# DOUBT ABOUT ADAM, SO NO RISK WILL BE TAKEN

With a doubt still existing about the fitness of Jim Adam, it looks very much as if the Town will be unchanged for the first of their holiday matches, the visit of Hull City to Kenilworth-road on Christmas

Adam was examined by a specialist earlier this week, with the result that the earlier diagnosis of a strained knee ligament was confirmed and also brought the good news that there is no damage to the cartilage

"If there is any doubt at all, Hull would have been in a dif-it is much better to leave him ferent position, for they have out because we do not want to take any risks at this vital period," said Manager Dally Duncan, who would have been faced with a ticklish situation,

On his showing at Nottingham, Michael Cullen deserves to stay in the team, for he showed a much greater appreciation of what is needed at outside-left. and suggested that he can settle down in the position,

He has not the speed of Adam, but much of his approach work was very well done, and he had a hand in at least two of the

### Town's Bright Chance Of A Good Holiday

SO, unless there is a late change of mind caused by Adam making unexpected progress, the Town line-up will be:

Baynham; Dunne, Aherne; Pemberton, Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner, Morton, Cum-Wally Shanks received a nasty

crack on the shin during the first half of the game with the Forest, but it has not prevented him from doing normal training this At holiday periods when in-

juries, or freedom from them, can play such a leading part, precon-ceived ideas can change radically, but, judging by recent form, the Town should hold a bright from their meetings with Hull.

# Boothferry Park Has

Been Lucky For Town IF they do not win on Saturday, then it will be a major surprise and their record at Boothferry Park is such that it must

encourage them to hope for suc-Cess in this direction, too.

Only once on five previous visits there have the Town come away unrewarded, and they can look back on three consecutive victories on this spacious ground.

These were by 2-1, 2-0 and 2-1, and their only defeat was by 5-3 in a rousing match in the 1950-51 season. Before that, they I draw incre,

In the last two seasons the Town have completed the double over Hull, and if -y could repeat the dose on this occasion they might well find themselves at the top of the Second Division when all the Christmas excitement

#### has evaporated, Hull Slumped After A Fine Start

AFTER a bright start to the season, as the result of which they looked like having a big say in the promotion struggle, Hull have slumped into the lower half of the table and stand six points behind the Town, For them to force themselves

back into the picture, they must have a successful holiday, and their record since the beginning of November cannot give them an optimistic feeling about the situa-

In none of their last seven matches have they finished on the winning side and, during the period, they have collected only

## Should Be No Danger Of A Form Upset

THERE are, of course, two ways of looking at this. The lack of success may well have sapped the confidence of the team but, on the other hand, the law of averages could come into the matter,

However, if the Town strike their best, then there should be no danger of a form upset in the first match, anyway. From their last five away games, Hull have taken only one

point-in a 2-2 draw at Doncaster and defeats came their way at Leeds (3-0), Blackburn (2-1) and Swansea (1-0). Two of their three away wins.

both by 1-0 against Lincoln and Nottingham Forest were gained in the first week of the season and their other success was by 2-1 at Plymouth.

In addition, during their good early spell, they drew at Birming-ham, Stoke and West Ham.

Home Form Has Been

### In-and-Out AT home, their form has been

rather in-and-out, for they

have been beaten four times, by Leeds (2-0), West Ham (1-0), Rotherham (2-1) and Bristol Rovers (1-0), Fulham and Derby drew at Boothferry Park and their victims have been Lincoln (4-0), Ipswich

(4-2), Middlesbrough (1-0), Port Vale (2-1) and Notts County (5-2). Had their forwards been as

ferent position, for they have conceded only 26 goals but, on the other hand, have scored only 26, as compared with the Town's haif-century of goals which they completed last Saturday. Harrison's Injury A

# Bad Blow

MUCH of Hull's soundness in defence can be attributed to the return to international form of Neil Franklin, but it was a severe blow to them that their right-back, Frank Harrison broke lee at Leeds last Saturday, In that match, Ken Horton, formerly of Preston North End, was also injured, but he has re-

Harrison's place is being taken by Whitnall making his first appearance of the season.

