Sports Chat

Streten's Long Run Ended

By Chiltern

TOWN BRING IN BAYNHAM FOR LIVERPOOL'S VISIT

After having appeared for the Town in 46 consecutive Second Division matches and, with the four Cup-ties with Blackpool last season, accomplished an unbroken run of 50 first team appearances, Bernard Streten is to be displaced in goal by Ron Baynham for the Town's home match with Liverpool on Saturday.

Baynham was last in the team for a League match on October 3, 1953, against Fulham at Kenilworth-road. Then, in the floodlit match with Fenerbahce, he injured a shoulder and has never been able to regain his place since because of the way in which Streten took his chance.

For the greater part of last season and, certainly, for the whole of this, Baynham has been knocking on the door with a series of brilliant displays for the Reserves, and the ironical part is that his big opportunity arrives again after being beaten six times by the Arsenal Reserves' forwards last Saturday.

In this match, he was not quite at his best, by all accounts, but the Town are well aware of his ability.

If they needed reminding about it, this has been forthcoming in the shape of enquiries from three First Division clubs about the future of this class goalkeeper who has had to remain in the background for so long.

Have Set Their Faces Against Selling

FIRMLY, the Town have set their faces against parting with him because they are looking to the future and Baynham, who has patiently waited for a situation to arise whereby he can stake a claim for a regular place again, now has the opportunity.

In view of the change Streten, apparently has shouldered the blame for at least one of the goals at Nottingham, and there have been doubts about a few others recently.

However, he has had a long run, has always been aware that the competition for the position has been fierce and, doubtless he will make a great bid to regain the place for which he has been an automatic choice for so long.

Cummins Recalled To Inside-Left

OTHER change being made by the Town is not unexpected in view of the display at Nottingham last Saturday, when it was made fairly clear that John Groves is scarcely ready physically for the sort of ding-dong affair in the mud this turned out to be.

So, Groves goes back into the 2nd team and his place at inside-left will be taken by George Cummins, who was in Eire's winning team against Norway on Sunday and was last in the senior side in the floodlit game with Derby County on October 27.

His last League appearance was in the home game with Lincoln City on September 15.

Hopes That Cummins Will Settle Down

SINCE then, Watkins has occupied the inside-left position five times and Groves has appeared there in the last three matches.

Always it has been hoped that Cummins would settle down to something like the effective form he showed for a long period last season and, at his best, he can relieve the anxiety about the inside-left position which has led the Town to take an interest in the future of Watford's Jimmy Bowie.

Several times recently, Bowie has been watched by Luton representatives and they were to have a final look at him on Monday evening when Watford were due here for the first leg of the Rigby Taylor Trophy.

Referee Was Left With No Choice

UNFORTUNATELY, weather conditions made it impossible for the match to even start, for heavy rain for hours before the kick-off badly waterlogged the ground which was under water in some parts at the Oak-road end.

Even had a decision to begin been made, it is doubtful whether play could have carried on for long, since there was an imminent danger of the lines becoming obliterated.

In the circumstances, there was no choice left to the referee, David Wells, of Luton, and he decided that conditions were too bad about half-an-hour before the kick-off time.

Town Officials Had A Talk About Bowie

BY then, about 100 people had been admitted to the ground. To them, their money was returned and it is extremely doubtful whether, had the game gone on, the total muster would have reached 1,000.

So, in the interests of everyone, the decision was a happy one and the match will be rearranged for a mid-week date after Christmas.

Town officials took the opportunity to have a talk with those of Watford on the subject of Bowie, but the Chairman, Mr. P. G. Mitchell, told me that at the meeting on Tuesday, the Board decided to shelve the matter for the time being.

"We Can Afford To Wait And See"

"FOR the moment, we are sitting on it, and I feel we can afford to wait and see what happens," he said.

One point of view I have heard put forward is that the acquisition of Bowie would produce a situation whereby there would be a glut of players for the inside-left position.

Originally, the Town viewed the Watford player in the light of a replacement for Cummins when it seemed that he might well leave the club quickly.

However, there has been no development in his case, nor, at the moment, does there seem likely to be one.

Were a firm bid made for him, then the situation would alter quickly and then there might well be made the outlay that would bring Bowie into Second Division football.

Will Continue To Watch The Market

AS for the centre-forward position, the Town are a lot happier about this since the success of Bob Morton last Saturday but, even so, they are watching the centre-forward market very closely and will continue to weigh up form quietly.

Manager Dally Duncan saw the leader of a First Division club's reserve attack on Saturday, but was not completely satisfied that here was the answer.

But if Morton can continue in his Nottingham form, then this may turn out to be one problem that can be forgotten and there seems no reason at all why he should not develop into the permanent occupant of the position, so long as the middle line does not suffer by his absence from it.

Pemberton Deserves A Chance

JIM PEMBERTON'S display last week was such that this did not occur and he seems to have his best chance for a long time of settling down into a regular place.

