Luton District And South Beds League

STOPSLEY CONTINUE TO MAKE THE RUNNING

But Napier Sports Were Defeated Again

Hundred-per-cent records still maintained in the Premier Division of Luton and South Beds League belong to Stopsley and Caddington and there are two teams who are still without a point.

In the latter category are last season's champions, Napier Sports, who went down to defeat again at Woburn and are but a shadow of their former team. Also pointless, so far, are Eaton Bray, who, however, are showing signs of improvement.

Stopsley's performances are particularly impressive, and their 8—2 win at Toddington brings their goal average to 24—3, and they have maximum points from the six matches they have played.

Caddington have won both their fixtures, and there has been a marked improvement this season in the Pioneer Corinthians team, who won a hard game against Glendale which brought their points total to six out of eight.

Outstanding team in Division 1 are Bells Park, with four consecutive victories behind them, and Stopsley Reserves, who are not enjoying the same success as their first team, were their latest victims.

Hard on their heels are Lilley Rangers and Leagrave Athletic, who both had convincing victories. The latter's victims were Luton United Hospitals, who have not settled down yet, and in the course of four consecutive defeats they have scored only one goal.

Also without a point here are Shillington "A," for whom Luton Town "C" were too strong.

Because of the Bedfordshire Junior Cup-ties, there were few matches in the other divisions, but in Division III, Hunting Percival Apprentices kept up their 100 per cent record, and in Division IV, Boys' Brigade O.B. Reserves met with defeat on their League debut.

PREMIER DIVISION

WOBURN ATH. 5 (Neale 3, Baines 2), NAPIER SPORTS 2.
DAGNALL UTD. 6 (Cutler 3, Baughan, Osborn, Mum), EATON BRAY UTD. 3 (Banks 2, Fountain).
PIONEER CORINTHIANS 2 (Rawson, Tyler), GLENDALE 0.
WEST PARK 1 (Wesley), CADDINGTON 3 (Austin 2, Banks).
TODDINGTON ROVERS 2 (Conquest, Buckingham), STOPSLEY 8 (Pugh 3, Manton, Bowles, Adair, Yardley, Weston).

DIVISION I

STOPSLEY RES. 2 (Evans, Waller), BELLS PARK 5 (Smylie 2, C Fensome, R Fensome, opponent).
LUTON TOWN "C" 3 (Southam 2, Jenkins), SHILLINGTON "A" 0.
LUTON UTD. HOSPITALS 0, LEAGRAVE ATH. 7 (Tamely 3, Cloke 2, McKay, Dackombe).
HOCKLIFFE 3 (Elkington, Wood, Scott), WEST PARK RES. 1 (Smith).
ELECTROLUX 2 (F Wright 2), LAPORTE 0.
LILLEY RANGERS 5 (B Carr 2, Martin 2, Gibbs), LEAGRAVE B.L. 0.

DIVISION III

HUNTING PERCIVAL APPRENTICES 5 (Wills 3, Norcott 2), NAPIER APPRENTICES 1 (Munachen).

DIVISION IV

WALDEN RANGERS 6, BOYS' BRIGADE O.B. 2 (Payne, Clifton).

NEARLY SET UP CRICKET SCORE

By a score nearer to that one associates with cricket than with football, Leighton Rangers made progress in the preliminary round of the Bedfordshire Junior Cup on Saturday. They piled on 24 against Stonehenge Sports.

Other teams to reach double figures were Kent's Athletic who scored a round dozen against Barton Woodworking.

Barton Rovers 1, Luton Social 6
Barton W.W. 0, Kent's Ath 12
Belle Vue Rangers 0, Sundon Park 4
Bidwell 2, Chalgrave 4
Davis Ath. 6, Waterson's 1
Glendale 1, Gidea Ath. 0
Hayward Tyler 6, Luton O.B. 1
Herts and Beds Deaf Utd 2, Toddington Rovers 2.
Johanson 5, Hunting Percival 1
Laporte 1, English Electric 8
Skefko Ath. 5, Robin Hoods 3
Stonehenge Sports 0, Leighton R. 24
Spandit Sports 4, Villa Rovers 3
Sundon O.B. 4, Leagrave B.L. 2
Wilsden Ath. 3, Shaw and Kilburn 2

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Sports Chat — *By Chiltern*

Pye Transfer Talk Still On

BUT, IF FIT, HE MAY BE IN TOWN SIDE ON SATURDAY

There is a possibility that Jesse Pye will be leading the Town's attack on Saturday on what is virtually his original home ground, for he was born in the Rotherham area, and his return to the team for a match that has developed into a critical meeting of the two leading teams in the Second Division would be invaluable.

