Sports Chat

No Change Is Policy

The "no change" policy of the Town is being continued this week and, to-morrow, when they begin their holiday programme with a home match against Leeds United, they will be fielding the same team for the fourth consecutive time.

With two victories immediately behind them, this seems a reasonably justifiable state of affairs, but there is no complacency at Kenilworth-road, where it is realised only too well that the attack is still not operating satisfactorily and that there are serious problems to be faced.

Once again, Manager Dally Duncan has had very much in the forefront of his mind the spirited bid the Reserves are putting up for the Combination title and in two hard away games against Tottenham and Chelsea they face to-morrow and Saturday.

Otherwise, he would have been disposed to give at least one of the second string forwards an outing in the senior team in one or other of the home games and those who are knocking on the door particularly hard are: Peter MacEwan and John Groves.

With three matches to be fulfilled in four days, there is, of course, the chance that opportunity will knock for some of these up-and-coming youngsters before this crowded spell is over.

Should Be Able To Exploit Weaknesses

FOR the moment, though, the manager is leaving both forward lines exactly as they were last Saturday, and there will be hopes by the Town fans that they will see more go-ahead, direct work from the first minute attack than has been the case recently.

That the present line is capable of good football there is no doubt, but it is in finishing power that they have been lacking.

Leeds are likely to be difficult to beat, though if the Town forwards strike anything near the form of which they are capable, on paper, they should be able to exploit the weakness in a defence that has conceded 74 goals this season.

John Charles Will Be An Attraction

COULD they only have tightened up this department, Leeds might well have been strong contenders for promotion, for their forwards are a free-scoring lot, as their 82 League goals would suggest, and in John Charles they have a player who is head-and-shoulders rated among the best in the country.

This exceptional player, who is also a top-class centre-half, the position in which he began his career and where he will play for Wales next month, should be a top-line attraction at Luton, for he has scored 37 League and Cup goals for Leeds this season.

Not only is he a goal-scorer, but he is an accomplished, polished footballer, too, and the battle between him and Sid Owen should be worth seeing.

Thinks Owen Is The Best He Has Met

EMPHASIS on this clash is laid by the fact that Charles has gone on record more than once as saying that Owen is the best centre-half he has come across in opposition, considering that Charles has played for Wales against all the home countries, that is a high rating.

For to-morrow, Leeds are making two alterations in their attack, one of which is a positional change that takes Iggleden from outside-right, where he has been the subject of a experiment, to inside-left, which is his true position.

In on the right wing comes McCall, the former West Bromwich inside forward, who has been playing well for the Reserves.

Team Not Changed A Great Deal

THE Leeds team has not changed a great deal since last season when the Town had two hard games with them over the Christmas period and did extremely well to pick up three points.

Team: **Scott; Dunn, Hair; Kerfoot, Marshall, Burden; McCall, Nightingale, Charles, Iggleden, Williams.**

Next in line to Charles in the list of marksmen is Nightingale with 17, followed by Iggleden and Williams each with 8, and Forrest, who loses his place in inside-left due to the recall of McCall, has scored six times.

Forrest is really a centre-forward who has distinguished capably for Charles on occasion.

Might Be Another Test For The Defence

SINCE the beginning of February, Luton have had a very consistent spell during which they have lost only one of their League games and that, curiously enough, was against a disappointed-looking Oldham Athletic at Boundary Park.

During this period they have picked up 13 points and scored 21 goals in doing so.

Their away record is not very impressive, but they have carried their scoring activities with them away from Elland-road and their 31 away goals is beaten by only Fulham and Everton.

So it looks as if the Town defence might well be in for another testing time to-morrow when, despite the fact that there is nothing vital attaching to the result for either team, there should be a big holiday crowd.

The Town team will be:

Streten; Jones, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Downie, Turner, Cummins, Mitchell.

Derby Fighting The Relegation Bogy

SATURDAY'S visit of Derby County presents a different picture entirely, for the Rams are having to face up to the possibility that they will make the downward trip from Division 1 to Division III in two seasons.

Since they caused a surprise by winning at Blackpool on New Year's Day, Derby have not sampled victory, and their last 13 matches have yielded only five points, a fact that tells vividly the story of the Derby decline.

An unprofitable Easter, and it is by no means an easy programme that they face with home and away matches with Doncaster too, could mean Third Division football for the Baseball Ground next season, so they are bound to be in the mood to put up a tremendous fight on Saturday.