A fine clubman who gives every ounce he has, Pemberton is the type who deserves to succeed, for he has cheerfully occupied all sorts of different positions and, invariably, done a good job.

So the team which the fans are hoping will get back on to the winning path at the expense of Liverpool will be:

Baynham; Dunne, Aherne; Pemberton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Adam.

Worst Away Record In Second Division

LIVERPOOL, who spent £50,000 last season in an abortive attempt to save their First Division status, are now having their first sample of Second Division football for 50 years and, as have other relegated teams before them, are finding the going tough.

That they are in the lower half of the table at the moment is entirely due to their away record, which is the worst in the Division, and it was not until a fortnight ago that they gained their first point on tour, when they shared six goals with Lincoln City at Sincil Bank.

Previously, they had had a dismal run of defeats at Plymouth, Blackburn, Swansea, Bristol, Derby and Stoke.

Welsh International Has Been Recalled

AT home, they have been a different proposition altogether, for they have gained 14 points out of 18, and that record has kept them away from the lower reaches.

The long-standing Liverpool trouble has been defensive weakness, but, in recent matches, better form has been shown by this department, largely due to the re-introduction of veteran Welsh International right-back, Ray Lambert, who is now being preferred to McNulty, an expensive capture from Manchester United.

Some stiffening has been produced, too, by the return to something like the form that won him England caps, of the captain, Laurie Hughes, who has had bad luck with injuries in recent seasons.

Twentyman Is In At Left-Half

WITH him back in harness at centre-half, Liverpool are now using the former Carlisle player Geoff Twentyman as a left-half.

He cost a five-figure fee when this transfer went through, and another defender for whom Liverpool paid big money was Frank Lock of Charlton.

In attack, too, signs of free spending are apparent by the appearance of Brian Jackson, £10,000 outside-right signing from Leyton Orient, and John Evans, another ex-Charlton player, as is the manager, Don Welsh.

Evans leads the Liverpool scorers with 12 goals, including five in one match against Bristol Rovers at Anfield in September.

Payne Had A Try-out Yesterday

RECENT star in the forward line, though, has been the Scottish International outside-left, Billy Liddell, who has been leading the attack with marked success and his ability and finishing power have brought extra punch to the middle of the line.

On paper, at any rate, this Liverpool team which includes a couple of young players who have come through the "nursery" which has been begun on the lines of Everton's successful venture, are as attractive a team as has visited Luton this season.

Choice has been deferred because the Central League team had a match with Western Command yesterday in which outside-right Jimmy Payne, who has been out through injury, was being given a test, but it is thought that the team that beat Hull City will not be changed. Ashcroft; Lambert, Lock; Saunders, Hughes, Twentyman; Jackson, Anderson, Liddell, Evans, Acourt.

Reserves Meet Their Rivals Of Last Season

AFTER their heavy fall against Arsenal, the Town Reserves will be keen to wipe out its memory when they visit West Ham on Saturday in Division 1 of the Football Combination.

The Town and the Hammers were neck-and-neck rivals all through last season and the latter eventually won the title by a single point.

Yesterday, the manager had not definitely settled his reserve team, but, apart from the appearance of Streten, there is unlikely to be any change in defence.

In attack, a place will have to be found for Groves and the final choice of the forward line will be made from six players.

Leslie Jones has been having treatment this week for muscle trouble, but this is thought to be slight.

Gregory Plays In Youth Cup Tie

YOUTH football, this time for Vauxhall Motors, in their second round Youth Cup-tie with Eynesbury Rovers, at home, on Saturday morning, again claims Tony Gregory, who has won a place in the Motors' senior team.

His place for the visit to Letchworth in the Spartan League will be taken by Sinfield.

Gordon Todd will continue to lead the attack, a switch that was made before the start of last Saturday's match at Dagenham.

On their form there, Vauxhall have a chance of holding Letchworth, who have made a successful return to the Premier Division. Team:

R Cullis; J Burgess, W Lawrence; J O'Neill, J Humphrey, A Morgan; T Dolan, R Sinfield, G Todd, R Brandham, L Franklin.

Kent's Have A Cup Rehearsal

IN the nature of a rehearsal for their Senior Cup-tie at Waller-avenue on Saturday week, is Kent's Athletic's South Midlands League match on Saturday, for they visit their Cup opponents, Cranfield United.

So satisfied were Kent's with the effect of the decision to switch their wingers before their meeting with Ampthill Town, which brought them a grand win over this previously unbeaten team, that they have chosen the same line-up:

R Tottingham; W Day, T Kilby; H Jackson, H Naylor, R Router; P Feakes, J Hull, K Peel, A Dickens, J Summers.

For the reserves, there is a Junior Cup-tie at Dunstable, with Johannson as their opponents.

Old Boys Hope To Have Barry Robinson

AS Clive Folland is not available, Old Lutonians are forced to make a change in their team to travel to Cambridge to meet Old Cantabrigians.