Pye's return is dependent, first of all, on whether or not he reports fit by Friday and, secondly, on whether between now and the end of the week, anything comes of the considerable transfer talk there has been since he asked to go on to the list.

YESTERDAY, the position seemed to be that there is a distinct possibility of Pye having fully recovered by the week-end, as he has been training since Monday, but Manager Dally Duncan commented that it was a decision that would have to be delayed until to-morrow.

As for the transfer situation, Birmingham's manager, Bob Brocklebank, was on the phone to the Town yesterday to say that there had been a discussion on the project at their Board meeting on Tuesday evening and that they are still considerably interested in Pye's future.

Pye has not yet said whether he will go to Birmingham or not.

Waiting For News Of His Recovery

HOWEVER, Birmingham seem to be holding off deciding to pay what will be a considerable fee until they are certain that Pye has fully recovered from that troublesome back muscle injury.

That is understandable enough and they wanted to see him in action last Saturday. As that proved to be impossible, Birmingham will almost certainly be represented at Rotherham on Saturday if Pye is able to turn out.

There, the matter rested yesterday morning but there was always the chance of the discussion being taken a stage further, since the Town Chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, together with Directors A. F. England and T. Hodgson and the manager were at Birmingham last night for a different purpose altogether.

Town Were Watching Birmingham Forward

THIS was concerned with the necessity they are facing of being able to put their hands on replacements quickly should the need arise, as it very well might during the next week or two, and they were having a look at a forward who was in Birmingham's reserve team last night.

It is emphasised, however, that there is no question of an exchange deal in the Pye case and, if the Town do decide to open up negotiations for a Birmingham player, they will be conducted separately.

Much now turns on whether or not Pye passes a fitness test tomorrow and the Town would certainly welcome him back for what is likely to be a very stern test.

Only Team Doubt Is About Leadership

YESTERDAY, Dally Duncan said that the Town team would be the same as that which beat Stoke, with the exception of the doubt about the centre-forward position.

"If Pye cannot play, then Peter MacEwan will come into the reckoning again," he said.

This means that Roy Davies is still not fit enough to return, that Michael Cullen will continue to deputise for him and that Charlie Watkins deservedly holds down the inside-left position, where he played so well last Saturday.

Davies is in light training and so is John Groves, who has also to wait another week or so before he can make a return.

Rotherham Are A Workmanlike Side

AFTER seeing Rotherham draw at Bury on Monday evening, the Town manager described them as a hard, workmanlike side, who try to play football along constructive lines.

The match was played in bad conditions brought about by a gale-force wind and rain and, through defensive errors, Rotherham gained a two-goals lead in the first 20 minutes.

Then Bury staged the sort of rally that the Town experienced in both their matches with them this season to fight back to a 2—2 draw.

In that match, Rotherham were without two of their regular forwards in Henderson, the inside-right and Wilson, outside-left.

Injuries Delay The Rotherham Choice

HENDERSON, who has a pulled muscle, is regarded as unlikely to be fit by Saturday, according to the Rotherham manager, Andy Smailes, yesterday, but there is a chance of Wilson playing for he has resumed light training.

Yesterday, Jack Grainger, the outside-right who has caused the scouts of big League clubs to cluster around Millmoor, reported with a heavy cold, but expects to be able to turn out, but there is a doubt about the left-back, Johnson, who damaged an ankle at Bury, and Warner is standing by as a possible deputy.

Last Monday's team was: Quairney; Selkirk, Johnson; Marshall, Noble, Williams; Grainger, Marsden, Burke, Guest, Meeson.

Pemberton In The Attack Last Night

A MOVE along similar lines to the introduction of Charlie Watkins at inside-left in the first team last Saturday, was introduced by the Reserves at Norwich last night, when Jim Pemberton was moved up to the position from right-back where he has been playing this season.

This switch was made possible by the fact that Leslie Jones has recovered from injury and was having his first outing last night.

There was the added point that the move enabled Derek Allen to be switched to outside-right to fill a gap there caused by the fact that Cullen is now on first-team duty.

Bedfordshire Face Team Difficulties

NOT unexpectedly, perhaps, Bedfordshire have been meeting with difficulties in building their team for the Ansell Trophy match with Amateur Cup-holders, Crook Town, for clubs have been seeking the release of players for important F.A. Cup-ties.

Core, the Hendon centre-forward, has withdrawn because he has expressed a preference to be considered for the Middlesex county team, which he is entitled to do under F.A. rules, and Alan Tompkins, the St. Albans City inside-right, has said that he would prefer to play for his club, who have asked for his release.

