Unchanged For The First Time

By Chiltern

HAMMERS ALSO SATISFIED FOR IMPORTANT MATCH

"It is about time that we had a settled team," said Manager Dally Duncan yesterday in announcing that the side that beat Liverpool would do duty in the important match with West Ham at the Boleyn Ground on Saturday.

Important because the Town are now within striking distance of the leading positions, only three points behind the top team, Blackburn Rovers, and a couple of points from the Hammers, who are three places behind them in the League table, would do much to establish them even more firmly in the promotion race.

This is the first time this season that the Town have been able to choose the same team for two consecutive matches.

Largely, this has been because of the injury position that obtained during the early weeks, but recently, there was a deal of chopping and changing in an attempt to solve the centre-forward problem.

Now that this seems to have been done with the maximum of success, the Town believe that they can figure prominently in the fight for a place in the First Division, a belief that is strengthened by the fact that George Cummins gave every promise last Saturday that he is back to the form that caused the Town to pay £12,000 for him from Everton.

Three Players Had Slight Injuries

NOT that everything is completely satisfactory about the team as its stands.

For instance, Jim Pemberton has yet to prove to the hilt that he is the man for Bob Morton's old job at right-half and Roy Davies has not been in his early season form in recent weeks, but the manager is wisely giving both an extended run and trying to avoid further changing.

Three players, Seamus Dunne, Wally Shanks and Gordon Turner all received slight knocks against Liverpool, but all have recovered and Dunne and Turner were both able to play in Tuesday's trial game.

For Shanks, there has been treatment and light training for a shoulder injury, but he will be fit for the visit to West Ham.

Invariably Put Up A Great Fight Here

AS last Saturday's game may have stirred up some of the enthusiasm that has been noticeably latent recently, the Town can expect to have a big following for what is their only remaining League visit to London and this is a ground on which they invariably put up a tremendous fight.

In ten meetings between the teams there, there has only once been more than one goal in it and that was in 1951-52, on Christmas Day, when the Hammers won by 3-0, a triumph that was short-lived because the Town extracted more than adequate revenge by winning 6-1 on the following day.

So, despite the Hammers' good home record — they have taken 12 points out of a possible 16— the Town can confidently expect to put up a good showing, based on previous results here.

Hammers Choose The Same Team, Too

So their line-up will be: **Baynham; Dunne, Aherne; Pemberton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner, Morton, Cummins, Adam.**

With a 3-0 win at Ipswich behind them, the Hammers will be confident and, having now removed the doubt about the fitness of their inside-left, Dick, who has been having treatment for a damaged ankle, they, too, chose an unchanged team yesterday. This is:

Taylor; Bond, Kinsell; Malcolm, Brown, O'Farrell; Hooper, Foan, Sexton, Dick, Andrews.

From the Luton point of view, the main point of interest about the team is that David Sexton, who had comparatively few senior chances when he was with the Town and those mainly at outside or inside-right, is holding down the centre-forward berth with complete success.

Draw Would Be A Good Performance

SO successful, in fact, has he been that he is their second leading scorer with nine goals, only one behind Dick, who leads the way.

With a potential England winger in Hooper in their side which has a well-balanced look about it, West Ham look formidable opposition on their own ground, and the Town will do well to return with a point.

If they can do that, then there will be grounds for satisfaction, especially as their next home game is against the leaders, Blackburn.

From the injury viewpoint, the Town manager is not so happy about his Reserve team which has a home match with Coventry City.

After two defeats, the Reserves are desperately anxious to strike winning form again, but, at this stage, it is impossible to even guess at the constitution of their forward line.

Three Forwards Are Doubtful Starters

THERE are doubts about the fitness of three players, and it is unlikely that there will be any final decision about the line-up until to-morrow.

Michael Cullen received a nasty kick just above the back of the ankle on Saturday, and, up to yesterday, was having treatment, and was out of training for this reason.

He is making progress, and is a possible starter, but there is a certain amount of doubt about it.

For some weeks, Peter MacEwan has been troubled by what has been thought to be sciatica, and it struck him so badly at West Ham that he had to be switched to the wing.

For him, too, there has been no training this week, and he was sent to hospital on Tuesday for a thorough examination.

Might Be Chance For An Untried Amateur

RESULT of this had not been received yesterday when it was not known whether he would be available for the game with Coventry.

Further complicating the position is the fact that John Groves is still having treatment for the strained groin muscle he felt after the game with Notts County but there are reasonable hopes that he will be fit and he is probably the most likely of the three to be in the line-up.

So far as forwards are concerned, the Town have little or nothing in the way of resources which they can call upon from their "A" team and, if the worst comes to the worst, they might have to put in an untried amateur or two.

Doubts Underline The Town's Need

THIS is a position that has been envisaged for some time, hence the widespread search that has gone on with the accent mainly on forwards.