Otherwise the defence remains

covered and will be in the right-

unchanged, but there is a different story in attack where only the outside-right Atkinson will be occupying the same position as last

#### Johnny Downie Is Being Recalled

CHANGES lead to the recall at inside-right of Johnny Downie, who has been in the reserve team and to the return of Jensen who has occupied most



Hull's South African forward, who will be playing on the left wing on Saturday. positions during his long Stay 51

Hult to inside-left, Crosbie ex-Bury leader, inside-right last Saturday takes over the centre-forward position again and the South African Alf Ackerman siened as a centre-forward, but who has been playing at inside-left, will displace Cripsey on the extreme left wing.

Team: Teece; Whitnall Neal; Horton, Franklin, Dur-ham: Atkinson, Downle Cros-bie, Jensen, Ackerman. Crosbic and Ackerman an

#### joint jeading scorers with eight tollowed by Downie (4). Much Travelling For The Reserves

FOR the return at Hull on Monday, the Town have to travel on Sunday, and the Reserves who, for some reason have two away games over the holiday, have to do a deal of

They go to Norwich to-morrow afternoon in readiness for their game there the following morning, and, on Monday migning, they are due to leave Luton at 8 o'clock in order to make the trip to Bristol where they meet the Rovers at Eastville,

One or two fitness doubts hold up selection of the team for the first match, and there are hopes Charlie Watkins will have recovered from his pulled muscle.

#### Experiment With Jones At Centre-half

BECAUSE of an attack of boils, there is a slight doubt about Alan Thompson, but Arthur Taylor who has been suffering from 'flu, is up and about again now and will probably be avail-Since Bob Morton was con-

verted into a centre-forward, there has been some thought about the question of a deputy for Sid Owen should the need Well though Willie Dallas has

done, he is scarcely experienced enough for the job yet, and the manager has decided to experiment at Norwich with Leslie Jones in the centre-half position, with Dallas going to right-back with Dallas going to right-back. This is not the first time that Jones has appeared there, for he did so with a deal of success during one of the Irish tours. Only match for the "A" team is against Chelsea "A" at is against Chelsea A Kenilworth-road on Monday.

### League's Move To Improve Status

BIG attempt to improve the status of the South Midlands adequate as the defence has been. League next season is to be made

LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

F.A. Cup — Third Round

SATURDAY, JAN. 8th, 1955

# LUTON TOWN

# WORKINGTON

Kick-off 2.15 p.m.

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY

CENTRE STAND 7/6—WINGS 5/-

# SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

will be entitled to their usual seat, but must make WRITTEN APPLICATION, marking envelope "Season Ticket Holder," enclosing remittance, stamped addressed envelope and appropriate White "Slip" from their Season Ticket Book. Applications must be received at Luton Town F.C. Office not later than WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 29th.

#### NON-SEASON TICKET HOLDERS must make WRITTEN APPLICATION and enclose remittance,

stamped addressed envelope, and which must be received at Luton Town F.C. Office not later than WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29th Admission to remainder of ground (standing only):

PAY AT TURNSTILES (NO TICKETS) All prices include Entertainment Tax

P. COLEY, Secretary.

and the first step was taken at a special general meeting recently when the clubs approved a recommendation by the Executive Com-

This was on the lines that the Premier Division should consist of first teams only of amateur clubs of good standing located in Bedfordshire and the surrounding

Admission will be by invitation only, the right being retained to invite clubs in the two highest places in Division I to compete in the Premier Division.

The meeting gave the Executive full powers to allocate clubs into divisions for next season.

#### About Six New Clubs Will Be Needed

IN a circular which he has pub-lished, the Hon, Secretary, F. C. Crain says it is the Executive's intention to do all in their power to make the Premier Division a senior amateur league, covering the area between that of the greater London and midland leagues.

At the moment, the Spartan, Hellenic and Parthenon Leagues stretch into Bedfordshire, but there is no top league for amateurs beyond them. In the Premier Division as con-

stituted at the moment, there is a good nucleus and, with the addition of perhaps six good amateur teams from Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Northants or Bucks, would put them on a footing with other leagues. Bedfordshire At Home

# In Youth Cup

THIRD round of the F.A. County Youth Cup will be played rather earlier than Bedfordshire thought would be the case, and it has to be completed by January 29. Bedfordshire have a home tie

with Middlesex and, if they can overcome them, will also be at home in the next round to Sussex, who have reached that stage through a byc. At the moment, there are seven teams left in the southern area and four in the northern. The fourth round has to be played

#### Local Rugby "Derby" On Tuesday

February 19.