Up to yesterday, this had not been granted by the Bedfordshire F.A., but they were considering ways of making a replacement.

McGuffie May Be At Inside-Forward

ENQUIRIES were made about Roy Brandham, of Vauxhall Motors, who was unfit yesterday, and there is an idea now of playing Alwyn McGuffie, the Town's young wing-half, at inside-left with Gregory moving to the other flank. This would only become necessary if it were decided to release Tompkins.

Hopes were that the attack would be left by [illegible] has been playing with marked success for Hitchin, but there was a question of obtaining permission from Army authorities, which was not forthcoming.

One defensive change has been necessary, because John Whitby, Hitchin right-back, has withdrawn, and E. White (Luton Town "A") will replace him.

Crook Should Be An Attractive Draw

SO, despite all the difficulties that have beset them, Bedfordshire still look like putting a very useful team into the field and Crook, themselves, who proved to be the best amateur team in the country last season, should be a great attraction.

Remembering their 10—1 Amateur Cup defeat in the North-east, there will be considerable interest in the Hitchin district about the outcome of this match and the fact that local leagues have left the date blank of fixtures should help the attendance materially.

More Cup-Fighting For Vauxhall

CUP - FIGHTING again on Saturday when they are due at Potton in the preliminary round of the F.A. Cup, Vauxhall Motors will be without Tony Gregory, who has been leading their attack.

He is required for duty by the county and his place will be taken by W. Startin. Vauxhall are also facing the possibility of another attack change because Roy Brandham badly bruised a toe in training and is regarded as a very doubtful starter. If he does not play, Morgan will move up to inside-left and Soper will come in at left-half.

Had Brandham been 100 per cent. fit, Bedfordshire would probably have required his services, but they were told yesterday that this would not be the case.

Team: D. Johnstone; J. Burgess, W. Lawrence; J. O'Neill, F. Bunning, A. Morgan; T. Dolan, G. Todd, W. Startin, R. Brandham, E. James.

Luton R.F.C. Have A Settled Team Already

EARLY in the season, Luton R.F.C. have been able to achieve what is near to a settled team and only one alteration is being made in their side to meet Old Verulamians at St. Albans.

This is due to the promotion of Rogers, a lock forward, from the "A" XV. Team:

Burgess; Hawkes, Donovan, Wilkins, H. G. Jones; Temple, Jenkins; Whitham, Pierson, Cannon, Boswell, Townsend, Swain, Rogers, Oakley.

The "A" XV, to receive Old Verulamians "A" will be:

Fox; Tallack, J. C. Jones, Meazey Goldby; A. J. Evans, Henman; Hogg, Ridley, Lee, Marshall, Thomas, Ruddick, P. Davies, Peel.

National Darts Union May Be Formed

TWO Luton men will be representing the Bedfordshire County Darts Association at a meeting in London. They are L. Day (Chairman of the Association) and L. James (Secretary).

The meeting, which will be attended by two representatives from each of the 57 county and district associations in England and Wales, has been called to discuss the formation of a national darts union.

Such a union, it is felt would be to the game of darts what the Football Association and the M.C.C. are to football and cricket.

After the meeting, the delegates will travel to Brighton to see the finals of "The People" teams championship for the Lord Lonsdale Trophy.

Now Pemberton Wants A Move

For the third time since the season began, the Town have agreed to place a player on the transfer list at his own request. Latest to ask for a change of club is Jim Pemberton, who has been playing at right-back for the Reserves all this season, but who was moved into the forward line at Norwich last night.

Pemberton bases his request on the fact that the Town are so well covered for the full-back positions that he has little chance of achieving a regular first-team place.

He thinks that with another club he would be able to command League team status, which he has had at Luton only for short spells during over six years he has spent here.

Pemberton made a similar request during last season, but was persuaded to change his mind.

"We will be sorry to lose such a grand utility player," the Town Chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, told me yesterday.

"He has been most valuable to us and we do not want to stand in his way, but we do hope that this will be the last request of this sort that we shall receive for a considerable time," he added.

Golf

THEIR THIRD TIE THIS YEAR

Henderson Level With Burnside Again

For the third time this year G. F. Burnside (2) and M. M. Henderson (3) tied for first place in a major competition at Dunstable Downs, when both finished 2 up for the Autumn Cup, an 18-holes bogey competition, on Saturday.

In June they were level in the club championship, which Burnside won eventually, and, with their partners, they tied for the Gee Gee Goblets, a mixed foursome competition. The replay for this has still to be staged.

Other scores were: J. A. Graham (5), W. Thomas (14), W. Houston (16), C. H. Walsh (22), Dr. C. Donnelly (22), all square; G. H. Jones (21), 2 down; P. T. Woods (5), O. F. Bond (7), P. G. Bond (8), A. G. B. Gunn (9), 3 down.