Have Been Finding Goals Very Scarce

THEIR record suggests weaknesses fore and aft and they are finding goals even more scarce than has been the Town's lot lately.

In the last six matches they have scored only three times, and Jackie Stamps, who has been chopping and changing has enabled them to discover a satisfactory forward line.

Yesterday, final choice of their team to visit Doncaster to-morrow had not been made, but it was known that Oliver, who is doubtful, injured against Nottingham Forest last Saturday, is a very doubtful starter, and Bower may have to play all their three matches without him.

By Chiltern

Again

In addition, Neilson, regarded as the normal deputy for the position, is out of the running because of injury.

Bell Is Likely To Be Oliver's Deputy

OPINION in Derby is that in the event of Oliver not being able to turn out, Bell, who was at right-half last Saturday but moved into the middle when a change had to be made, will step into the gap.

This is a likely move because Mays, who has been unfit, has recovered and will be available for right-half, while the return of Bert Mozley, the England full-back, is also expected.

Their team last Saturday was: Webster; Barrowcliffe, Savin; Bell, Oliver, Musson; Harrison, Powell, Parry, Dunn, Law.

They begin their holiday programme with five consecutive defeats behind them, and that is a depressing enough thought for anyone.

Baynham Back For Crisis Week-end

FOR the Town Reserves, this is crisis week-end, and they need points from their difficult tasks at Tottenham to-morrow and Chelsea on Saturday to maintain their championship bid.

Good news for them is that Ron Baynham's damaged ankle has made such progress that it is nearly certain that he will be able to return at full-back.

One other change is necessary in that the amateur Alwyn McGuffie, has gone home to Scotland for the Easter holidays, and will be replaced by Ray Smith, who will probably take over at left-half, which is his usual position, with Jim Pemberton switching to the right.

Team: Baynham; Dunne, Hawkes; Pemberton, Hall, Smith; Cullen, Allen, MacEwan, Groves, Adam.

Vauxhall Are At Full Strength Again

FOR their only holiday match, against Hatfield Town, at home in the Kenilworth-road, on Saturday, Vauxhall Motors will be brought back to full strength by the return of O'Neill and James, all of whom missed the match against the Metropolitan Police, in which Vauxhall were beaten by 4—1.

D Johnston; J Burgess, K Starth; J O'Neill, J Humphrey, D Soper; T Dolan, G Todd, W Lawrence, R Brandham, F James.

Home Matches Despite The Welsh Tour

ALTHOUGH 18 of their players are travelling in South Wales to-morrow for an Easter tour, Old Lutonians' R.F.C. will fulfil two home matches on Saturday, when Eltham College will provide the opposition.

The first team will be:—

Wheet; Smith, Jones, Chukley, Pilcher; Colley, Reynolds; Sylvester, T Vaughan, Woods, Bicknell, Tessome, Lovell, Allen, Wood.

The touring party will be making their headquarters at Porth and will play on Saturday against Crynant to-morrow. Resolven on Saturday and Glyn Neath on Monday.

DEFEAT FOR LIMBURY O.B. "B"

Limbury O.B. "B" suffered their first defeat of the season in the 14—18 Section of the Chiltern Youth League. Team to prove too strong for them was Skefko, who won 2—0.

Luton Hotspur collected two more much-needed points when they beat companions in distress, Farley-hill C.A., while Luton Town Youth XI, now the only unbeaten team in the league, scored 12 goals against Leighton Hotspur, Chamberlain obtaining six of them.

14/18

VAUXHALL JUNIORS 5 (Ellingham 2, Craig 2, Tunnicliff), BISCOT MILL B.C. 1 (Leaning)

LIMBURY O.B. "B" 0, SKEFKO 2 (Masterson, Halliwell)

LEIGHTON HOTSPUR 0, LUTON TOWN YOUTH XI 12 (Chamberlain 6, Jenkins 2, Southgate 2, Southam, Brice)

LUTON HOTSPUR 7, FARLEY HILL C.A. 1

14/16

POYNTERS-ROAD 3 (Roberts 3), BISCOT MILL B.C. 11 (Randall 7, Bill 2, Reeve, Fensome)

OLD BEDFORD-ROAD 6 (Hetherington 3, Lewis 2, Ebel), LIMBURY O.B. 5 (Hill 3, Hall, Orchard)

LUTON HOTSPUR 3 (Crawford 3, Hawkins, Rodell, Cooper, Mardle), FLITWICK BROTHERHOOD (White).