Hopes are that Barry Robinson, who is at the University, will be able to deputise, otherwise Mick Bracey will be promoted from the Extra 1st XV.

Old Lutonians can always depend on their hosts to provide stiff opposition, for the Cambridge side have gained a remarkably high percentage of victories in the last few encounters between the clubs.

Team: Yorke; Walters, Thorpe, Fensome, Thurlow; Pakes, Robinson (or Bracey); Adkins, Vaughan, Shepherd, Young, Heanue, Kelly, Packwood, Cato.

Jenkins The Subject Of An Experiment

MEETING what are probably their strongest opponents of the season, Luton R.F.C. are making an interesting experiment by the selection of Jenkins for full-back.

Hitherto he has played either in the centre or at scrum-half but, as he is one of the most experienced players in the side, it is thought he will do well in his new position.

Team: Jenkins; Ethelstone, Wilkins, O'Donovan, Hawkes; Temple, Heaman; Whitham, Pelrson, Hammond, Townsend, Boswell, Oakley, Ruddick, Swain.

RON BAYNHAM

GEORGE CUMMINS

recalled to the League side to meet Liverpool on Saturday.

POINT DISAPPEARED IN A LATE BLITZ

Town Caught In County's Tremendous Recovery

By Chiltern

NOTTS COUNTY ..... 3 LUTON TOWN 3

A draw was sure to come the Town's way sooner or later, but it should not have happened in this match at Meadow-lane on Saturday when they were leading 3—1 eleven minutes from the end, and then had their advantage snatched away from them in a tremendous rally by the County.

There were exactly three minutes to go when the home team snatched the goal that put them level for the first time since the second minute of the game when Morton made a great start to his latest spell as a centre-forward.

That he can do the job and also get the goals that have been so scarce in this position this season, MORTON amply demonstrated, for he often had the County defence beaten for speed, and he showed such accuracy in his finishing as to suggest that he will blossom forth as a leading marksman.

His first goal was coolly taken from a neat pass by Turner and he lost no time in ramming the ball into the roof of the net when Adam provided an opening for the second 21 minutes later.

Two goals ahead and playing confident, assured football in difficult conditions, the Town looked a safe bet at this stage and they went close to adding to their lead on several occasions.

From the County there was a deal of fighting spirit in their attempts to improve their parlous position, but it did not amount to much until four minutes before half-time when the "break" went against Owen in a tackle with Wills, with the result that the ball went on to JOHNSTON, who, with Streten drawn out of goal, simply had to put it into an empty net.

A SPLIT SECOND TOO LATE

Effect of that might have been neutralised almost immediately for one of Adam's clever runs left Turner with a chance which he promptly took, but, as the ball left his foot, the whistle went for half-time and so a split second prevented the Town from regaining their previous advantage.

Their luck was out, too, in the first minute after the resumption when Turner made a brilliant dribble, ending with a pass to Davies, from whose centre Morton got the ball into the net.

Unfortunately, in doing so, the ball ran up his arm and the referee disallowed the point as he had on one occasion in the first half for hands against Adam.

There was never any disputing the fact that the Town were the superior side despite the fact that the County had quite lengthy spells of pressure which yielded little in the way of shots.

From the Town attack there was always more constructive skill and further goals to them always seemed a likely happening. However, they had to wait until the 79th minute when ADAM stopped a clearance by Deans and went on to beat Bradley with a shot that went in off the post.

That seemed to signal the end of the County, but they hit back unexpectedly through BROADBENT two minutes later when he fastened on to a through pass from McCormack.

As if this was the tonic they had been awaiting, the County suddenly began a period of all-out attack which had the Town in difficulties before the equaliser came three minutes from time.

This followed a corner from which WYLIE came out of the ruck of players in the crowded penalty area to head into the net.

ATTACK BENEFITED FROM MORTON'S DRIVE

Disappointing though the final result was, it was no mean feat to gain a point from a team that has been most consistent at home this season.

Compared with recent displays, there was more all-round power in the Town team, with the forward line benefiting a great deal from the drive of Morton in the middle, combined with his good distribution of the ball.

Best support for him came from Turner who used the through pass to good effect—something that Groves would have done well to copy — and from Adam, who was fast and direct and who showed a marked improvement on recent displays.

The heavy going was against Groves, but he might have helped himself considerably had he parted with the ball more readily, and Davies improved after a somewhat uncertain start.

Despite the three goals against them, there was a lot of satisfaction to draw from the work of the defence, strengthened by the return of Owen, who played McCormack right out of the game.

Sound support was given by Pemberton and Shanks, with the former showing promise of settling down at right-half, and Aherne was in top form, as Wills speedily discovered.

For Dunne, there was more of a handful in facing Broadbent, but it was a task he faced gallantly and with a good deal of success, and the covering of the defence, as a whole, until the last 10 minutes when they were run off their feet was such that few shots came from the home forwards.