Playing in this competition, G. H. Jones, who is the club's hon. treasurer, holed his tee shot at the ninth hole, 130 yards.

PRESIDENT'S MEETING

The President's and Vice-President's meeting was held at South Beds on Saturday. The G. H. Cleveley trophy was won by L. G. Randall who defeated Mrs. W. Thomase 2 and 1 in the 36 holes final.

Results of the 18-hole points bogey: Ladies—Winner Mrs. D. Mead (23), 33 points, runner-up Mrs. L. G. Randall (17) 32pts. Men: Winner A. C. Fraser (6), 38pts., runner-up F. Shortland (9) 37pts.

BEST RETURNS BY DUNSTABLE LADIES

Best returns in Dunstable Downs' ladies points bogey for prizes given by Mrs. Oakins and Miss Allen were:

Silver division: Mrs. Lyle (11) 32 points; Mrs. Greer (7) 30; Mrs. Moore (13) 30.

Bronze division: Mrs. Perks (30) 32 points; Mrs. Clarke (22) 27.

Dunstable Ladies finished level at 3-3 when they met Berkhamsted, Mrs. Tipper, Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Perks winning their matches and Miss Ward, Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Dunham losing theirs.

GODFREY CUP WON AT SOUTH BEDS

With a score of 152 nett., Mrs. W. F. Thomas won the Godfrey Cup, a 36 holes competition played on two days at South Beds last week. In conjunction with the competition, Mrs. Godfrey held her prize day.

Runner-up was Mrs. D. Mead, 153, and the prize for the best score over the first 18 holes went to Mrs. T. W. L. Roberts 77, with Mrs. L. G. Hill, 77½, runner-up.

Best score over the second 18 holes was 78 returned by Mrs. M. J. Aitken and Mrs. L. G. Randall, with 79, was runner-up.

Luton Greyhounds

A 10–1 WINNER ROMPED HOME BY 12 LENGTHS

Dory's Pet was a shock winner at Luton Stadium on Tuesday, romping home a clear 12 lengths ahead of Pearl's Pet in the second race. Dory's Pet started at 10—1.

I—(410 yards): 1, RODNEY (5); 2, Kyme (1); 3, Swan Song (6); reserve 4, Skip It (3); 5, Sporting Express (4); 6, Halfway (2). 5, 2, 7, ½, 4. 24.47. Non-runner Yolande (6). Off 7.42.

Betting: 5-2 RODNEY; 3-1 Halfway; 7-2 Swan Song; 4-1 Kyme; 5-1 Skip It; 6-1 Sporting Express.

Forecast: £1 8s. 9d.

II—(410 yards): 1, DORY'S PET (4); 2, Pearl's Pet (6); 3, Max Future (3); 4, Princess (5); 5, Eagle's Nest (1). 6, Lindy (2). 12, 8, dist, dist, dist. 28.41. Off 8.05.

Betting: 3-1 Max Future, Pearl's Pet; 4-1 Princess; 5-1 Eagle's Nest; 8-1 Lindy; 10-1 DORY'S PET.

Forecast: £3 14s. 0d.

III—(410 yards): 1, MANOR PARK (1); 2, Bella's Joy (3); 3, Crackers (5); 4, Nigger (2); 5, Chevalier (6); Holly Bank (4) did not finish. 3½, 4, 2, ½ 24.32. Off 8.21.

Betting: 7-4 Crackers, 3-1 MANOR PARK; 4-1 Chevalier; 6-1 Nigger; 8-1 Bella's Joy; 10-1 Holly Bank.

Forecast: £2 8s. 3d.

IV—(410 yards): 1, POROLIO (5); 2, Red Head (6); 3, Dale (1); 4, Kath (3); 5, Gerald (4). 3, 3, 6, 4. 24.06. Non-runner Ruffles (2). Off 8.41.

Betting: 2-1 POROLIO; 7-2 Red Head, Kath; 4-1 Dale, Gerald.

Forecast: 18s. 3d.

V—(470 yards): 1, SANTA MARIA (1); 2, Legion (3); 3, Lion's Head (5); 4, Barley Boy (2); 5, Bessing Lou (4). 6, Rock Hill (6). 1, ½, 2, 14, 1. 27.20. Off 9.01.

Betting: 9-4 Lion's Head, 5-2 SANTA MARIA; 9-2 Barley Boy; 6-1 Legion, Bessing Lou; 10-1 Rock Hill.

Forecast: £1 5s. 0d.