Golf

MUST PLAY OFF FOR LAST PLACES

A play-off is necessary in each Division to decide who occupies the last places in the match play stage of the Clifford Cup at Dunstable Downs.

Qualifiers numbered eight in each Division.

FIRST DIVISION

G F Burnside, 74—3=71; O F Bond, 79—8=71; G E Bull, 77—3=72; P H Girling, 84—10=74; R A Graham, 80—5=75; R A Howard, 86—10=76; J W Wilkins, 84—8=76; J Stamps, 86—9=77; W G Ridar, 87—10=77, and C G Tipper, 88—11=77, play off for last two places.

SECOND DIVISION

H Clarke, 92—20=70; R Smith, 97—24=73; A E Stevens, 96—20=76; R J Hurle-Hobbs, 92—15=77; R Dawkins, 94—17=77; W Lawson, 92—14=78; D McKenzie, 97—18=79.

R G Durrant, 93—13=80, and N. Harris, 104—24=80, play off for last place.

Draw for First Round, to be played by April 25. Divisions drawn separately in this round.

R A Howard v O F Bond; G F Burnside v J A Graham; G E Bull v best scorer in replay; P H Girling v second-best scorer in replay; D McKenzie v R Hurle-Hobbs; A L Brewer v W Lawson; H Clarke v R Dawkins; R Smith v winner of replay.

SANDERS FOURS

Draw for First Round of the Sanders Fours, a four-ball knock-out tournament, off handicap, to be played by May.

H Brandon and H M Melville v G I Lyle and C G Tipper; A J Dollar and A G Winstone v R J Hurle-Hobbs and T Moore; E B Mead and R Grigg v A G B Gunn and R Dawson; P B Dunham and H A Chandler v N Foskin and Dr Melville; C D Stone and W Thomas v R Bailey and R T Heal; W Bright and A W Kempster v A D Rae and B Donnelly; R Graham and W G Ridar v G F Burnside and C C Verdicourt; B Smith and D Leach v T Wood and J Lewis; J Child; R C White and R G Durrant v W Hawkins and J E Buchanan; W R S Osborne and J Fraser v A Southam and W Lawson; R J Simmon and G Gilmour v J Stamps and N Maskell; J J Biggs and G L Foxall v W Houston and E Edwards; R A Howard and half winner of Stevens and E R Johnson; H R Smith and J Smith v M M Henderson and H Clarke. Reminder bye.

QUALIFIERS FOR THE PUTTER

Qualifiers in the President's Putter at Stanbridge Beds during the week-end were:

H M Murray (15) and C Bastide (24), 67; L G Rawlins (8) and A J Thursby (16), 68; P Browning (7) and C M Butler (16), 69; W Elkin (8) and H Meace (13), 69; A J Dawson (11) and A H Clark (16), 70; T T Brown (7) and G Ratcliffe (20), 71; G A Fixon (6) and R Bailey (16), 71; R Overhill (22) and P B Phelan (20), 72.

The draw for the match play stage is: Elkin and Meace v Overhill and Phelan; Browning and Butler v Murray; Andrews, Murray and Bastide v Randall and Thursby; Brown and Ratcliffe v Dawson and Clark.

TOOK A HAMMERING AND THE POINTS

Resolute Defence Kept A Blank Sheet Again

By Chiltern

BRENTFORD ..... 0 LUTON TOWN 1

If Brentford suffer relegation—and this is a fate that may well be in store for them—they will look back on this match at Griffin Park as the crisis of their struggle, for they had ample opportunity to alleviate their serious position.

Yet their setback was very much on the lines of some that have come the way of the Town this season when they have had by far the greater share of the play, but have simply failed to obtain the vital goals.

That is what happened to despera te, over-anxious Brentford who were hammering away for quite 75 per cent of the time without scoring seeming within even striking distance of opening their account.

The plain fact was that in the second half, they attacked too much, too many players, even half-backs and full-backs had a hand in the pressure, and the Town defence was seldom drawn out of position.

What finally beat them was the dogged, resolute way in which a Town defence, often stretched to the utmost, threw back valid after valid, and deservedly kept a blank sheet for the second consecutive week.

Never could the Brentford forwards, relying almost entirely on dash and speed, open up gaps and passages worth all round to a defence that fought a tremendous battle throughout.