About the second goal, there was some suggestion of tardiness by Streten in sizing up the situation, and he seemed to be taken by surprise by the quickness with which Wylie moved to meet the corner that brought the equaliser.

NOTTS COUNTY: Bradley; Southwell, Deans; Adamson, Wade, Jarvis; Wills, Wylie, McCormack, Johnston, Broadbent.

LUTON TOWN: Streten; Dunne, Aherne; Pemberton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner, Morton, Groves, Adam.

Referee: J. F. Pickles, Bradford. Attendance: 10,500.

O'NEILL WAS STAR TURN

Fitting That He Should Score

Ford Sports 1, Vauxhall Motors 1

Johnny O'Neill, the Motors' right-half, was the outstanding player in this Spartan League game and it was fitting that he should score for Vauxhall.

This goal came midway through the first half when O'NEILL fired in a great shot from the edge of the penalty area after a delightful inter-passing movement with right-winger Dolan.

At this stage the Motors played first-class football and they deserved their slender interval lead.

Soon after the interval the home side pressed and MOGFORD equalised with a long shot from the wing which Lawrence, standing on the goal-line, helped into the net.

After this there were thrills at both ends and Cullis, in the Vauxhall goal, made several good saves. Save of the match, however, was made by the home goalkeeper, who stopped a piledriver from Brandham after the inside-left had left the Ford's defence standing in a 30-yards dash.

Brandham was the pick of the forwards and Franklin also did well, although he was guilty of a bad miss in the last minute.

Stars in defence, apart from O'Neill, were Lawrence and Cullis.

LOST AFTER SCORING FIVE

Wokingham 10, Luton Town "A" 5

Remarkable bursts of scoring occurred on a pitch that was like a skating rink because of the rain and loose grass lying on the top.

A lucky goal by JAGGARD gave Wokingham an early lead but, settling down, the Town improved and went ahead through goals by LOVEDAY and TOTTINGHAM.

After that, the game turned sharply in favour of the home side, who scored through RUDNUM, JACKSON and JAGGARD.

With all-out attack as their policy at the start of the second half, the Town stormed the home goal and quickly drew level through LOVEDAY, CLARK and FLINT, but once again Wokingham had their turn to secure five goals in quick succession through STEVENS (2), RUDNUM (2) and WILLETT.

Making his first appearance, the South African, Peterson, gave a most promising display at inside-left, although he usually appears on the wing, and another debutant, Meads, of Ampthill Town, showed both speed and thrust at outside-right.

Defenders had a bad day, mainly because of the conditions, but the marking of the Town was not close enough and this led to much of the trouble. In view of the weather, it was not a fair test for the other South African amateur, Cummins, who played at right-back.

THREE TEAMS STILL HAVE FULL POINTS

Hayward Tyler Just Managed To Save Their Unbeaten Record

Slowly, but certainly, the number of 100-per-cent records in Luton and South Beds League is being whittled down and, with Hayward Tyler being held to a draw, the number is now only three, comprising Stopsley, in the Premier Division, and Sundon Park Reserves and Wilsden Athletic (Division IV).

Hayward Tyler, still the undisputed leaders of Division III, came very near to suffering defeat at the hands of Hunting Percival Apprentices, for it was not until two minutes from the end that they gained the equaliser.

With the counter-attraction of the Intermediate Cup, there were no matches in the Premier Division and the only one played in Division 1, had no effect on the leading positions, though it served to give Stopsley Reserves a welcome lift of three places in the table.

A slight re-adjustment took place in Division II where Luton Social Reserves were heavily defeated and this leaves Sundon Park and Robin Hoods as joint leaders.

The former cantered home against Spandit Sports at Dunstable, with a margin of eight goals, six of which were obtained by sharpshooting centre-forward Dixon, in whom the Town have been taking an interest.

Sundon Park became the first team to reach 50 goals this season but three of their near rivals were also in impressive form. Warden Hill kept level with them and Robin Hoods and Caddington "B" are only one point behind all of which adds up to a very interesting situation here.

At the other end of the scale, R.A.F.A. picked up their first points at their eighth attempt when they accounted for Colindale, who have now played six matches without gaining any success.

With Hayward Tyler faltering slightly, Boys' Brigade O.B., who scored eight goals for the fourth consecutive week and newcomers, Luton Spartans who have welded together into a successful combination made up a little leeway in Division III where Bidwell are also usefully placed.

Like their seniors, Sundon Park Reserves, have a very sure idea of where the goal lies and their 6-0 victory over Gidan Athletic brought their total to 46 and the number of their consecutive victories since the start of the season to nine.

They are threatening to run away with the title here, but all the same, they must keep a weather eye on Wilsden Athletic, who have yet to drop a point and who have won all their five matches.

Against Laporte Reserves, Wilsden scored nine times, a number that Lumoco equalled in disposing of Toddington Rovers Reserves.