VI—(410 yards): 1, RIBBON (1); 2, North Star (3); 3, George (4); 4, Dark Clouds (2); 5, Alice (5); 6, Do-Do (6). 4, 2, 2, 4, 8. 21.82. Off 9.21.

Betting: 7-4 George; 3-1 Dark Clouds; 4-1 RIBBON, North Star; 10-1 Alice; 100-8 Do-Do.

Forecast: £4 2s. 0d.

VII—(470 yards): 1, EDIE'S BABY (4); 2, Silpalong (1); 3, The Builder (3). 4, Just Jake (6); 5, Gay Lord (5); 6, Queen (2). 5, 2½, ½, ½, 8. 27.71. Off 9.40.

Betting: 7-4 EDIE'S BABY; 11-4 The Builder; 7-2 Silpalong; 7-1 Just Jake; 10-1 Queen; 100-8 Gay Lord.

Forecast: £1 3s. 6d.

VIII—(410 yards): 1, LONGFELLOW (3); 2, Hunter (4); 3, Watch Strap (6). 4, Madhat (1); 5, Kit-Kat (2); 6, Defender (5). head, 1, 1, 4, 10. 24.71. Off 9.59.

Betting: 5-4 LONGFELLOW; 4-1 Defender; 9-2 Madhat; 5-1 Watch Strap, Kit-Kat; 6-1 Hunter.

Forecast: £3 0s. 3d.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON ON SATURDAY.

6.30 (410 yards): 355 Charlie H. 34F Jumbo, 363 Mark Time, 64 Piebald, 224 Sally Ann, 321 Sunlight, reserve 526 Nancy.

6.50 (470 yards): 261 Bantam, 451 Darius, 626 Kye, 565 Mitzi, 132 Silver Dollar, 453 Stella.

7.10 (410 yards): Brad (Sept. 9, tp. 6, 24.75, Sept. 11, tp. 3, 24.55), 643 Mae West, 3 Old Glory, 455 River Bank, Ronald (Sept. 9, tp. 4, 24.73, Sept. 18, tp. 4, 24.48), Whistler (Sept. 9, tp. 2, 24.63, Sept. 14, tp. 1, 24.62), reserve 142 Wallflower.

7.30 (470 yards): 111 Crooner, 2 Japlac, 25 Reg, 61 Too Young, 521 Tot, 5 Very Game, reserve 11 Alice (Aug. 21, tp 6, 24.51).

7.50 (470 yards): 166 George, 624 Old Coat, 111 Scamp, 423 Lion's Head, 12, Tiny's Tiny, Warrior (Aug. 12, tp. 4, 24.27, Aug. 17, tp. 1, 24.37), reserve 253 Santa Maria.

8.10 (410 yards): Corn Silk (Sept. 9, tp. 1, 24.50, Sept. 11, tp. 1, 24.25), 236 Envious, 434 Hypon, 213 Little Jolo, 212 Rayburn, 51 Widmer.

8.30 (470 yards): 64 Black Cloud, 251 Black and White, 221 Gay Boy, 433 Red Head, 1 Sailor, 532 The Porpoise, reserve 142 Wallflower.

8.50 (410 yards): 354 Absolute, 356 Madam, 525 Nutty Slack, 444 Plasterer, 442 Whipped Cream, 5 Whiskers (Aug. 24, tp. 6, 24.73, Sept. 14, tp. 6, 24.72), reserve 4 The Bull.

SELECTIONS

6.30: Sunlight (Sally Ann, Mark Time). 6.50: Darius (Mitzi, Bantam). 7.10: Brad (River Bank, Whistler). 7.30: Crooner (Tot, Reg). 7.50: Warrior (Scamp, Tiny's Tiny). 8.10: Widmer (nap) (Corn Silk, Rayburn). 8.30: Sailor (Red Head, The Porpoise). 8.50: Madam (Nutty Slack, Absolute).

Angling

SUBSCRIPTION CUP FOR J. BOWLEY

The second round of the Leighton Buzzard A.C. Subscription Cup attracted 32 members to Paper Mill Farm on Sunday. Result was J. Bigg, 2 lb 14 ozs. 11 drms., R. Harding 2 lb. 6 ozs 2 drms., R. Colbeck, 1 lb. 15 ozs. 3 drms.

The Cup has been won by J. Bowley, who weighed in 2 lb. 15 ozs. 8 drms in the first round.

Hockey

A FAIR RESULT

Old Dunstablians II 3, Leighton Buzzard 3

This was the Old Boys' second strings' first match of the season.

In the first half the Dunstablians were on top and they enjoyed an interval lead of 3-1 but determined play in the second period brought Leighton two more goals. A draw was a fair result.