THE local rugby "derby" be-tween Old Lutonians and Old Dunstablians has been postponed until next Tuesday and will now take place at Dunstable. Because two or three of their

regular players are not available over the holiday, Old Lutonians will not be at full strength, but the club possesses sufficient exfollowing -trong side:
Yorke; Walters, Thorpe,
Fensome, Thurlow; Pakes,

Bracey; Adkins, Vaughan, Shepherd, Heunue, Howe, Packwood, Lovell, Cato.

### County's Choice For Netball Match

NEXT county netball fixture is due on Saturday week, when Bedfordshire meet the Civil Service on the Vauxhall ground. They will be represented as foliows:

First team: B. Handscombe (Luton), M. Walters (SKF), J. Ansell (Davis), P. Valentine (Davis), K. Coleman (SKF), B. Edin (Arlesey), J. Thorne (Electrolux).

Second team: Joan Shepherd (Letchworth), J. Johnson (Luton), Y. Goodson (Bedford), A. Maxwell (Letchworth), Janet Shepherd (Letchworth), B. Mathers (Bed-ford), D. Poiner (Letchworth).

TODDINGTON AND DISTRICT LEAGUE DIVISION A DLP

1		- 5		u	·		1.11
1	Dog and Badger	13	11	2	0	24	13
ı	Chequers	13	9	2	2	20	
	Red Lion, Bidwell	14	9	2	3	20	V
1	Anuel	13	6	3	3	15	L
J	George	13	6	3	4	15	
1	Swan, Flitwick	13	4	5	4	13	a
1	Coach and Horses	13	5	2	6	12	1
1	Fancott Arms	13	5	2	6	12	11
	Houghton Sports	13	4	4	5	12	
	Red Lion, Toddington	13	4	4	5	12	1.5
	Carpenters Arms	13	2		3	10	10
	Fiying Horse	13	4	2	7	10	15
	Wheatsheaf	13	3	4	6	10	10
	Rising Sun	13	2	2	9	6	1
	Swan, Tingrith	13	ī	1	9	5	D.
	DIVISION						
	0.00000000	P	w	D	Ł	P	1
	net.	**	10	-	7	22	

Green Man ....... 12 5 4 3 14

Bell 12 10 2 0 22 Star and Garter 12 8 2 2 18 Bird in Hand 12 7 2 3 16 Jolly Chopers 12 7 2 3 16

Green Man 12 5 4 3 14
Compasses 12 6 0 6 12
French Horn 12 4 4 4 12
Griffin 12 4 4 4 12
Royal Oak 12 5 2 5 12
Red Lion Eversholt 13 4 3 6 11
Rull 12 4 2 6 10
Crown 12 2 4 6 10
New Inn 12 1 2 9 4
Nags Head 13 0 3 10 3 Greyhound Racing

Winner: H. D. Conolly (20) 72. R. Overhill (22) 73.

Other scores: R. Gurney (10) 75; P. Wilson (11) 75; T. P. Dow-ling (20) 75; H. Goodman (5) 76.

# AT LUTON ON TUESDAY Winning prices were low at Lynne, 100-8 Plasierer, 100-7 aton Studium on Tuesday night V.C.N.

a mild one-was in the sixth race when Chico won at 5-1. Traps 3 and 4 drew blanks but there were four winners for trap number 2.

Luton Studium on Tuesday night

Bantam.
Forecast £1 16s. 0d.
IV (410yds).—1. RODNEY (2);
2. Defender (4); 3. Rocky (1);
4. Jim Peters (6); 5. Do-Do (5);
6. Poroljo (3). 3. ‡. 1‡. 1‡. 1‡.
24.79. Off 8.38.
Betting: 3 Rocky, Poroljo, 7-2
RODNEY, Jim Peters, 4 Defender.

Do-Do 7 Do-Do.
Forecast £2 2s, 6d,
V (470yds).—1, IDA (1); 2,
Night Sky (2); 3, Cabby (4); 4,
Kit-Kat (5); 5, Old Coat (6)
reserve; 6, Reg (3), 1, 5, 1, 6, 1,
28.02. Non-runner, Sepac (6).
Off 8.56.