DIVISION I

STOPSLEY RES. 4 (Clarke, Lawrence, Adair, Holloban). ELECTROLUX 1.

DIVISION II

DAVIS ATH. 2 (Evans, Gurney). GLENDALE RES. 7 (Mead 2, McHattie 2, D Jones, B Jones, Miller).

OLD LUTONIANS 1 (Abbott). WARDEN HILL ATH. 6 (Tomblin 2, Pratt 2, Wilson, Bayliss).

R.A.F.A. 4 (Mitchinson 2, Egan, opponent). COLINDALE ATH. 1 (Collon).

LUTON SOCIAL RES. 1 (R Jackson). CADDINGTON "B" 6.

ROBIN HOODS 8 (Roe 3, Fitt 2, Ward, Clark, Knapton). LEAGRAVE PRESS 2 (Dawson, Abbott).

SKEFKO ATH. 5 (Douglas 2, Brown 2, Pearce). HUNTING PERCIVAL 1 (Cann).

SPANDIT SPORTS 0. SUNDON PARK 8 (Dixon 6, Smith 2).

DIVISION III

ALLIANCE FOUNDRY 7 (Goodyear 4, Williss 2, Brandon). NAPIER APP. 0.

BOYS' BRIGADE O.B. 8 (Parsons 2, Payne 2, Clifton, Young, Glenister, Wallis). LUTON BREWERY 0.

BIDWELL 3 (Bird 2, Wearmouth). BARTON WOODWORKING 0.

HAYWARD TYLER 2 (Simpson 2). HUNTING PERCIVAL APP. 2 (Taylor, Beasley).

LUTON SPARTANS 3 (Fensome 3). LEAGRAVE B.L. "A" 0.

SHAW AND KILBURN 2 (Mills, Flanagan). WALCOT ATH. 1 (Thompson).

SUNDON O.B. 5 (A Smith 2, E Smith 2, Pinney). BARTON ROVERS 2 (Gutteridge, Glenister).

DIVISION IV

LAPORTE RES. 2 (Buckingham, opponent). WILSDEN ATH. 9 (Odell 4, Jackson 2, Bray, Garward, Short).

LUMOCO SPORTS 9 (Pedder 3, Scowan 2, Evans 2, Gilbert 2). TODDINGTON ROVERS RES. 1 (Blake).

LUTON O.B. 1 (Hawes). WALDEN RANGERS 5 (Hale 3, Goodee, Spicer).

SUNDON PARK RES. 6 (Cook 4, Robins 2). GIDAN ATH. 0.

VILLA ROVERS 5 (Bland 2, J Smith 2, Evans). LILLEY RANGERS RES. 5 (Martin 2, Alsopp 2, Jenkins).

FORM BOOK WENT HAYWIRE

Lowly-placed Teams Excelled Themselves

The form book went haywire in the Premier Division of the South Midlands League on Saturday when the three bottom teams, Wootton B.C., Potton United and Kent's Athletic all beat teams from the top half of the table.

Kent's Athletic's performance was perhaps the best for they beat Ampthill Town, previously undefeated and strongly tipped for the championship in some quarters.

Kent's, however, always have had a reputation as Ampthill's "bogey" team.

While Ampthill, Dunstable and Stotfold were beaten, Shefford Town, current leaders and also champions of the league scored 12 goals without reply against Biggleswade Town Reserves.

Shefford now have three points more than Ampthill — and a much better goal average —but Ampthill have a game in hand.

At the other end of the table Kent's despite their great victory, remain in last place, level on points with Potton.

Hunting Percival are now sharing first place with Langford in Division 1 where Electrolux have jumped into third place.

PREMIER DIVISION

Histon 2, Cranfield U 3
Kent's Ath 2, Ampthill T 1
Marston Shelton 2, AC-Delco 6
Potton U 4, Dunstable 1 2
Shefford T 12, Biggleswade T 0
Stotfold 3 Wootton Blue Cross 4

DIVISION 1

Hitchin L.M.S. 2, Hunting Percival 3
Electrolux 2, Waterlow's 1
Houghton Rgrs 5, Elstow Abbey 1
Davis Ath 1, Skefko Ath 3
Rootes Sports 0, Vauxhall Motors 6

DIVISION II

Lynton Works 0 Barton Rov 9

RESERVE SECTION

Ampthill T 0, Stotfold 3

Chiltern Youth League

NO SHORTAGE OF GOALS HERE

There were some high scores in the Chiltern Youth League last Saturday. Highest score of the day was recorded by Luton Hotspur, who beat newcomers Manor Park 16—0.

Other good feats were achieved by Biscot Mill—12 goals against Waterlow-road, Limbury Old Boys, whose two teams scored a total of 22 goals, and D.Y.P.S. and Poynters-road, who scored seven times.

D.Y.P.S. 7 (Hills 4, Grigg 2, Kempson). OLD BEDFORD ROAD O.B. 3 (North 2, Robson).