Rugby

O.B.s STILL IN SETTLING-DOWN STAGE

Park House 6, Old Lutonians 21

Old Lutonians were comfortable winners at Bromley, but neither side shone. The Old Boys are still in the settling-down stage, and once again penalties were frequent.

In previous seasons the Lutonians' pack has been a dominating force, but that has not been the case so far this season. Unless their forwards improve, the O.L.s will find themselves in trouble when they meet the stronger teams on their fixture list.

On the few occasions that the ball was cleanly heeled, it was obvious that Old Lutonians' backs had the more thrust and greater speed, and, but for the lethargic efforts of their forwards, would probably have doubled the score. Skipper Heanue opened their account when he thrust his way across the line after good work by Packwood. Park House struck back and levelled the scores with an unconverted try, but, just on half-time, the Old Lutonians opened an attack inside their own "25" and Walters outstripped the defence with a brilliant run. Adkins, who had made the opening, converted the try.

The second half opened in much the same manner as the first until Thorpe pounced on a dropped pass to run through easily from the half-way line. Adkins again converted. In the final stages the Old Boys' pack began to get together better and two more tries followed quickly.

A clean heel and swift passing along the line to Walters enabled the winger to round his man at ease and to score between the posts. Again Adkins added the extra points.

Finally Thorpe broke through and, as he was pulled down, the forwards were at hand, Shepherd finally diving across the line.

LUTON FORM WAS ENCOURAGING

Luton 29, Northampton Men's Own 6

Despite the inevitable lack of polish in the first game of the season, this match was kept very open and there was plenty of clean handling throughout.

Luton's outsides displayed encouraging form, and newcomers Wilkins and Donovan were most impressive.

The visitors' score came from a penalty and a fine 40-yard dropped goal. Luton's scorers were H. G. Jones (3), Wilkins, Donovan, Jenkins, Swain, Whitham, Hawkes. Burgess kicked one conversion.

CAN WELD INTO A USEFUL SIDE

Vauxhall Motors 3, Bletchley 3

This was an open, evenly-contested match and a draw was a fair result. Vauxhall showed improved form on their display of the previous week and if this is continued they could easily weld into a useful side.

Fine tackling by both sides kept the score down. Bletchley led at the interval, having scored a try wide out after a forward rush but the Motors equalised when Price converted a penalty from close range.

Penalties were frequent — again chiefly because the new rules were broken — and Owen, the Motors' full-back went near with three long distance kicks.

In the closing stages Vauxhall pressed but Bletchley held out.

YOUNGSTERS SHONE

Bletchley 'A' 0, Vauxhall Motors 'A' 8

Vauxhall's young and inexperienced side did well to win this game so convincingly for Jones, their stand-off half was injured in the first half and Vauxhall were reduced to 14 men for the rest of the game.

Davies and Eyre each scored a try and Burkinshaw converted the second.

PLUCKY DISPLAY

Igranic 16, Luton Extra "A" 3.

Although they were well beaten, Luton's third string gave a plucky display and always tried to play constructive rugby.

They lost Arlidge early in the game with concussion, but never gave up trying. Tallack scored their try.

"A" XV RAN RIOT

Luton 'A' 47, Northampton Men's Own 'A' 0

Luton were superior in all departments and their visitors were swamped.

Scorers for the home side were: Evans (4), Cope (2), Meazey (2), Ethelstone (2) and Henman. Evans converted seven tries.

Chiltern Youth League

SKEFKO ARE TEAM TO WATCH

Should Do Well In 14-18 Section

It looks as if Skefko and D.Y.P.S. will do well in the 14-18 Section of the Chiltern Youth League and that Flitwick Brotherhood and Limbury Old Boys will be the powers in the 14-16 section for, so far, these teams are unbeaten.

P. White, the Flitwick inside-right, scored six goals in his side's 11—5 victory over Biscot Mill B.C.

14—16

FLITWICK BROTHERHOOD 11 (P White 6, M Foxley 2, M Hardy 2, K Wright), BISCOT MILL B.C. 5 (G Fahy 2, D Inwards, T Bell, H Blyth).
LIMBURY O.B. 7 (M Westwood 4, M Hall 2, R Brown 1), VAUXHALL MINORS 1 (A Bright).
POYNTERS ROAD 8 (D Blowers 2, B Shamul, D Wilkinson, I Godfrey, D Hawes, opponents 2), WATERLOW ROAD 2 (D Coleman, B Alderson).