Possibly what the Town need most urgently at the moment is experienced, young reinforcements for their third team, since the departure of forwards such as Jesse Pye, Bert Mitchell and Joe Scott has meant a severe drain on resources which the "A" team has been feeling most.

Doubts about this week's position underlines the need but the Town now have a very good idea about the current transfer market position on which they are extremely well briefed should they decide to make an entry into it.

Possibly for the moment this will not be necessary, but they are very much prepared for it.

Overnight Trip For The Youth Team

DATE of the Town's next round match in the F.A. Youth Challenge Cup, when they are called upon to visit Stoke City, has been fixed for December 4 and, by a coincidence, on the same day the Town first team are due to visit neighbouring Port Vale.

Not that they will be able to see their youth players in action, for the fact that the kick-off at Stoke is timed for 11 o'clock, means that the youth team will have an overnight journey.

However, it has been arranged that they will watch the first team in the afternoon. On the face of things, Stoke will be tough opposition, for they reached this round by way of a 14—1 victory over Kidderminster.

On the previous Saturday the Vauxhall youth team, which has had such marked success so far, visits R.A.F. Halton in the same round, and, by a coincidence, these are the only two remaining teams in the competition not connected with a professional club.

Vauxhall In Repeat Of A Cup Final

FOR senior local amateur clubs, the first round of the Bedfordshire Senior Cup will hold most interest on Saturday and the draw has produced a repeat of last season's final in which Vauxhall Motors beat Shefford by 2—1 after an exciting struggle on the Town ground.

Vauxhall have ground advantage in this instance, but they will find Shefford, leaders of the South Midlands League's Premier Division, difficult to beat.

However, Vauxhall are well placed for a championship bid in the Spartan League and they will be reinforced by the return of Tony Gregory, whom youth matches have kept out of the team so many times this season.

Gregory Will Be In The Middle

AFTER two games in the middle, Gordon Todd is moving to inside-right again in place of Sinfield, and Gregory will be leading the front line.

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

Also in this competition, Kent's Athletic are meeting fellow South Midlands Leaguers in Cranfield United by whom they were defeated 3—1 at Cranfield earlier this season.

However, Kent's now have ground advantage which may be sufficient to tip the scales in their favour and they will go into this tussle with an unchanged team for the third consecutive match.

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

Barton's Chance Of Tilt At "Giants"

THIS competition gives Barton Rovers, a Luton and South Beds League team for so long and in their first season in Division II of the South Midlands League, the chance of a tilt at one of the "giants," for they are home to the Premier Division side, AC-Delco.

An all-Luton clash is provided by the meeting of Electrolux and Skefko Athletic and there is an opportunity for Hunting Percival to show that they can hold their own with Premier Division members, for they are at home to Potton United.

In the previous round, the Luton side did extremely well to knock out the strong R.A.F. Henlow team at the second attempt.

Half-Back Changes By The Old Boys

JUDGING by their recent performances, Old Lutonians R.F.C. are now back in their best form of last season and they should add to their string of successes when they receive Gidea Park at Stockwood on Saturday.

Two changes, both at half-back, are necessary from last Saturday's winning team. Clive Folland returns at scrum-half and, with Alan Pakes not available, Garry Grimshaw is brought up from the "A" XV to fill the fly-half position.

Team: Yorke; Walters, Thorpe, Fensome, Thurlow; Grimshaw, Folland; Adkins, Vaughan, Shepherd, Young, Heanue, Cato, Kelly, Packwood.

DAVE SEXTON, former Luton player, who is now leading the West Ham attack.

South Midlands League

DAVIS ARE HAPPIER NOW

Upset Form Book Against Electrolux

Most results went according to form in the South Midlands League on Saturday, but there were two surprises in Division I. Here, Davis Athletic, who have been having a most unhappy time following their promotion from Division II, upset the form book completely by beating powerful local rivals, Electrolux, away from home.

Electrolux cannot afford to lose many more matches if they hope to keep up with Langford and Hunting Percival, top two teams in this division.

Another surprise was the defeat of Luton Town "B" by Bletchley B.B.O.B. The young Town players did not go down without a struggle, however, but were eventually beaten 3-2 at Bletchley.

Shefford Town and Ampthill Town, "big two" in the Premier Division, both did the expected and won their matches with AC-Delco and Marston Shelton and Potton United inflicted another defeat on lowly Biggleswade Town.

Shefford now lead from Ampthill by three points but Ampthill have a game in hand. Level on points with Ampthill, but having played 13 games, are Dunstable Town but, surprisingly for a team occupying such a position, they have conceded more goals than they have scored.

Both Shillington and Barton Rovers won in Division II and Shillington, the leaders, did well to beat Bedford St. Cuthbert's 4-0.

Shillington and Barton are both in their first season in this League and are faring very well. At the moment, they are in first and second places in Division II.