Forecast £4 7s 3d.

in good displays. At centre-forward, MacEwar

# SHARE LEAD

They are: Social, Beech Hill "A" and Beech Hill "B". BILLIARDS

Vauxhall (r. 100) 681, Percival (r. Luton Cons. (r. 110) 621, Brech-ill 'B' (r. 130) 692 Davis (r. 150) 510. Cons 'A' (r. 20)

DIVISION II Social B. 1, High Town 2 Beech-hill B. 3, Davis 1 Leagrave Legion 2, Hunting Percival

# FOR D. MOULSTER

round of social activities during the week-end. On Saturday several members attended the North Bucks C.C. annual dinner at Bletchley, and on Sunday the club's Christmas party was held at Peter's Green. On Boxing Day the Wheelers'

valking team will be in action at eighton Buzzard. David Moulster has been warded the Wheelers' Novices'

Northampton on Sunday, and next Tuesday there will be a club

The December medal at South Beds on Saturday attracted an entry of over forty players.

Runners-up: F. Press (19) 73;

# FOUR WINNERS FOR TRAP 2

when the only surprise-and that

1 (410yds).—1, JANY (2); 2, Needy Friend (6); 3, Ford (1); 4, Kelling (4); 5, Eagle's Nest (5); 6, Whiskers (3). Head, 6, 3 8, 6, 25.41. Off 7.42.

Betting: 7-4 JANY, 4 Kelling.
9-2 Eagle's Nest, 5 Whiskers, Ford 6 Needy Friend

Ford, 6 Needy Friend, Forecast £2 8s. 0d. II (470yds).—I ALL WHITE (6); 2, Julie's Girl (2); 3, Cliff's Pal (4); 4, Nancy (5); 5, MacNab (3); 6, Mizzi (1), 5, 3, 6, 4, 4, 28,64, Off 8, 20

Betting: 6-4 IDA 4 Night Sky. 9-2 Cabby 5 Kit-Kat, Old Coat.

Forecast £1 0s. 9d.
VI (410yds)—1, CHICO (5); 2.
Whitelen (1); 3. Jackdaw (4); 4.
Parlez-Vous (2); 5 Sir Garnet (3); 6, Best Wishes (6), 1, 14, 4, 7, 1, 24.43. Off 9.13.
Bettine: 2 Jackdaw 3 Parlez-Vous Sir Garnet, 4 Whitelea, 5 CHICO 6 Best Wishes.
Exercast £4.7s. 3d.



JOHNNY DOWNIE. former Luton inside-forward, who will be playing against the Town on Christmas Day.

## **EQUALISER** IN LAST MINUTE

Town "A" Nearly Snatched Two Points GUILDFORD C. RES. 2 LUTON TOWN "A" .. 2

Although they spent most of the second half on the defen-sive, Luton "A" were slightly unlucky not to collect two points from this Metropolitan League match. They were leading 1-0 at the interval, and although Guildford equalised within a minute of the start of the second half, Luton

Heroes of the Lutom team were Alan Collier, who was in great form in goal, and centre-half Les Hall, whose vast experience

LOASBY, who pulled a muscle in the second half and spent the remainder of the game on the wing, gave Luton the lead soon after the start. SOUTHON put Guildford on terms in the 46th minute, but two minutes later FLINT restored Luton's lead.

Then Guildford pressed to such an extent that Luton were confined to their own half for long periods.

moved well, and his ball distribution was good.

Billiards THREE TEAMS

Recch-hill 'A' (r. 100) 648, Leagrave Legion (r. 100) 496 High Town (r. 150) 576, Social (Scratch) 536

SNOOKER

DIVISION I Labour 'A' 2. Luton Cons 'A' 2. Hunting Percival 'A' 4, Vauxhall 0. Dunstable Cons. 1, Social 'A' 3.

# NOVICES' TROPHY

Luton Wheelers had a busy

Trophy. Luton Arrow members rode to run to Eaton Bray.

Golf

#### S. BEDS MEDAL COMPETITION

Forecast £1 4s, 0d. VIII (410yds). — 1, NIGGER (2); 2, Brickhill Lad (6); 3, (2); 2. Brickhill Lad (6); 3. Kerry Dancer (4); 4. Polite (5); 5. Wat Drum (3); 6. Emperor (1). 5. 2. 1. 1. 24.96. Off 9.46. Betting: 5-2 Emperor, 3 NIG-GER, 7-2 Brickhill Lad 4 Polite, 5 Kerry Dancer, 8 War Drum. Forecast £1 5s. 0d.