14—18

OLD BEDFORD ROAD O.B. 4 (R Else 3, B Bowron), HOUGHTON RANGERS 1 (M Coles).
FARLEY HILL YOUTH 1 (W Anderson), SKEFKO 6 (R Benham 3, E Smith, G Winder, D Brown).
BISCOT MILL B.C. 3 (G Lawson 2, J Price), SHILLINGTON YOUTH 3 (T Butts 2, R Butts).
D.Y.P.S. 2 (I Gregg, Fenney), LUTON B.C. 2 (A Flitton, D White).
VAUXHALL JUNIORS 2 (D Randall, A Davies), LUTON HOTSPUR 2.

FOOTBALL

LUTON TOWN F.C.

FLOODLIGHT MATCH

WEDNESDAY, 29th SEPT.
Combination Cup

Luton Reserves
versus
Norwich City Reserves

Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

Admission: Centre Stand (Season Tickets only); Wing Stand and Enclosure 1/6, Boys 1/-, Bobbers' Stand 1/3, Boys 10d.; Terraces (not covered) 1/-, Boys 9d.

ALBERT E. ANSELL MEMORIAL TROPHY MATCH

Saturday, 25th September

BEDFORDSHIRE
versus
CROOK TOWN
(F.A. Amateur Cup-holders)

ON LUTON TOWN GROUND

Kick-off 3 p.m.

Admission: Centre Stand 4/6; Wing Stand and Enclosure 3/-; Bobbers' Stand 2/-; Uncovered Terraces 1/-.

RECALL OF WATKINS A GREAT SUCCESS

Town's Win Put Them On Top Of Second Division

(By Chiltern)

LUTON TOWN ..... 3 STOKE CITY 1

Fast, progressive football, plus the acceptance of sufficient chances to take a dominating grip on the game, not only enabled the Town to maintain their 100-per-cent home record, but took them to the top of the Second Division.

These were the first away points Stoke had dropped, but they did not look like a side that had done so well on tour. Never did they threaten to build up for themselves anything approaching a winning position and they were a bit fortunate to get away so lightly.

Once they were over the early settling down stage, the Town's re-shuffled attack, the constitution of which was not settled until the morning of the match, began to show convincing form.

Had Scott not been transferred to Middlesbrough overnight, he would have been at inside-left, and it was probably a lucky chance for the Town that the deal went through, otherwise Watkins would have been merely a spectator.

Recall of Watkins to tackle once more the job he did so ably during the season before last, proved to be a master stroke, for his quiet, controlled and strong play enabled him to become the player who began a number of the Town's moves and he rarely wasted a ball.

Much of the praise for the smoothness that the front line attained belongs to Watkins, who showed just how good a ball player he is.

LEFT WING DANGEROUS

His cleverness, combined with the thrust and speed of Adam, meant that the left wing was a great success and all three goals came from these two players.

First was from WATKINS after 23 minutes with a low shot from something approaching the inside-right position after he had created the opening himself. Possibly, Robertson would have reached the ball had not his attention been distracted by Adam passing his foot over the ball without touching it at all.

Eight minutes later, Robertson was picking the ball out of the back of the net again when ADAM, who had drifted in from the wing turned in a cross by Cullen after a fine movement.

All this time Stoke had been most innocuous in attack, with the Town defence firmly and confidently breaking up all their attempts to make ground, and there was little shooting from them.

ADAM'S second goal of the match came after 66 minutes, when he was left with a gift opportunity after Robertson had dropped the ball from Turner, who crossed it from the deadline.

Not until the closing stages did Stoke become anything like dangerous, and it was while Turner was off the field having attention that BEVANS obtained their only goal after Streten had pushed out a drive from Oscroft.

WELL-BALANCED DISPLAY

This was a well-balanced, cohesive display by the Town, and there was effective work from the right wing of Cullen and Turner, with the former more direct than he is on some occasions.

However, a query still remains about the centre-forward position and whether MacEwan will eventually be the man to fill it. No one can doubt his enthusiasm and his capacity for taking the weight in the middle, but his finishing was inaccurate and he did not get a lot of change out of Thomson.

Always on top, the defence were masters of the situation from the start with great strength in the middle line, where Morton and Owen were outstanding and Shanks was always prominent.

There was soundness at full-back and little in the way of a serious test for Streten until the closing stages.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Morton, Owen, Shanks; Cullen, Turner, MacEwan, Watkins, Adam.

STOKE CITY: Robertson; Short, McCue; Mountford, Thomson, Sellars; Bevans, Hutton, King, Cairns, Oscroft.

Referee: J. W. Malcolm, Leicester.

Attendance: 17,325.