PREMIER DIVISION

AC-Delco 1, Shefford Town 2.
Ampthill Town 7, Marston Shelton 3.
Biggleswade Town 1, Potton United 5.
Cranfield United 3, Kent's Athletic 1.
Dunstable Town 5, Stotfold 2.
Wootton Blue Cross 1, Hitton 0.

DIVISION I

Queen's Works 5, Rootes Sports 6.
Bletchley B.B.O.B. 3, Luton Town "B" 2.
Electrolux 1, Davis Athletic 2.
Elstow Abbey 2, Langford 3.
Hunting Percival Athletic 3, Eaton Bray United 2.
Skefko Athletic 2, Bletchley L.M.S. 1.
Tickford Sports 10, Waterlow's 1.

DIVISION II

Barton Rovers 6, Lynton Works 2.
Bedford North End 0, Stewartby Works 2.
Bletchley Centre 8, Flitwick Athletic 1.
Shillington 4, Bedford St Cuthberts 0.

RESERVE SECTION

Flitwick Athletic 0, Cranfield United 2.
Marston Shelton 1, Ampthill Town 7.
Pearstree Old Boys 3, AC-Delco 1.
Shefford Town 8, Bletchley B.B.O.B. 0.

HARD FIGHTS IN JUNIOR CUP

Sundon Park Taken To Extra Time

There were some hard fights in the Bedfordshire Junior Cup (Southern Section) first round matches, which were played on Saturday.

The game between Glendale Reserves and Stanbridge and Tilsworth was abandoned during extra time with the score 4-4, and Sundon Park only defeated Skefko by the odd goal of five after the game had gone to extra time.

This was one of the surprises, as Sundon Park did very well in this competition last season, are unbeaten in the Luton District and South Beds League this season, and have one of the most prolific scoring forward lines in this class of football.

Kent's Athletic Reserves, considered in many quarters to have a very good chance of reaching the final, experience no difficulty in disposing of Johansson, and another team which is doing well are Luton Spartans—newcomers to Luton League this season.

Their latest victims in the Cup competition were Luton-road Athletic.

RESULTS

Cardington 3, Bedford Telephones 5
Dulop and Eaton 4 Mellis 0
Glendale Reserves 4 Stanbridge and Tilsworth 4 (abandoned during extra time)
Harrold United 2, Stotfold Reserves 1
Johansson 2, Kent's Ath. Reserves 4
Leagrave Press 1, Houghton Rangers 3
Leighton Ath. 6 Luton Social Res 0
Luton Brewery 6, Toddington Rovers Reserves 3
Luton Road Ath. 1, Luton Spartans 2
Mogerhanger 1, Ickwell and Old Warden 3
Silsoe 5, M.V.B. Brogborough 8
Sundon Park 3, Skefko Ath 2 (after extra time)
Warden Hill Ath 2, Leighton Rangers 1
Woburn Sands 1, Carlton Utd. 4.

LEADERS WON CONVINCINGLY

Full Programme In Chiltern Youth League

There was a full programme in the Chiltern Youth League on Saturday when the four teams who are making the running in the 14/18 Section, Skefko, Vauxhall, Biscot Mill and Limbury Old Boys, won convincingly.

14-16

POYNTERS-ROAD 4 (Hawes 2, Blowers, Clarke), LIMBURY O.B. 4 (McLaughlin, Westwood, Cornwell, Hall).
WATERLOW-ROAD 2 (James 2), LUTON HOTSPUR 6 (Dolly 4, Mardle, Bowron).
VAUXHALL MINORS 5 (Rees 3, Briggs, Gatward), OLD BEDFORD-ROAD 4 (Deane 2, Else, Blake).

14-18

LIMBURY O.B. 6 (King 2, Pain 2, Head, Holloway), D.Y.P.S. 2 (Kempson, Fenney).
LUTON BOYS CLUB 1 (Thompson), SHILLINGTON 4 (Butts 3, Ansell).
CENTRAL YOUTH 1, VAUXHALL JUNIORS 8 (Williamson 2, McGill 2, Harris, Grisch, Davies, Hall).
SKEFKO 5 (Hardwell 2, Bennam 2, Simms), LUTON HOTSPUR 4 (Henry 2, Trotter, Crawley).
BISCOT MILL 6 (Lawson 3, Price 3, Dames, Garey), OLD BEDFORD-ROAD O.B. 4 (North 2, Bowser, Cooper).
FARLEY HILL B.C. 2 (Farmer, Oakes), HOUGHTON RANGERS 5 (Coles 2, Furness House, opponent).

NINE FROM LUTON LEAGUE STILL IN

As a result of two Bedfordshire Intermediate Cup replays on Saturday two more Luton District and South Beds League teams join the seven who have already fought their way into the second round.

Both Luton Social and Pioneer Corinthians beat opposition from the northern end of the county at their second attempt.