SHILLINGTON 2 (T Butts R Butts). LUTON HOTSPUR 1 (Rodell).

VAUXHALL JUNIORS 2 (Gersch, McGill). BISCOT MILL 4 (Price, Leaney, Daniels, Lawson).

FARLEY HILL 0, LIMBURY OLD BOYS 14.

LUTON BOYS' CLUB 0, SKEFKO 2 (Halliwell, Moody).

HOUGHTON RGRS 6 (House 2, Andrews 2, Budo 2). CENTRAL YOUTH 0.

14—16

OLD BEDFORD ROAD 3 (Richards, Else, Whaley). POYNTERS ROAD 7 (Hawes 2, Blower 2, Restell, Roberts, Clarke).

BISCOT MILL B.C. 12 (Davis 6, Bell 6). WATERLOW ROAD 2 (James, Alderson).

MANOR PARK 0, LUTON HOTSPUR 16 (Mardle 6, Baxter 5, Childs, Woodland, Jolley, Evans, Ash).

LIMBURY O.B. 8, FLITWICK 0.

CRUSHED BY GUNNERS

That Unbeaten Record Went

Luton Town Reserves 1, Arsenal Reserves 6.

Last season Luton Reserves gave their best performance of the season in their home match with Arsenal Reserves and they won 5-3. On Saturday the teams met again at Kenilworth-road and Luton made such a promising start that the spectators confidently expected a repeat of last season's result.

But Luton did not maintain their excellent beginning and Arsenal after an unhappy 20 minutes, gradually got back into the picture and eventually took such a grip on the game that they inflicted on Luton a heavier defeat than they have suffered for a long time.

In the first four minutes both Allen and Taylor were unlucky not to score and the Arsenal defence did not look at all sure against the quick-moving home attack who despite the mud, contrived to play attractive football.

Then, in the 29th minute, centre-forward Holton who had not been shining against the hard-tackling Dallas, drifted out to the right wing and centred for HAVERTY to bang the ball past Baynham and four minutes later WILKINSON scored a second goal to give Arsenal an interval lead that was, to say the least, flattering.

In the second half MacEwan and Kelly changed places and had Luton had a chance to settle down after the interval they might have pulled level but play had scarcely commenced before HERD—a £10,000 signing from Stockport—put Arsenal three up.

THREE MORE FOR ARSENAL

For the first time Luton looked like a well-beaten side and Arsenal threw everything into attack and added three more goals through HOLTON (2) and HAVERTY. Jones appeared to stop the ball on the goal-line when Holton scored his second goal, but the referee had no doubts about it and allowed it to stand.

Luton's consolation goal was obtained by ALLEN a few minutes from the end.

This was a disappointing result for, apart from the magnitude of the defeat, it was also their first in the Football Combination (Division I).

However they could offer few alibis and were soundly beaten by a side which adapted itself to the very heavy conditions much better than Luton. At one stage in the first half Luton tried to keep the ball much too close.

The defence had no answer to the Arsenal onslaught after the interval. The wing-halves were not so constructive as usual and there was little cohesion between any of the departments.

LUTON TOWN RESERVES: Baynham; Jones, Thompson; Watkins, Dallas, Smith; Cullen, MacEwan, Kelly, Allen, Taylor.

ARSENAL RESERVES: Sullivan; Wills, Evans; Oakes, Dodgin, Doughty; Walsh, Herd, Holton, Wilkinson, Haverty.

Greyhound Racing

DEAD HEAT IN THIRD RACE AT LUTON ON TUESDAY

There was a dead heat in the third race at Luton Stadium on Tuesday night when Absolute and Lucky Jim shared first place.

Only two favourites won. There were four winners for trap 6 — none for numbers 1 and 2.

I. (410 yards).—1, COFFEE BEAN (4); 2, Twilight (5); 3, Sally Ann (6); 4, Senator (3); 5, Max Future (1); 6, Jumbo (2). 12, 3, 4, 2. dist. 25.02. Off 7.44.

Betting: 5-2 COFFEE BEAN; 3-1 Twilight; 7-2 Sally Ann; 6-1 Senator, Max Future, Jumbo.

Forecast: £1 6s.

II. (470 yards).—1, PLASTERER (3); 2, Nut Brown (5); 3, Clearasmud (4); 4, Night Sky (6); 5, Rum Chicken (1); 6, Slipalong (2). ½, 2, head, 4, 3. 28.38. Off 8.01.

Betting: Evens Night Sky; 3-1 Clearasmud; 4-1 Nut Brown; 5-1 PLASTERER; 8-1 Rum Chicken; 10-1 Slipalong.

Forecast: £8 5s. 3d.

III. (410 yards).—1, ABSOLUTE (3) and LUCKY JIM (6) dead heat; 3, Cliff's Pal (5); 4, W.T.R. (1); 5, Jany (2); 6, Sun Blind (4). ½, 2½, 5, 4. 25.40. Off 8.18.