Particularly did honours go to two members of it — Dwyer, wasted by an England selection, and Streten, and it was on the latter that the Brentford fans placed most of the blame for the defeat of their team.

STRETEN WORKED OVERTIME

"It was nearly Brentford versus Streten," said a Brentford official afterwards. An exaggeration, maybe, but the goalkeeper certainly worked overtime in earning winning bonus for the Town in this match.

Streten was his positional play or anticipation at fault and the ovation he received from the crowd at the end was a well-earned tribute to his skill.

As for Owen, after an unsteady sort of start against the hard-fighting bustling Dare, reached peak form in taking a complete stranglehold on the middle of the field and the cool way in which he broke up attacks must have been a source of great discouragement to the home forwards.

This was a display that must put him even more firmly in line for that coveted England cap next month.

If these two players stood out, there was all-round support for them from the remainder of the line, with Morton and Shanks working like Trojans, tackling hard and covering up intelligently.

The positional sense of the defence as a whole and the way in which they covered from something that Brentford could never circumvent, and the wingers, despite the fact that they switched positions, did the unexpected for that matter — seldom worried Jones or Aherne, who took all the hammering in the coolest possible fashion.

A DIFFERENT TALE IN ATTACK

Forward, the tale was vastly different and, for much of the time, the line was ineffective. Just how little they were in the first-half picture can be realised from the fact that they had not a single shot at goal in the opening 25 minutes and that their goal came from one of the mere handful of movements that could be described as attacks.

The go-l began with a pass by Cummins to Mitchell, who beat Bragg and crossed a low centre to which Downie got first and sent the ball went to an unmarked TURNER off the foot of a defender.

Turner hit in a terrific rising drive from close range that gave Newton no chance at all and Brentford looked vainly for an offside decision

Almost the only other occasion when a goal to the Town looked a possibility came soon after the interval when a stiff punch by Newton sent the ball to Turner, whose header was cleared off the goal-line by Bragg.

While the forwards were a little more active after the interval in breaksaway, they were too prone to be caught offside to be really dangerous.

Cummins was well below his best form and the Town were again lacking in drive and accuracy at inside forward. Jimmy Downie was the liveliest and more constructive of the two.

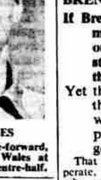
There was little support for Turner who, as a result, was much overshadowed by Dargie, and Davies and Mitchell had long spells when the ball did not come to them.

Both did their share in going back to help the defence in midfield, but had few chances to show their raiding abilities.

BRENTFORD: Newton; Bragg, Latimer; Bristow, Dargie, Coote; Robertson, Gazzard, Dare; Rainford, Dudley.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Jones, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Downie, Turner, Cummins, Mitchell.

Referee: W. Ling, Stapleford. Attendance: 14,200.



JOHN CHARLES

Leeds United centre-forward, who has played for Wales at centre-forward and centre-half.

FORTUNES FLUCTUATED

Brilliant Win By Reserves

LUTON TOWN RES. .. 5
ARSENAL RES. 3

Two goals up after nine minutes, on level terms again after 16, in arrears after 40, and in the lead once more after 68. That was how the Town Reserves' fortunes fluctuated in their Football Combination (Division Two) with Arsenal Reserves on Saturday.

It was a game that kept the spectators enthralled from start to finish. There was thrills galore, goals in plenty, and enough good football to satisfy even the most fastidious fan.

There was a big ovation for the Town players at the end, and they richly deserved it, for they all played like heroes.

MacEwan, with three well-taken goals, had a big part in this victory, and there was good support for him from the other forwards.

It was MacEWAN who opened the scoring in the seventh minute, and two minutes later GROVES, with a neat header, put Luton in front. Arsenal, to be a strong position, but Arsenal fought back grimly and OAKES reduced their arrears after a thrilling goal-mouth scramble. Three minutes later, WILKINSON scored after a well-placed corner by Walsh.

That put an entirely different complexion on the game, and for a few minutes Luton lost some of their rhythm. But they recovered from this shock and were on top again when, five minutes before the interval, their chances of victory took another jolt.

WALSH, who appeared to be offside, dashed through, beat Williams and tapped the ball into an empty net. In the next minute Walsh, who was easily the best of the visitors' attack, gained possession near the half-way line, outpaced the defence and once again was left with only Williams to beat, but the goalkeeper did extremely well to tip the winger's shot around a post.