#### RUNNERS AND SELECTIONS FOR MONDAY

Drum.
12.20 (410 yds.)—Chris's Pet
(Dec. 16, tp 2, 24.55; Dec. 18, tp
4, 24.40), Gold Leaf (Dec. 16, tp 5, 24.25; Dec. 18, tp 2, 24.23),
I Mobey Dick, 132 Night Sky,
153 Santa Maria, 231 Sammy.
Reserve: 16 Mr. Wilmot.
12.40 (470 yds)—116 Coffee
Bean, 644 Fillet, 125 Manor Park,
225 Old Coat, 165 Rock Hill, 341 225 Old Coat, 165 Rock Hill, 341 Wee Bobby. Reserve: 231 Rodney. 1.0 (410 yds.)—226 Bunter, 432 Foxlaw, 433 Jimmy's Lil, 563 Ken's Blue 354 Mary Ann, 424 River Bank. Reserve: 522 Brick-

1.20 (410 yds.)—513 Firefly, 216 Nutry Stack, 616 Phillip's Pet, 233 Quality Street, 345 Ronald, 442 Swan Song. Reserve: 235 Swan Song. Reserve: 235
MacNab.

SELECTIONS

11.0: Max Future (Dinky-Do,
Sally Ann). 11.20; Absolute (TicTac, Whipped Cream). 11.40;
Still Waiting (Just Jake, Dory's
Pet). 12.0: Boston Brownie
(Office Boy, Tracer). 12.20;
Mobes Dick (nap) (Santa Maria

POISE (6): 2. Lynne (3): 3. Long-fellow (4): 4 Blackbird (5): 5. Night Sky). 12.40: Rock Hill V.C.N. (2): 6. Plasterer (1). 4. 1 3. 4. 4. 28.11. Off 9.30. Betting: S4 THE PORPOISE 9-4 Longfellow, 4 Blackbird, 7 Song).

**GOALKEEPER** 

Made Reserves

Drop A Point

Luton Town Reserves ... 2 Birpdogham City Reserves 2

Several League clubs are credited with an interest in

Rirmingham City's reserve goal-keeper, Schofield, and on Satur-day at Kenilworth road the player in question gave one of the finest exhibitions seen at

Although the Luton forwards

were goal-hungry and shot when-

ever an opportunity presented itself, they were foiled time and

time again by the agile Schoffeld, who, after being beaten by GROVES in the seventh minute.

it was a header from Groves that beat him, and Luton gained

confidence from this early goal and proceeded to play copy-book football.

Their forward line moved dan-

gerously, with Pearce, who can hold the ball and split defences

with accurate passes, prompting brilliantly. Pearce almost in-creased the lead a few minutes

after Groves had scored, but

Schofield stopped his shot Just before the interval Bir-mingham improved but it was a

surprise when KINSEY equalised

Birmingham scored again in the

53rd minute, through HURLEY,

and the visitors gave a much better display after the interval. However, Luton fought back, and

KELLY put them on terms again

after a great shot from Pearce

had hit the crossbar and bounced

In the closing stages Luton

threw everything into attack in

an effort to get the winner.

Had they done so it would

have been no more than they deserved, but Birmingham held

out to win a fortunate point.

During the final period of Luton pressure Allen did much useful

work and was unlucky not to

score. With Pearce he formed

both players interchanged posi-tions freely and were too nippy

On the other flank, Hawkes,

playing in the unaccustomed posi-

tion of outside-left, tried hard, but did not look much at home. In defence, McGuffie, in his first game for the Reserves for

several weeks, was always work-

ing, and some of his through

passes were excellent. Dallas had

a difficult tob watching Hurley, a lively centre-forward, but he did well, and Jones and Thompson were seldom troubled by the

LUTON TOWN RES: Streten;

Jones, Thompson: McGuffie, Dallas, Smith; Allen D. Pearce, Kelly, Groves, Hawkes.

BIRMINGHAM CITY RES: Schofield; Allen G. Martin; Ban-

nister, Newman, Badham: Stewart, Kinsey, Hurley, James, Cox.

Reserves on Saturday.

soundly thrashed by Laporte, whose advance was also helped by

the fact that Leagrave Athletic

the book in the Premier Division,

where Caddington retained their

lead as a result of their success

Pioneer Corinthians kept among

Sundon Park, who have two games in hand.

remains somewhat uncertain.

themselves into fourth place.

were beaten.