REPLAY RESULTS

Luton Socia. 4, R.A.F. Cardington 2
Pioneer Corinthians 3, Sandy Albion 2.

NO PUNCH IN ATTACK

Defence Nearly Kept A Point

WEST HAM RES. 1
LUTON TOWN RES. .. 0

Hopes that the Town Reserves would make as successful a bid for the Football Combination championship as they did last season have had a setback in the last two matches, both of which have been lost.

Stubborn defensive play at the Boleyn Ground on Saturday could not save them a point against the "Hammers," though the Town thought they were most unlucky in the way in which they conceded the only goal.

This happened 18 minutes from the end, when, in a ferocious West Ham raid, Streten had the ball literally kicked out of his hands and DIXON was on hand to put the ball into the net for a goal which the Town claimed should have been disallowed.

Throughout the match, the accent was on defence, with the Town playing extremely well in this department, but there was much disappointment about the form of the forward line.

Although there was some neat midfield play at times, little punch was evident in front of goal and both Allen and Kelly missed scoring chances before the "Hammers" obtained their belated lead.

To some extent, the attack was disorganised by the fact that MacEwan had a recurrence of sciatica, which led him to switch with Cullen early in the game, and Cullen was the best of the front line, with the others giving only a moderate showing.

The "Hammers," too, had to make a switch following an injury to Nelson (W), who went to outside-right.

Outstanding parts were played by the Town's full-backs, Jones and Thompson, with the former showing some fine football and Thompson shutting out Southren, a winger whom many clubs would like to be able to include in their first teams.

Behind them, Streten was never in trouble, and there was a strong showing from the half-back line, in which Watkins was in his best form, and Dallas, gaining steadily in experience from playing in this class of football, always difficult to pass. Smith, however, had a patchy sort of game.

WEST HAM RES.: Gregory; Nelson (W), Cantwell; Parker, Nelson (A), Allison; Southren, Barrett, Dixon, Matthews, Musgrove.

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

LIVERPOOL DID A CONJURING TRICK

Made Lead Disappear, But Town Hit Back Again

By Chiltern

LUTON TOWN ..... 3 LIVERPOOL 2

An amazing rally by Liverpool, helped on by a couple of goals that should never have occurred, nearly deprived the Town of a home point after they had put themselves in an extremely strong position and looked to be all set for their biggest victory of the season.

The transformation came within three minutes early in the second half when the Town were two goals up —a lead that under-rated their first half superiority —and looking very much like obtaining more successes.

Then, a forward line that had played some neat football in midfield but had not shown a deal of life in front of goal broke away to gain a corner.

These awards have frequently proved fatal to the Town in the past, but there seemed no reason for fear about this one which was not even accurately placed.

Unfortunately, Baynham decided that it was his ball and came well out of his goal to try to gain possession. He failed to do so and Anderson turned the ball towards the goal, now guarded by Pemberton and Dunne.

Had Pemberton allowed it to go through Dunne was in a position to clear but he decided that the situation was sufficiently serious to merit a handling offence and a penalty followed.

From this, LIDDELL drove the ball through at a terrific pace to give Liverpool their first glimpse of the possibility of saving the match.

REMOTE CHANCE CAME OFF

Even then it must have seemed to them very remote chance, but they persevered, and three minutes later came another unexpected goal when EVANS made a speculative sort of centre-cum-shot from the right wing and the ball which came across awkwardly, eluded Baynham and went in off the inside of the post.

For a few minutes after this, there was a distinct danger that Liverpool would go ahead for the Town were rattled which was understandable in the completely changed circumstances and it took them some time to regain their stride.

When they did, there was further trouble for the visiting defence, and, after Morton had struck the foot of the post, Ashcroft failed to hold a hard drive from Turner and ADAM was on hand to turn the rebound into the net.

So, in the end the Town obtained their just reward, for there was no doubt they were the better more methodical team and they deserved to hold more than a 2-0 interval lead.

The slow, hesitant Liverpool defence, always unsafe under pressure had a shocking first half when they were almost torn to pieces by the thrust of the home forwards and MORTON scored both goals in the 17th and 24th minutes.

One came with a deceptive shot probably intended for a centre, and the other when he dashed in to take advantage of a misunderstanding between Ashcroft and Hughes.

How Liverpool escaped further reverses was a mystery, for the Town forwards had a goal-hungry look. Turner hit a post, Morton missed by inches, and the visiting goal always seemed to be facing imminent disaster.

Some tightening up occurred in their defence after the interval, but it was those two swift blows that gave Liverpool confidence to make a fight of it, and the Town the scare of their lives.

Goals are coming more consistently from the forwards now, and much of it is due to the leadership of Morton, who has settled down finely in the middle.

Cummins, showing much-improved form, and the elusive Adam, formed a well-balanced left wing, and the thrustful, hard-shooting Turner was another from whom Liverpool could expect danger.