So half-time was reached with Luton on level terms, but they came out after the interval determined to prove that their victory at Hitchbury earlier in the season had been no fluke.

In the 58th minute MacEWAN put them on terms again, and then PEMBERTON scored the goal of the match. Choosing a spot in the corner of the net, he hit the ball with tremendous force from 25 yards range, and he danced with joy as he saw it whistle past the helpless Sullivan. Earlier, Sullivan had had to make a daring save to stop another long-range effort from the left-half.

MacEWAN completed the scoring ten minutes from the end with a first-time volley as the ball came over from the left.

It would be unfair to pick out any one member of the defence for special mention, for they all did their job well, tackling hard and fearlessly, while the attack has never played better.

LUTON TOWN RES.: Williams; Dunne, Hawkes; McGuffie, Hall, Pemberton; Cullen, Allen, MacEwan, Groves, Adam.

ARSENAL RES.: Sullivan; Bennett, Evans; Batsford, Fotheringham, Doughty; Walsh, Oakes, Wilkinson, Goring, Ward.

SURPRISE SLIP MIGHT BE COSTLY FOR TOWN "B"

Shillington Now Look Set To Be The Premier Runners-up

Surprising failure of Luton Town "B" to account for lowly Stopsley Reserves might cost them their chance of winning the title of Division I of Luton and South Beds League.

They were held to a draw and the position now is that Woburn Athletic lead the way by six points, but the Town have two games in hand and are due to meet their rivals at Kenilworth-road next Tuesday night.

Only victory over Woburn will keep the Town's title hopes alive, but, in accounting for R.A.F.A. easily on Saturday, the leaders gave no sign that they are likely to slip from their pinnacle.

By winning at Tottenhoe while Barton Rovers were losing at Stopsley, Shillington took a decisive step towards achieving their ambition of finishing as runners-up in the Premier Division, already won by Napier Sports.

Saunders scored all four goals for them, and they now lead the Rovers by two points, with both teams having two league games to play.

In nothing like championship form, Hockliffe, fighting a close battle with Lilley Rangers for supremacy in Division II, were made to light all the way by Luton United, who considered the fact that they were beaten by only a single goal by this free-scoring team, one of their best performances of the season.

Although Hockliffe only just scraped through, they regain the lead here but Lilley can draw level again by succeeding in their outstanding match.

In Division III, the position is that four contents from their four remaining matches will be sufficient to assure Sundon Park of the title, and, judging by their present form, it is a near certainty that they will pip Caddington "B."

However, Caddington are assured of runners-up position, at least.

Although Cockernhoe have dropped out of the running for the Division IV prize, the solution to the problem here is no nearer for Shaw and Kilburn and Percival Apprentices are level on points, and the possibilities of a play-off looms on the scene here.

The Apprentices destroyed, in no uncertain manner, Cockernhoe's last vestige of hope.

PREMIER DIVISION

STOPSLEY 3 (Hawes 2, R Manton), BARTON ROVERS 2 (A Virgin 2)

TOTTENHOE 0, SHILLINGTON 4 (Saunders 4).

DIVISION I

WOBURN ATHL. 1 (Neale 3, Ealing, Healy), R.A.F.A. 1 (Glenister)

LUTON TOWN RES. 2 (Wilson), STOPSLEY RES. 1 (Waller).

DIVISION II

HOCKLIFFE 1 (E Tucker), LUTON UNITED 0

WARDEN HILL ATH. 5 (Purkiss 2, Brooks, Hunter, Pratt), ATON BRAY 2 (Ashton, Giltrow)

DAVIS ATH. (Luton) 2, McGUIRE 2, 31, SHILLINGTON 1 (Gilbert)

DIVISION III

BARTON ROVERS RES. 3 (K N Burnside 3), LEAGRAVE ATH. 2 (McKay, King)

WALCOT ATH. 0, CADDINGTON "B" 4 (Faulkner 2, Sharp 2)

ALLIANCE FOUNDRY 7 (Clewes 3, Parkins 2, Dickens, Smith), ENGLISH ELECTRIC 2 (Eaton 2)

SUNDON PARK 7 (Cairney 3, Meehan 2, Watson, S. Lersch), BIDWELL 1 (J Bird)