THIRTEEN WAS LUCKY FOR

LUTON UNITED HOSPITALS

All Three Leading Teams In

Division I Were Beaten

At the thirteenth attempt, Luton United Hospitals, who

Division I produced several upsets in form, for the

and Hayward Tyler have unbeaten records.

have been meeting with some severe defeats in

Division I of Luton and South Beds League, picked

up their first points when they beat West Park

three leading teams all lost and, for Bells Park,

the leaders, this was their first setback of the

season. Now, only the two Sundon Park teams

opposing wingers.

defence.

smart, go-ahead wing, and

in the 43rd minute.

VISITORS IMPROVED

Luton this season.

## DEFIANT | BEST POST-WAR WIN |= AWAY FROM HOME

# Defence Held, Then Town Forwards Struck Hard

By Chiltern

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1 LUTON TOWN 5

After a first half in which they struggled in vain to find their best form in attack and yet scored twice, the Town made the Forest feel the full force of their finishing power afterwards and went on to secure their biggest post-war away victory.

the end, there was no doubting their complete superiority; for the Forest became a thoroughly demoralised lot, crushed by the striking power of the Town front line and humbled by the sight of their supporters streaming off the ground while

play was still going on. From the Town, this was 'be shape of a goal after 55 minutes sort of form that makes promotion a bright prospect because, chance by Turner after Morton not only was there complete and Cullen had done the carly not only was there complete soundness in defence which neld firm when the Forest might have built up an early lead, but the forwards clicked into top gear when they realised that their previous tactics had been wrong, Before the interval, all too frequently, the Town's move-ments broke down in midfield, not only because there was overmuch use of the short pass, but because also the final pass was often erratic

It was during this spell that the Forest's best chance occurred, for they had much more of the play than the Town, The more scoring chances came their way, too, but they lacked steadiness in front of goal and although Baynham was severely tested at times, on the whole the Town defence

was too strong for the home forwards. Baynham earned applause for his first-half work and there is little doubt that had he not been in such tremendous form, the Town would have been in a different situation at the interval than that in which they

found themselves. for Birmingham's experienced TACTICS WERE CHANGED

Rather surprisingly in view of BERTON in the 16th minute with a shot that Farmer caught and then lost possession of the ball after he had slipped, and Collection with the state of after he had slipped, and CUMMINS with a hard drive that beat the unsighted Farmer out for his coolness and his after Turner had passed to him from a free kick. Only a couple other shots of

note came from the Town before

half-time but, afterwards, there

was a different story. Instead of the square, short pass, they began to use the quick through one and, immediately, the front line looked the potent force we know it

Reward came quickly in the

work. For a time the Forest were

almost over-run by the Town's brilliance but there came a let-up in which the home team got back into the game for a spell, and 15 minutes from time WILSON raised fluttering hopes with a

successful shot from the edge of the penalty area. Fluttering and fleeting were all that these hope, proved to be, for the Town made certain that there would be no late disaster such as they have experienced before, by crowd-ing on the pressure again,

Then it was that the fundamental weaknesses of the Forest defence were exposed, and, in the space of a minute, first Morton, then Cullen, made openings for TURNER to score twice. Even then the Town were not done, and Turner all but completed what would have been one of the

fastest hat-tricks on record, ALL DEPARTMENTS DID WELL

This was a match in which all departments of the Town team did their job most adequatery. Honours went to the defence for their strong work when the eager Forest forwards were on

accurate use of the ball. Owen was equal to every demand, being a tremendous barrier down the middle of the field, and the hard-tackling Shanks completed a half-back line in which much of the Town's strength was vested Behind them, Aherne, on his

200th appearance was in com-

plete command, and although

the first team so far and standing

Dunne was sometimes troubled by the speed of Small, his powers recovery stood him in good When the forwards hit their best after the interval it was a brilliant best, in which they produced fine, forceful football

Ably led again by Morton.

whose role was provider of chances rainer than that of all opportunist in this match, they worned this previously sound Forest defence into mistakes. Morton kept his line moving. and there was good support for nim at inside-forward, with Cummins sweeping out some grand

passes and Turner again a gan-

power.

gerous spearhead and doing much work in midfield as well.

In the second half they looked a different attack altogether, and there was a good response from the wingers, with Davies laying on a number of centres and Cullen showing a marked improvement on his previous appearance at outside-left.

inside a great deal, and this proved to be a dangerous move. NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Farmer; Whare, Thomas; Morley.
McKinlay, Burkitt; Moore Martin, Wilson, Cluroe, Small.
LUTON TOWN: Baynham;
Dunne, Aherne; Pemberton,
Owen, Shanks; Davies, Turner.