With his best form still eluding him, Davies was the least effective of the attack, but he was very lively when he had a spell inside after his partner had been slightly injured.

Because he is liable to be measured by the yardstick of Morton's form at right-half, Pemberton faces a difficult task in this position, and there was not complete satisfaction about his showing.

Yet, the defence as a whole was untroubled until Liverpool suddenly found things running their way, and Liddell was seldom out of Owen's grip.

Rarely, either, was the industrious Shanks beaten, and with Dunne and Aherne sound enough, there was little scope for the Liverpool front line as a whole.

Because of the manner in which the goals came, this was not quite the sort of come-back Baynham would have chosen, but the rest of his work was competent.

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

LIVERPOOL: Ashcroft; Lambert, Lock; Saunders, Hughes, Twentyman; Jackson, Anderson, Liddell, Evans, Acourt.

Referee: C. W. Kingston, Newport.

TOP TEAMS CLASHED IN TWO VITAL MATCHES

Bells Park And Sundon Park Res. Have Increased Their Lead

Two top-of-the-table matches, results of which may have a decided bearing on the final positions in Luton and South Beds League, were played on Saturday.

In one, Bells Park, Division I leaders, beat Luton Town "C" and so increased their advantage over them to three points and, in Division IV, Sundon Park Reserves, by gaining their tenth consecutive victory, shattered the 100-per-cent record of Wilsden Athletic and, at the moment, stand nine points clear of any other team.

Bells Park have been most consistent, for they have dropped only one point in eight matches and this was only the second defeat for the Town "C".

Not that the race in this Division is anything approaching a two-horse affair, for Leagrave Athletic, Laporte and Electrolux are all close up.

At the other end of the scale, Shillington "A" obtained their first brace of points this season, but they were at the expense of Luton United Hospitals, who have been chopping blocks for everybody and this was their ninth defeat in a row and they have still to earn themselves a point.

PREMIER LEAD CHANGES

The lead changed in the Premier Division, as it was bound to do whenever either Stopsley or Glendale had a match. On this occasion it was Glendale, who had a good win at Tottenhoe as a result of which they took over top position from Pioneer Corinthians who, although they are level on points have played two games more.

These teams each have ten points, and they are followed by four teams all on the eight points mark including Stopsley who along with Sundon Park Reserves, boast the only 100 per cent records left in the League.

At the seventh attempt Napier Sports, last season's champions, secured their first victory which only served to increase the troubles of Eaton Bray Reserves, finding their first season in the Premier Division tough going, for they have lost all their eight games.

Because of Intermediate Cup replays two Premier matches had to be postponed and in the remaining one, Toddington and West Park shared equally six goals.

HAYWARD TYLER'S FIGHT

Junior Cup-ties reduced the Division II fixtures to a solitary one but there was a fairly full programme in Division III where the leaders Hayward Tyler found a hard fight on their hands for the third consecutive week.

This time Barton Woodworking ran them to the odd goal after holding the lead at half-time and although Hayward Tyler's position looks comfortable enough, their recent form does not bear that out, although they have dropped only one point out of 18.

Meanwhile, they are likely to face a strong challenge in the near future especially from Boys' Brigade O.B., double figure scorers on Saturday and among others from Luton Spartans, who are now five points behind, but have two games in hand.

Wilsden certainly gave Sundon Park Reserves their hardest game of the season, as is reflected by the 2-1 margin which was all this free-scoring team could obtain.

PREMIER DIVISION

TODDINGTON ROVERS 3 (Buckingham 3), WEST PARK 3 (Wesley, Devenish, Dickens).
EATON BRAY 1 (Burrows), NAPIER SPORTS 7 (Duffy 3, Welham 3, Field).
TOTTERNHOE 0, GLENDALE 3 (Curson, Thompson, Allen).

DIVISION I

LUTON UNITED HOSPITALS 0, SHILLINGTON "A" 6 (A. Robinson 3, H. Robinson, Hare, Willson).
HOCKLIFFE 7 (Millburn 3, Scott 2, Hines, Burgess), ENGLISH ELECTRIC 2 (Eaton 2).
ELECTROLUX 4 (Olney 3, Wright), LILLEY RANGERS 1 (Mitchell).
LAPORTE 4 (Horsley 2, Lamb, Smith), STOPSLEY RES 2 (Brestin, Clarke).
WEST PARK RES 2 (Gunnell 2), LEAGRAVE ATH 12 (Tansley 5, Sing 2, Dackombe 2, Cloke, Clarkson, Bailey).
LUTON TOWN "C" 2 (Hansard, Nelson), BELLS PARK 4 (Skinner 2, Pickering, White).

DIVISION II

HUNTING PERCIVAL 1 (Miller), OLD LUTONIANS 3 (Parrott 2, Hayes).