DIVISION IV

LUMOCO SPORTS 3 (Saunders, Robinson, Fowler), BARTON WOODWORKING 3

ROOTES SPORTS 7, TOTTERNHOE RES. 2 (Mead 2)

LUTON O.B. RES. 1 (Evans, Butterfield, Todd), HEXTON 0

LAPORTE RES. 3 (Davies 2, Macaulay), VILLA ROVERS 1 (J Smith)

PERCIVAL APPRENTICES 5 (Norcott 2, Scoales, Jones, opponents), COCKERNHOE 0

Luton Greyhounds

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR SATURDAY

6.30—(410 yards): 532 Baily Low, 144 Charlie II, 546 Sally Lady, 356 Star Signal, 544 Terry's Pal, 335 Wainscott, reserve 66 Neapolitan (Mac Cool, 1p, 2p, 4p, 26p).

6.50—(470 yards): 163 Capricious, 131 Danny Boy, 665 Lucky Lady, 457 Lynne, 314 Press On, 314 Rubber Neck, reserve 221 Nancy.

7.10—(410 yards): 55 Black Jet, 545 Darius, 113 Good Health, Miss Purpett (Dec 31, 1p, 5, 24.92, Mar 27, 1p 5, 24.89), Which Melody, 546 Sally Lady, reserve 114 Whipped Cream.

7.30—(410 yards): 504 Kingsway, Laurie (Mar 25, 1p 5, 24.87, April 3, 1p 1, 24.58), 416 Luck Lass, 443 Mac Nab, 345 Mac Cool, 62 Water Mouse, reserve 63 Harvest King (April 1, 1p 2, 24.67).

7.50—(470 yards): 113 Lottie's Pet, 231 Our Sally, Santa Maria (April 8, 1p 2, 24.86), 121 Salotc, 111 Tit-Bit, 261 Valli.

8.10—(410 yards): 1 Memory Man, Pan Jay (Mar 17, 1p 2, 24.27, Mar 27, 1p 2, 24.38), Patrick M (Mar 25, 1p 6, 24.24, Mar 27, 1p 4, 24.28), 151 Perfect, 471 Ski Jumper, Susan's Deal (Mar 25, 1p 5, 24.32, April 3 1p 2, 24.28), 8 10—(470 yards): 434 Crisky, 1 Jif, 24 Jack's Star, 12 Kilmac, 151 Knocker, 212 Mandeville reserve 667 Lucky Dream.

8.50—(410 yards): 143 Chevalier, 45 Dorr's Pet, 364 Johnny Boy, 411 Lucky Boy, 341 Serving Express, 531 Yolande, reserve 466 Dewi Sant.

SELECTIONS

6.30: Wainscott (Baily Low, Star Signal); 6.50: Dainty Piece (Lotus, Rubber Neck); 7.10: Much Melody (Good Health, Which Melody); 7.30: MacNab (Water Mouse, Luck Lass); 7.50: Lottie's Pet (Salotc, Tit-Bit); 8.10: Memory Man (Santa Maria, Pan Jay); 8.30: Ki-Ming (Jif, Cynic); 8.50: Yolande (Chevalier, Sporting Express).

"A" TEAMS IN A SCRAPPY GAME

Town Obtained Two Second-Half Goals

Luton Town "A" 2, West Ham "A" 0

This Metropolitan League match, played at Kenilworth-road on Monday evening, was by no means a classic, and there was a lot of scrappy, haphazard play.

Luton were deserved winners, for their forwards were more abundant at where the interval was reached with no score, it was easy for the spectators to imagine the game petering out in a goalless draw.

However, Luton played with a little more method in the second half when BIGLEY, in spite of good goal to put them in front in the 58th minute and ten minutes later BENNETT, who had switched positions with Loasby, added another.

There were several minor injuries, Loasby limped off the field for a spell with a damaged nose, and Loasby injured a leg a few minutes from the end and was taken to the dressing room for attention.

On Saturday, at Windsor, the Town "A" had enough chances to win, but lost 3—2. The home side built up a two goals interval lead. Luton hit back through BRADLEY only for Windsor to score again. Luton's second goal was scored from the penalty spot, again by BRADLEY.

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CHARLES A BIG ATTRACTION HERE TO-MORROW

"SEVENS" WINNERS KEPT A BLANK SHEET

Vauxhall Motors' annual seven-a-side tournament, held on Saturday in ideal conditions, was won by Old Lutonians' "A," who beat Bicester "A" 24—0 in a rather one-sided final.