Wisely, he came through on the

Morton, Cummins, Cullen. Referee: A. W. Luty, Leeds Attendance: 11,793. HAD TO WAIT FOR and Barton Rovers are favourites - especially after their THEIR REWARD

> Vauxhall Better Than Score Shows Vauxhail Motors 2, Hoddesdon Town 1

Attractive football brought Vauxall no dividend until after the interval of this Spartan League match. They eventually won 2-1, but that was not a true reflection of their superiority. In the first half, the Motors' forwards combined well but could not beat Brooks, the Hoddesdon goalkeeper, who was in good form. Cnambers's experience was a

half moves deserved a goal. In New leaders in the Reserve Seca brilliant run be beat four tion are Wootton Blue Cross, but defenders and then passed to Gregory. The young inside-right they are only one point in front of Stotfold, who have three games got in a terrific shot but Brooks saved it. It was CHAMBERS who gave the Motors the lead in the second half when he headed

great asset and one of his first-

home an accurate centre from

GOSLING put Hoddesdon back in the game when he took advantage of a defensive mis-Queen's Works 1, Elstow Abbey 1
Eaton Bray United 0, 1 mon Town
"B" 3 understanding and beat Cullis, but JAMES scored the winner when he saw a fierce drive deflected into the net by a defender.

> OLD BIRD SHOW AT LUTON

Through wires cock: 1, C Pipkin; 2.

W Dinwoodle; 3, J Childa, Through wires ben: 1, R J Aldridge;

Pigeon Racing

## Luton and District North Road Homine Society held an Old Bird show at Luton Labour Club on There were eight classes and 62 entries Mr. N. Curd, of Har-penden, was the judge, Results were:

James

Christmas match" at Water 2. W Warren; 3. R Goodyear, Likeliest cock; 1. R Goodyear; 2. R J Aldridge; 3. W Higgins. Eaton on Sunday. It was landed by Mr. J. Likeliest ben: I. R. J. Aldridge; 2, H. Cooper; 3, F. Clements.
200 mile cock: I. R. Goodyear; 2.
E. Chance; 3, C. W. Lawrence, Breedon, who won the biggest fish prize. idr. R. Colbeck, 2lb. 9oz. 7drms., was the match-winner, and Mr E. Read weighed in 1lb. E Chance; 3, C W Lawrence;
200 mile hen; 1 C W Lawrence;
2. E Chance; 3. H Cooper,
400 mile cock: 1, F Clements; 2, D
lles; 3, N Hingina,
400 mile hen; 1, R J Aldridge; 2,
N Hinglen; 3, C Pipkin,
Best 400 mile pigeon; R J Aldridge.
Best opposite sex: R Goodyear.

petitors and the stewards were Mr. D. Underwood and Mr. A.

The match attracted 23 com-

VICTORY-BUT NOT WHOLLY CONVINCING

opposite wing. Adkins converted one of them from the touchline. Then both Fensome and Thorpe cut through the Slough defence but were folled by the home full-back.

At this stage it looked as if the Lutonians would amaze a huge score but the pace alackened and Slough gradually came into the same. For the remainder of the first half, and much of the second exchanges were even and the fire and determination of the home pack nearly brought them bome pack nearly brought them However, the home three-quarters had few attacking ideas, and their kick and rusn methods did not pose a big problem for the Old Boys' full-back. Despite their comfortable vic-Rood. tory this was not one of the Old Boys' better displays. Only at the start and finish of the match

A penalty, kicked by skipper Heamie inspired his side and for the last 10 minutes they again sooked a class above their hosts. Weak handling by the

# scored again two minutes later, and then held out until the 89th minute when TESTER, the home centre-half, who was helping his forwards in attack, scored Guildford's second goal, and strength in the tackle were invaluable.

Collier and Hall worked heroically, and Moody and Col-lins, who normally play in the Town's fourth team, also turned

Position in the Billiards Section of Luton District Billiards perienced reserves to field the and Snooker League is that following trong side:

## Luton Cons. 'B' 3. Labour 'B' 1 Cycling

In Division III, Boys' Brigade OB, drew to within a point of Hawward Tyler, but have played two matches more, and Luton Spartans forced themselves right into the picture by scoring 15 times against Sundon O.B.