DIVISION III

WALCOT ATH 2 (Tingey, Hyde), BIDWELL 1 (Bird).
LEAGRAVE B.L. "A" 4 (Jackson 2, Blair 2), SHAW AND KILBURN 7.
HUNTING PERCIVAL APP. 5 (Norcott 2, Beasley, Taylor, Ashby), SUNDON O.B. 3.
NAPIER APP. 0, BOYS' BRIGADE O.B. 11 (Clifton 5, Lake 2, Young 2, Parsons, Glenister).
BARTON WOODWORKING 1 (Kime), HAYWARD TYLER 2 (Simpson, Newton).
ALLIANCE FOUNDRY 5 (R. Smith 2, A. Smith, Brandon, Willis), BARTON ROVERS 4 (Gutteridge 3, Coles).

DIVISION IV

LILLEY RANGERS RES 1 (Brown), VILLA ROVERS 6 (Bland 3, Collett 1, Smith opponent).
ENGLISH ELECTRIC RES 3 (Wilkins 3), BOYS' BRIGADE O.B. RES 1 (Todd).
GIDEAN ATH 4 (Smith, Radon, Litchfield, Howe), LUTON O.B 2 (Basterfield 2).
WILSDEN ATH. 1 (Short), SUNDON PARK RES. 2 (Lake, Robins).
ROOTES SPORTS 1, WALDEN RANGERS 1 (Goodge).

ONLY THEIR SECOND VICTORY

Les Hall Made All The Difference

Windsor and Eton 2, Luton Town "A" 3

Inclusion of Leslie Hall at centre-half in the "A" team had the desired effect, for his influence and experience brought the required effect and, after a long spell without a victory, the Town gained what was only their second success of the season.

On a pitch that resembled a quagmire, the Town still contrived to play some clever football and LOASBY gave them a lead which was wiped out by GRANT before half-time.

With a goal by CLARK, the Town went ahead again and FLINT increased their advantage from a penalty before HENDERSON, a centre-forward who had a short spell with the Town shortly before the war, completed the scoring.

Hall was the outstanding figure on the field but received good support from the other half-backs, particularly from Norman who continually found the speedy Meads with cross-field passes.

The South African Petersen at outside-left this time again gave a promising display and the forwards were better together than has been the case recently, with Loasby a dangerous leader.

LUTON TOWN "A": A. Collier; A. Cummings, Hawkes; McGuffie, Hall, G. Norman; R. Meads, H. Clark, Loasby, A. Flint, P. Petersen.

Rugby

COMPLIMENT RETURNED BY OLD BOYS

But Must Not Relax Too Soon

Old Cantabrigians 6, Old Lutonians 32

A few years ago Old Cantabrigians inflicted upon Old Lutonians the heaviest defeat in their history. At Cambridge on Saturday the Luton side returned the compliment, but the game was not so one-sided as the score suggests.

The Lutonians quickly discovered that their hosts were not the powerful side of previous years, and attacking strongly from the start, soon held a commanding lead.

Twice in the first five minutes Thorpe broke through the centre in fine style, first sending Thurlow across in the corner and then carrying on to touch down himself. Heanue converted both tries—one with a brilliant kick from the touchline.

Hesitant tackling allowed the Cantabrigians to reduce their arrears with an unconverted try, but, before half-time, the Luton team went further ahead through Pakes (try) and Heanue (penalty).

The home side started the second half in more determined style and held the initiative for long periods.

At this stage the visitors—particularly the pack—fell into the trap of playing as if the game was already won but they were wakened from their complacency after being penned in their own half for long periods.

They increased the lead when Thorpe scored a fortunate try against the run of play, and Adkins added the extra points. Cantabrigians never recovered from this blow and their remaining efforts resulted only in a penalty goal. Towards the end the Lutonians once again touched their best form and added tries by Thurlow and Bracey. Adkins converted one and also scored a penalty goal.

The Lutonians, who appear to be saving their better displays for away games, played very well at times, and the thrust of their three-quarters was never really countered by the home side. But the Old Boys must learn not to relax until after the final whistle.

KEPT THEIR LINE INTACT AGAIN

Vauxhall Avenged A Defeat

Vauxhall Motors 8, Camelots 0

Despite atrocious conditions—much of the ground was waterlogged—both sides played enterprising football and after a hard game Vauxhall avenged a defeat suffered three weeks ago.

At first the Motors were forced to defend desperately, but gradually they settled down and started several good passing movements which were stopped either by good tackling, the ball being dropped, or by players being bogged down in the mud.

Ten minutes from the end Vauxhall went ahead when Lindsay Price took the ball in his stride after a kick for the corner by Mike Long, and dived over. Owen converted with a good kick.

The second half developed into a forward battle. Play swept from end to end and finally Vauxhall scored again when Long intercepted a wild pass from the Camelot serum half and touched down. Owen's kick hit the post.

For the second consecutive week Vauxhall kept their line intact. This was largely due to the good tackling of their three-quarters. Giles, the Motors' hooker, was one of Vauxhall's most effective players.