Cricket

FINISHED ON A HIGH NOTE

Town C.C. Unbeaten For Second Season

Luton Town C.C. finished the season on a high note on Saturday when they travelled to Barnet and beat the Hertfordshire side by 43 runs. They can now look back on two consecutive seasons in which they have not been beaten—a record of which they can be justly proud.

This record was never in any danger on Saturday. Batting first Luton made 134 for 7 before declaring and then dismissed Barnet for 91.

Highlight of Luton's innings was a fine knock of 44 by Tommy Clark, the Surrey opening batsman, and skipper John Oliver hit 15 not out. Horace Kippax made 28, but although he was the second highest scorer runs never came freely from his bat and he was inclined to be over-cautious.

Doug Randall took four of the Barnet wickets for 29 runs and he was well supported by Ron Gardiner and Ian Davison.

Vauxhall were eight runs behind and had one wicket standing when the end came in their match with Leighton Buzzard. Leighton made 181 and Vauxhall had scored 173 for nine. Gunn, the Leighton opening batsman, who has played for the county, scored 78.

BARNET v LUTON TOWN

LUTON TOWN: H G Kippax b Phelan 28, F Winstanley b Tant 7, T H Clark b Gaywood 44, W Hammond b Tant 14, J A Muse b Phelan 9, D S Randall b Tant 0, J A R Oliver not out 15, C V A Colling b Tant 5, A F Waller not out 3; extras 9. Total (for 7 wkts dec) 134.

Bowling: M Tant 4 for 36, A Phelan 2 for 41.

BARNET: L C Finch c Randall b Gardiner 8, D Tinsley b Davison 7, G F O'Connor b Davison 17, B F Jenkins lbw b Randall 7, R Trott b Randall 17, K Hayward b Clark 8, J A Gaywood b Gardiner 5, M Tant c and b Randall 4, J W Perman c and b Randall 1, M E Blackburn not out 5, A Phelan b Gardiner 4; extras 8. Total 91.

Bowling: D S Randall 4 for 29, F D Gardiner 3 for 22, I Davison 2 for 18.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD v. VAUXHALL

LEIGHTON BUZZARD: N S Gunn 78, P J Ward 17, H F Robinson 5, G Tearle 9, J Robinson 11, W E Costin 5, F H Moore 9, A P Reynolds 11, L F Brantom not out 14, T W Holloway 7, P L Tofield 0; extras 13. Total 181.

Bowling: H Hayhurst 5 for 73, J G Owen 5 for 75.

VAUXHALL: A Nelsey 14, S Sparsey 0, C Saunders 3, J G Owen 18, S Ruffett not out 60, R Lloyd 30, D Stretton 11, C Short 28, C Bradbury 0, G Brown 0, H Hayhurst not out 4; extras 5. Total (for 9 wkts) 173.

Bowling: L Brantom 5 for 84, P J Ward 2 for 18.

VAUXHALL SUNDAY XI v. LANGHAM ATH.

VAUXHALL SUNDAY XI: A Nelsey 26, C Saunders 7, R Lloyd 6, C Humphries 3, A Gregory 10, D Soper 2, G Brown 0, B Evans 3, B Gilbert not out 3, T Slights 0, E Parkin 8; extras 5. Total 73.

Bowling: C Smith 7 for 20.

LANGHAM ATH.: C Browning 2, C Verge not out 37, A Phillips 0, P Falco 0, A Page not out 32; extras 7. Total (for 4 wkts) 78.

Bowling: R Lloyd 2 for 24.

LEAGRAVE ATH. v. LAPORTES

LAPORTES: W Kingham 7, R Hartley 9, J Buckingham 2, D Sinfield 12, J Mitchell 0, R Northam 1, E Clark 0, R Chatterley not out 0, C Lewis 0, D Robbens 0; extras 7. Total 38.

Bowling: G Wilkin 4 for 10, T Latcham 3 for 1.

LEAGRAVE ATH.: D Allen 17, G Wilkin 0, A Thompson 17, T Brown 3, B Culleton 6, J Williamson 0, T Myers not out 15, M Latcham 1, W Williams 5, T Latcham 0; extras 14. Total 78.

Bowling: D Sinfield 3 for 23, J Buckingham 3 for 10.

LEAGRAVE v. J. GOODE'S XI

LEAGRAVE: P Tyrrell 2, C Bargaley 21, H Weir 14, R Wood 0, F Little 3, D Ford 0, R Margereson 5, J Murray 0, W Davis not out 5, C Smith 3, L Ford 0; extras 0. Total 53.

Bowling: A Bird 3 for 21, H Warren 3 for 17, L Bleaney 3 for 6.

J. GOODE'S XI: D Sandifer 8, F Brewin 38, P Clarke 10, S Farrow 6, E Barber 16,