vera's Pet Rum Chicken): 7.10: Chevalier (Limelent, Mr. WPmot): 7.30: Foxlaw (Mr. Murnhy Rebei Ruler): 7.50: Railway Wing Stand and Enclosure 3/6, Boys 2/-; Bobbers' Stand 2/-, Boys 1/3 (separate entrance); Opening the scoring in the first few Ground (not covered) 1/9, Boys 1/-, minutes, when they converted a penalty.

Luten 'A' 17. Old Describbles 'A' 3 handled well, with winger Steval in the Valities of the wey good form.

Tries were scored by Steval (3).

Long, Gudgin, Plastow and Tearle. Short Head (O.B.E., Mandeville): 8.50:

Buckingham converted four of them.

Not until Blackpool gained a second goal, six minutes

his leadership.
While Davies was at outside-While Davies was at outside-tight, he worned the inexperienced Frith considerably and, as an emergency ight-half, he turned in a hard-working, hard-tackling dis-play and the alterations scarcely affected the solidarity of the de-fence, with Morton sound at centre-half where, however, he did not have the same scope for his

hit his shot the ball went through the knot of players and entered the corner of the net despite a

settled down more quickly to the changed conditions. And the confor the worse since the teams had to contend with a bone-hard ground and a light ball that was Cummins, Mitchell. most difficult to control on the