PLAYED WELL WITH 14 MEN

Huntingdon 24, Vauxhall Motors 'A' 3

Vauxhall 'A' were a man short but they gave a very good performance, particularly in the first half for they reached the interval all square — three points each.

In the second half Huntingdon's numerical superiority gave them the advantage and they added five more tries, three of which were converted.

Buckingham obtained Vauxhall's points with a well taken penalty. Sweeney and Davies played well.

OTHER RESULTS

Luton 3, Wasps 'A' 11
Wasps Extras 'A' 0, Luton 'A' 0
Luton Extra 'A' 11, Wasps 'B' 5.

Golf

HOLE IN ONE IN UNUSUAL MANNER

Did It After Going Out Of Bounds

When playing in a knock-out tournament at Dunstable Downs on Saturday a player holed his tee shot under very remarkable circumstances.

When playing the 9th hole (130 yards), T. Thomas cut his tee shot out of bounds. His opponent, B. Bright, played his tee shot on to the green, but, not to be dismayed, Thomas played a second ball counting three and holed it for a total score of three.

His opponent took the usual two putts and only halved the hole.

Thomas went on to win the game fairly comfortably.

MRS. DYSON WILL BE NEW CAPTAIN

Mrs. A. F. Dyson was elected Captain of the ladies' section of South Beds Golf Club at the annual meeting on Monday. Mrs. V. Jorey will be vice-captain.

Mrs. M. Crew and Mrs. L. F. Hill were re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, respectively, and Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Janes and Mrs. Strange will fill vacancies on the committee.

Replicas were presented to the following cup holders: Cook Charity Trophy, Mrs. A. J. Bunnage; Lye Trophy, Mrs. C. B. Cleveley; Warren Trophy, Mrs. L. Ward; Church Trophy, Mrs. C. B. Cleveley; Godfrey Cup, Mrs. C. W. Thompson; Clark Trophy, Mrs. L. Ward; Silver Division Trophy, Mrs. K. Woods; Bronze Division Trophy, Mrs. D. Mead; Woods Foursome Trophy, Mrs. M. Crew and Mrs. I. G. Robinson.

The meeting was concluded with a dinner.

Three Brothers Final

In the final of the Three Brothers' Trophy — a knock-out competition for players aged 45 or over — at Dunstable Downs on Saturday, R. P. Dellar (15) beat H. Brandon (15) 2 and 1.

SUPERIORITY WAS UNDOUBTED

Yet The Winner Came Very Late

Letchworth Town 3, Vauxhall Motors 4.

Result of this game was in doubt until the closing stages, when TODD scored the winner, but there was never any doubt about Vauxhall's superiority, and they should have won more convincingly.

Although the home side scored first through STEIL, BRANDHAM equalised after Todd worked an opening. There was no further score until after the interval, when TODD and BRANDHAM gave the Motors a deserved 3—1 lead.

But Leichworth hit back and equalised through BERRY and STEIL, and it was not until Todd snatched the winner that Vauxhall were sure of both Spartan League points.

The Leichworth forwards were nippy and fast, and they tested Cullis on several occasions, but the Luton team impressed as the more workmanlike combination.

OVERCAME INJURY BLOW

Vauxhall Progress In F.A. Youth Cup

Vauxhall Motors Colts 7, Eynesbury Rovers 1

Despite an injury to Brian Whitby which made him a passenger for most of the game Vauxhall Colts experienced little difficulty at the expense of Eynesbury Rovers in this F.A. Youth Challenge Cup match.

A solid defence, in which C. Field was outstanding, gave the Eynesbury forwards little scope and the Motors' forwards found many gaps in the visitors' defence.

First goal came after 10 minutes when GREGORY converted a penalty. A few minutes later TOMLINSON increased the lead but NEWMAN reduced Eynesbury's arrears during a goalmouth mix-up.

That was the only chance Eynesbury had, however for before the interval TOMLINSON and WALLER increased the Motors' lead and in the second half further goals were obtained by GREGORY (2) and WALLER.

Gregory was a fine schemer for Vauxhall.

In the next round, to be played on November 27th, Vauxhall meet R.A.F. Halton and the winners of this match enter the last 16 in the competition.

Vauxhall Colts and R.A.F. Halton are the only two clubs left in the competition that are not sponsored by professional clubs.

Greyhound Racing

DOGS CAUGHT THE HARE AT LUTON ON TUESDAY

The first race was declared void at Luton Stadium on Tuesday because the dogs caught the hare at the first bend due to a mechanical hitch.

I. Race void. Dogs caught hare on first bend.

II. (410 yards).—1, JULIE'S BOY (6); 2, Skip It (1); 3, Firefly (2); 4, Kye (5); 5, Wee Chris (4); 6, Egg Cup (3). 7, head, 2, 3, 4. 28.74. Off 8.02.