Betting: 5-4 W.T.R.; 4-1 ABSOLUTE; 5-1 LUCKY JIM, Sun Blind; 6-1 Jany; 8-1 Cliff's Pal.

Forecast: £1 6s. 6d., £1 6s. 6d.

IV. (410 yards).—1, BIG BEN (6); 2, Knocker (2); 3, Fillet (4); 4, Black Hawk (5); 5, Polite (1); 6, Tensing (3). 4, 4, 10, ½, ½. 24.56. Off 8.38.

Betting: 6-4 Tensing; 4-1 Fillet; 5-1 Knocker, Polite; 6-1 BIG BEN, Black Hawk.

Forecast: £3 8s. 3d.

V. (470 yards).—1, ALICE (6); 2, Jackdaw (2); 3, Golden Dollar (3); 4, Tipler (4); 5, Revue (1). 5, 2, 12, dist. 27.67. Non-runner Sir Garnett (5). Off 8.55.

Betting: 5-4 Jackdaw; 3-1 Golden Dollar; 7-2 ALICE; 8-1 Others.

Forecast: £1 5s 9d.

VI.— (410 yards).—1, ARM IN ARM (4); 2 Black Shadow (5); 3, Whitelea (3); 4, Ascot (2); 5, Joyful (1) 4, 3, 1, dist. 24.59. Non-runner Blue Sail (6). Off 9.12.

Betting: 5-4 Black Shadow; 9-4 ARM IN ARM; 5-1 Joyful, Whitelea; 6-1 Ascot.

Forecast: 10s. 9d.

VII. (470 yards).—1, KIT-KAT (6); 2, Defender (3); 3, Old Coat (4); 4, Red Cross (5); 5, Cabby (1); 6, Blanket (2). 3½, ½, 2, head. 4. 28.10. Off 9.30.

Betting: 5-2 KIT-KAT; 7-2 Red Cross; 4-1 Defender, Old Coat; 9-2 Blanket; 8-1 Cabby.

Forecast: £1 8s. 3d

VIII. (410 yards).—1, BOSTON BROWNIE (5); 2, Poacher (6); 3, The Builder (1); 4, Nigger (2); 5, Kerry Dancer (4); 6, Brickhill Lad (3). ½, 5, ½. 5. 25.06. Off 9.47.

Betting: 2-1 The Builder; 5-2 Kerry Dancer; 7-2 Poacher; 5-1 BOSTON BROWNIE. Nigger; 7-1 Brickhill Lad.

Forecast: £2 9s

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON ON SATURDAY.

6.30 (410 yds.)—F64 Dinky-Do, 262 Kyme, 322 Sporting Express, 136 Stardust, 421 Still Waiting, 154 Whipped Cream, reserve 364 Swan Song.

6.50 (470 yds.)—153 Dory's Pet, 331 Lynne, 435 Madhat, 342 Nobbler, 311 Rumous, 212 Silver Dollar, reserve 365 Bantam.

7.10 (410 yds.)—36 Blossom Time (Nov. 4, tp. 1, 24.53), 435 Crooner, 346 Dale, 3 Gordon, 243 Ronald, 625 Wallflower.

7.30 (410 yds.)—1 Digger Murphy, Double Six (Nov. 4, tp. 6, 24.45, Nov. 6, tp. 1, 24.57), 312 Gerald, 452 Legion, 421 Sammy, Tom Tiddler (Nov. 4, tp. 6, 24.51, Nov. 6, tp. 6, 24.57), reserve 336 George.

7.50 (470 yds.)—3 Grand Style (Nov. 6, tp. 5, 24.02), 541 Jackie, 114 Not Fast, 633 Santa Maria, 424 Scamp, 113 Something Short, reserve 131 Alice.

8.10 (410 yds.)—225 Hypon, Muscle Town (Nov. 4, tp. 3, 24.04), 232 Parlez-Vous, Thistle (Nov. 4, tp. 4, 24.35, Nov. 6, tp. 1, 24.26), 222 Vodo, 511 Widmer, reserve 131 Alice.

8.30 (470 yds.)—443 Gay Linda, 515 Jimmy's Lil, 2 Lester, 316 MacNab, 555 Mary's Son, 254 Red Head.

8.50 (410 yds.)—415 Buster, 3 Jill's Pet, Ken's Blue (Nov. 4, tp. 1, 24.63, Nov. 6, tp. 6, 24.57), 124 Rodney, 264 Royal Glen, 161 Sandown, reserve 541 Foxlaw.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Sporting Express (Whipped Cream, Stardust); 6.50 Dory's Pet (Silver Dollar, Rumous); 7.10 Wallflower (Ronald, Dale); 7.30 Digger Murphy (nap) (Gerald, Sammy); 7.50 Not Fast (Jackie, Something Short); 8.10 Widmer (Muscle Town, Vodo); 8.30 MacNab (Red Head, Lester); 8.50 Ken's Blue (Rodney, Sandown).