The Old Boys' team of Wood, Fensome, Cameron, Robinson, Thorpe, Thurlow and Ironmonger, played brilliantly and went through all the rounds without conceding a point.

The Bicester team was sound rather than brilliant but although they tackled, ran and passed well they did not have the finer arts or changing direction and speed at will while all the Old Boys were capable of.

The defeated finalists lost their winner in the second half, which caused them to reshuffle their seven. This, coupled with a hard match with Old Dunstonians' "A" side seemed to take with their overwhelming defeat in the final.

Mr. Bert Stafferton presented the Bob Mortimore Cup to the Old Lutonians' captain, Dudley Wood, and he commented on the fine standard of play and the encouraging number of entries this year.

He praised the play of the gallant losers, and said he hoped he would see them again next year, together with the other teams that had entered.

Winners and runners-up were also presented with nine gallon and four and a half gallon barrels of beer.

Rugby

SARACENS BEAT WEAKENED O.L.s

LUTON TOWN F.C.

Old Lutonians 6, Saracens' Extra 16

It was unfortunate that the Old Lutonians, meeting the Saracens for the first time, had to field a weakened side as they fielded two seven in the Vauxhall seven-a-side tournament.

The dry conditions made for fast, open play which enabled the Saracens, with greater thrust in their back division, to get on top.

The Old Boys pressed at first and took the lead through Heaney, after the kick failed. The visitors took the initiative after a time and scored two tries, one of which was converted, to lead 8-3 at half-time.

The second half was a repetition of the first with the home backs unable to start any really menacing moves. The visitors went further ahead with a defensive error on the goal-line and two tries, third Bee, got over top and Young broke through to score a good try.

In the closing stages the visitors' threequarters combined well and scored the best try of the match. The extra points were added to complete the scoring.

NEED WAS FOR A GOOD KICKER

Borderers 9, Luton 3

Although they have had a very successful start to the season, Luton were not able to finish their season on a winning note. They missed Holloway, whose kicking has been a feature, and had Skinner had any luck at all with his kicking, Luton would probably have won.

The Borderers opened the scoring with a fine penalty goal, and a few minutes later Luton were also awarded a penalty from an easy position, but the kick failed.

Another penalty award, converted from a difficult position, put Luton side in front again, but Luton responded with a try by Bob Jones after good work by Tunnicliffe and Hawkes.

This try was scored near the goal-posts, but again the kick failed.

Luton forced play into the Borderers' half, but could not score, and, after the home side made sure of victory when they scored an unmodifiable try after a line-out 10 yards from the Luton line.

In addition, Neilson, regarded as the normal deputy for the position, is out of the running because of injury.

Bell Is Likely To Be Oliver's Deputy

OPINION in Derby is that in the event of Oliver not being able to turn out, Bell, who was at right-half last Saturday but moved into the middle when a change had to be made, will step into the gap.

This is a likely move because Mays, who has been unfit, has recovered and will be available for right-half, while the return of Bert Mozley, the England full-back, is also expected.

Their team last Saturday was: Webster; Barrowcliffe, Savin; Bell, Oliver, Musson; Harrison, Powell, Parry, Dunn, Law.

They begin their holiday programme with five consecutive defeats behind them, and that is a depressing enough thought for anyone.

Baynham Back For Crisis Week-end

FOR the Town Reserves, this is crisis week-end, and they need points from their difficult tasks at Tottenham to-morrow and Chelsea on Saturday to maintain their championship bid.

Good news for them is that Ron Baynham's damaged ankle has made such progress that it is nearly certain that he will be able to return at full-back.

One other change is necessary in that the amateur Alwyn McGuffie, has gone home to Scotland for the Easter holidays, and will be replaced by Ray Smith, who will probably take over at left-half, which is his usual position, with Jim Pemberton switching to the right.

Team: Baynham; Dunne, Hawkes; Pemberton, Hall, Smith; Cullen, Allen, MacEwan, Groves, Adam.

Vauxhall Are At Full Strength Again

FOR their only holiday match, against Hatfield Town, at home in the Kenilworth-road, on Saturday, Vauxhall Motors will be brought back to full strength by the return of O'Neill and James, all of whom missed the match against the Metropolitan Police, in which Vauxhall were beaten by 4—1.

D Johnston; J Burgess, K Starth; J O'Neill, J Humphrey, D Soper; T Dolan, G Todd, W Lawrence, R Brandham, F James.