Betting: 5-2 JULIE'S BOY, Kye; 3-1 Wee Chris; 6-1 Firefly, Egg Cup; 8-1 Skip It.

Forecast: £7 14s. 9d.

III. (410 yards). — 1, KNOCKER (5); 2, Poacher (6); 3, Mad Swinney (4); 4, Tic-Tac (1); 5, Speckled Band (3); 6, Chevalier (2). 14, ½, 2, ½, 10. 24.68. Off 8.21.

Betting: Evens KNOCKER, 4-1 Poacher; 5-1 Mad Swinney, Speckled Band; 7-1 Tic-Tac, Chevalier.

Forecast: 9s. 3d.

IV. (410 yards).—1, OLD COAT (6); 2, Nut Brown (1); 3, Whitelea (4); 4, Bert Cert (5); 5, Trial Spin (3); 6, Night Sky (2). Head, 3, ½, ½, ½. 25.13. Off 8.40.

Betting: 5-4 Whitelea; 7-2 OLD COAT; 5-1 Nut Brown; 7-1 Night Sky; 8-1 Bert Cert; 10-1 Trial Spin.

Forecast: £2 2s. 3d.

V. (470 yds).—1, FILLET (1); 2, Joyful (5); 3, Very Game (3); 4, Longfellow (2); 5, Red Cross (4); 6, Cynic (6). 3, 2, 1, ½, 1. 28.26. Off 8.59.

Betting: 6-4 FILLET; 4-1 Very Game, Cynic; 5-1 Joyful; 7-1 Red Cross; 8-1 Longfellow.

Forecast: £2 17s. 6d.

VI. (410 yards).—1, SANTA MARIA (5); 2, Alice (3), reserve; 3, Black Shadow (1); 4, Jinky (4); 5, Arm In Arm (6). 1, 1½, 3, 2. 24.58. Non-runners Ida (2), Blue Sail (3). Off 9.19.

Betting: 2-1 Alice; 7-2 Jinky; 4-1 SANTA MARIA, Black Shadow; 9-2 Arm In Arm.

Forecast: £2 13s. 0d.

VII (470 yards).—1, BLACKBIRD (6); 2, Coffee Bean (4); 3, Queen (1); 4, Bantam (5); 5, Mitzi (3); 6, Misty (3). 2, 8, 8, dist., dist. 28.71. Off 9.37.

Betting: 6-4 Misty; 5-2 Coffee Bean; 6-1 BLACKBIRD; 7-1 Queen; 8-1 Bantam; 10-1 Mitzi.

Forecast: £2 1s. 0d.

VIII. (410 yards).—1, KERRY DANCER (6); 2, Quality Street (4); 3, Mary Ann (3); 4, The Builder (4); 5, Snowflake (1). 6, 1, 1, 8. 25.10. Non-runner Clearasmud (5). Off 9.53.

Betting: 6-4 KERRY DANCER; 5-2 Snowflake; 4-1 The Builder; 6-1 Quality Street, Mary Ann.

Forecast: £1 2s. 0d.

In the Luton Pictorial the starting price of Alice, winner of the sixth race on Saturday, November 13, was returned in error. The correct price was 2-1.

RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR LUTON ON SATURDAY

6.30 (410 yds)—235 Jazy, 556 Lullaby, 523 Needy Friend, 56 Norooz, 626 Sun Blind, 364 Swan Song, reserve 646 Dinky-Do.

6.50 (470 yds) 5 Blossom Time, 354 Crooner, 541 Foulaw, 5, Ken's Blue, 1 Blackbird, 432 Ronald, reserve 163 MacNab.

7.10 (410 yds)—156 Bunter 532 Dory's Pet, 152 Jimmy's Lil, 335 Polite, 146 River Side, 546 Red Head, reserve 642 Royal Glen.

7.30 (410 yds)—311 Kit-Kat, 566 Pet Lip, 241 Rodney, 211 Sammy, 531 Fillet, 4 Thistle.

7.50 (470 yds)—311 Alice, 21 Chico, 412 Jackie, 231 Patrick M, 121 Red Hill, 241 Scamp.

8.10 (410 yds)—211 Big Ben, 255 Hypon, 155 Our Tan, 134 Something Short, Tizer (Oct 21, up 6, 24.33, Nov 9 up 6, 24.69) 113 Widmer.

8.30 (470 yds)—14 Digger Murphy, 6 Double Six, 6 Tenving, 431 Gay Linda, 523 Legion, 351 Madhat, reserve 533 All White.

8.50 (410 yds)—116 Charmaine, 131 Lucky Jim, 124 Nigger, 125 Silver Dollar, 54f Whipped Cream, 44 W.T.R., reserve 422 Nobbler.

SELECTIONS

6.30 Lullaby (Norooz, Sun Blind); 6.50 Blackbird (n a p) (Crooner, Blossom