Golf

Ladies' Stableford

Winners of a Stableford Bogey competition for South Beds Ladies on Tuesday were: Silver Division: Mrs. Crew (4) 33 points. Bronze Division: Mrs. Ward (24) 28 points.

Rugby

ADAPTED THEIR PLAY TO CONDITIONS

Old Lutonians 16, Hendon 0

Adapting their play to suit the conditions, Old Lutonians gained a satisfactory victory over Hendon at Stockwood.

Conditions were just about as bad as possible and, considering the muddy, slippery pitch, greasy ball and poor light, the standard of play was remarkably high.

The Old Boys settled down quickly and built up an 11-points lead in the first 15 minutes. After this they never looked like being beaten.

Walters opened the scoring with a good try, which Adkins converted, and a few minutes later Adkins, maintaining his good kicking form, converted a penalty. Thurlow took the score to 11 when he touched down for an unconverted try.

For the remainder of the first half and for much of the second the struggle was even.

"Kick and follow up" was the order of the day but the defensive covering of both sides was so tight that there was no further score until a few minutes from the end, when Thorpe touched down between the Hendon posts and Heanue converted.

The Lutonians should be perfectly satisfied with a good, all-round display. Of the forwards, Young worked hard in the lines-out and Shepherd played intelligently.

In the back division, Pakes's kicking was a feature and, despite the slippery surface, the pace of Walters and Thorpe was always well in evidence.

and spirited back play, Metropolitan Police earned their success.

They scored in the first minute and again shortly after the interval.

Luton had little possession from the set scrums until after the pack was reshuffled at half-time.

Oakley and Swain were Luton's best players while Hammond, playing his first game of the season, did well.

MUD NO BAR TO OPEN PASSING

Metropolitan Police 6, Luton 0

Giving a grand display in a game in which deplorable conditions were no bar to open passing and spirited back play, Metropolitan Police earned their success.

PULLED DOWN ON THE LINE

Vauxhall Motors 0, Old Dunstablians 0

Thanks to the generosity of the Luton club this match was played on a neutral ground at Stockwood, and it developed into a fast surprisingly open game.

A draw was a fair result although Long was unlucky not to give the Motors the lead for he was pulled down right on the line.

The Vauxhall pack played well and their foot rushes were always dangerous. The back division, too, gave a very good display.

For Old Dunstablians, Hamilton at full back was a sound defender.

ATTACKS CAME TO A STICKY END

Huntington 0, Luton Extra "A" 0

This was a hard, even game, with the home forwards winning most of the set scrums and lines-out, but Luton's backs were more dangerous than Huntingdon's.

On a dry day Luton's crisp attacks would probably have put them on top, but handling conditions were very bad and many attacks came to a "sticky" end.

JUNIOR CUP HOLDERS BEATEN

Seven Luton and South Beds League clubs fought their way into the second round of the Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup as the result of last Saturday's matches, and two others will be concerned in replays on their home grounds this week.

In tussles with teams from the South Midlands League, they had the better of the argument, and Glendale brought off a smart performance by going to Bedford and beating St. Cuthbert's.

Last season's Junior Cup-winners, Bedfs. and Herts. Regt., fancied for a good run in this competition, were surprised by Laporte, who ran out winners by the odd goal.

Leagrave Ath. 2, Igranic 1.
Wrestlingworth 2, Dagnall 4.
Goldington Sports 2, Stewartby Works 0.
Flitwick Ath. 4, Clapham Sports 5.
Eaton Bray Utd. 3, Shillington 4.
Bells Park 6, AC-Delco 2.
Bedford St. Cuthbert's 1, Glendale 3.
Bedford N.E. 1, Arlesey Town Res. 4.
Woburn Ath. 6, Wootton B.C. 2.
R.A.F. Cardington 2, Luton Social 2.
Totternhoe 5, Leagrave B.L. 2.
Sandy Albions 1, Pioneer Corinthians 1.
Hunting Percival 0, Stopsley 4.
Leighton Utd. 2, Cranfield Utd. 3.
Stevington 4, Kempston Rovers 5.
Laporte 3, Bedfs. and Herts. Regt. 2.

TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE RESULTS

DIVISION I

Electrolux 8, Luton Old Boys' 2
Luton Boys' Club 1, Saints 9
Luton Old Boys' 8, Crusaders 2
St. Mary's 7, Rootes 3
Napier E.E. 6, Luton Boys' Club 4
Vauxhall 3, Judean 7
Judean 9, Napier E.E. 1
Saints 8, Electrolux 2

DIVISION II

Kent's 8, Naigo 2
SKF 6, Liberal Club 4
Electrolux 'A' 8, Crusaders 'A' 2
St. Mary's 'A' 10, Luton Gas 0
Vauxhall 'B' 9, Vauxhall 'A' 1

DIVISION III

Pulloxhill 4, Luton Old Boys' 'A' 6
Luton