Home Matches Despite The Welsh Tour

ALTHOUGH 18 of their players are travelling in South Wales to-morrow for an Easter tour, Old Lutonians' R.F.C. will fulfil two home matches on Saturday, when Eltham College will provide the opposition.

The first team will be:—

Wheet; Smith, Jones, Chukley, Pilcher; Colley, Reynolds; Sylvester, T Vaughan, Woods, Bicknell, Tessome, Lovell, Allen, Wood.

The touring party will be making their headquarters at Porth and will play on Saturday against Crynant to-morrow. Resolven on Saturday and Glyn Neath on Monday.

Golf

MUST PLAY OFF FOR LAST PLACES

A play-off is necessary in each Division to decide who occupies the last places in the match play stage of the Clifford Cup at Dunstable Downs.

Qualifiers numbered eight in each Division.

FIRST DIVISION

G F Burnside, 74—3=71; O F Bond, 79—8=71; G E Bull, 77—3=72; P H Girling, 84—10=74; R A Graham, 80—5=75; R A Howard, 86—10=76; J W Wilkins, 84—8=76; J Stamps, 86—9=77; W G Ridar, 87—10=77, and C G Tipper, 88—11=77, play off for last two places.

SECOND DIVISION

H Clarke, 92—20=70; R Smith, 97—24=73; A E Stevens, 96—20=76; R J Hurle-Hobbs, 92—15=77; R Dawkins, 94—17=77; W Lawson, 92—14=78; D McKenzie, 97—18=79.

R G Durrant, 93—13=80, and N. Harris, 104—24=80, play off for last place.

Draw for First Round, to be played by April 25. Divisions drawn separately in this round.

R A Howard v O F Bond; G F Burnside v J A Graham; G E Bull v best scorer in replay; P H Girling v second-best scorer in replay; D McKenzie v R Hurle-Hobbs; A L Brewer v W Lawson; H Clarke v R Dawkins; R Smith v winner of replay.

SANDERS FOURS

Draw for First Round of the Sanders Fours, a four-ball knock-out tournament, off handicap, to be played by May.

H Brandon and H M Melville v G I Lyle and C G Tipper; A J Dollar and A G Winstone v R J Hurle-Hobbs and T Moore; E B Mead and R Grigg v A G B Gunn and R Dawson; P B Dunham and H A Chandler v N Foskin and Dr Melville; C D Stone and W Thomas v R Bailey and R T Heal; W Bright and A W Kempster v A D Rae and B Donnelly; R Graham and W G Ridar v G F Burnside and C C Verdicourt; B Smith and D Leach v T Wood and J Lewis; J Child; R C White and R G Durrant v W Hawkins and J E Buchanan; W R S Osborne and J Fraser v A Southam and W Lawson; R J Simmon and G Gilmour v J Stamps and N Maskell; J J Biggs and G L Foxall v W Houston and E Edwards; R A Howard and half winner of Stevens and E R Johnson; H R Smith and J Smith v M M Henderson and H Clarke. Reminder bye.

QUALIFIERS FOR THE PUTTER

Qualifiers in the President's Putter at Stanbridge Beds during the week-end were:

H M Murray (15) and C Bastide (24), 67; L G Rawlins (8) and A J Thursby (16), 68; P Browning (7) and C M Butler (16), 69; W Elkin (8) and H Meace (13), 69; A J Dawson (11) and A H Clark (16), 70; T T Brown (7) and G Ratcliffe (20), 71; G A Fixon (6) and R Bailey (16), 71; R Overhill (22) and P B Phelan (20), 72.

The draw for the match play stage is: Elkin and Meace v Overhill and Phelan; Browning and Butler v Murray; Andrews, Murray and Bastide v Randall and Thursby; Brown and Ratcliffe v Dawson and Clark.

ALLIANCE SUCCESS

L. A. Tittensor, of the Luton Beds professional, and M. A. Clark won the Porters Park challenge bowl at the Hertfordshire Alliance meeting last week.

They had the very fine score of 10 up in a 36-hole foursomes competition. The bowl was last won by a South Beds couple 20 years ago.

Lye Trophy Winner

Mrs. C. H. Cleveley headed a field of 22 entries to win the South Beds Golf Club's Spring Trophy competition. Her score was 90—17—73. Mrs. K. Woods was runner-up with 90—16—74.