#### recording their 15th consecutive win and holding their substantial lead over Lumoco Sports.

PREMIER DIVISION

WEST PARK 1 (Wesley), PIONEER CORINTHIANS 6 (Parrott 2, Phillips 2, Rawson, opponent)

AGNALL 2 (Cutler, Baughan), CADDINGTON 5 (Banks 3, King. GLENDALE 3 (Blaxill 2, Curson). NAPIER SPORTS 0
STOPSLEY 5 (J. Manton 1, Weston, Goodman), TOTTERNHOE 2 TODDINGTON ROVERS 6. LUTON SOCIAL 2 (West, Davidson)

DIVISION I LILLEY RANGERS 6 (Weston 3, Carr. Waish, Gibbs), STOPSLEY RES. 1 (Astwood) LUTON TOWN 'C' 0, LAPORTE 6 (Bunyan 3, Burrows, Horsier,

LUTON UTD. HOSPITALS 3 (Evans 2, L Coppin), WEST PARK RES. 1 (Rowlands) SHILLINGTON 'A' 3 (Martin, Cole. Robinson), BELLS PARK 2 (Fen-some, Picketing) DIVISION II

SKEFKO ATH. 1. SUNDON PARK 2 (McCormack, Clayton)

LEAGRAVE PRESS 2 (Abbott Mc-Kayl, HUNTING PERCIVAL 2 (Hart, Stone)

R.A.F.A. I. WARDEN HILL ATH. 6 (Bayliss, Kenrick, Holt, Wilson,

opponents 2)

HOCKLIFFE I, LEAGRAVE B.L. I

ENGLISH ELECTRIC 4 (Eaton

CADDINGTON 'B' 5 (R Ginger 3, CADDINGTON 'B' 5 (R Ginger 3, Upton, Thorn) SPANDIT SPORTS 2 GLENDALE RES. 4 (Jones 2, Mead 2), OLD LUTONIANS 2 (Bater, Hayes)
DAVIS ATH, 1 (Evans), ROBIN HOODS 3
LUTON SOCIAL RES. 5 (Williams 2. McLaughlin, Smith Pipkin), COLIN-DALE ATH. 3 (Yearsley 2, Dim-

DIVISION III BOYS' BRIGADE O.B. 5 (Clifton 3, Parsons, Ward), ALLIANCE FOUNDRY 0 NAPIER APPRENTICES 0, WALCOT ATH. 9
SHAW AND KILBURN 4 (Farendon
2, Hanley 2) HUNTING PERCIVAL
APP. 5 (Norcott, Taylor, Wills.
Fowler, Ashby)
LUTON BREWERY 2 (Punter 2).
BIDWELL 5
LUTON SPARTANS 15 (King 4,
Basterfield 4, Fensome 4, Butterfield, Byrom, McAneny) SUNDON
O.B. 3

DIVISION IV

GIDAN ATH. 3 (Mallard, Smith, Young), BOYS BRIGADE O.B RES 3 (Williams 2, Lake)
LAPORTE RES, 2 (Buckingham, Ellin, SUNDON PARK RES, 6 (Robins 3, Cook 2, Lersch)
LUTON O.B. 1 (Plummer), TOD-DINGTON ROVERS RES, 3
TOTTERNHOE RES, 2, LILLEY RANGERS 3 (Martin, Impey, Lovett) LUMOCO SPORTS 7 (Evans 1. Gilbert, Pedder, Scowen, Bayliss), ROOTES SPORTS RES. 3 WALDEN RANGERS 9, VILLA

While Bells Park were being overcome, Luton Town "C, tielding only nine players because of transport difficulties, were S. Midlands League BARTON IN

THE LIMELIGHT A few weeks ago it looked almost a certainty that Shilling-Form went mostly according to ton Athletic would finish the season at the top of Division II of the South Midlands League. at Dagnail, but as Glendale took But the picture has changed now full points, too, their position

3-1 defeat of Shillington last Saturday. Both Barton and Shil-lington have 19 points at the the leaders, and Stopsiey, who have matches in hand, lifted moment but Barton have a game Nor is the position changed in Division II, although Skerko in hand. In the Premier Division Shefford made a brave attempt to stay Town go from strength to strength the winning progress of Sundon Park and failed only by the odd and with five games in hand they now lead by two points from Dungoal. Robin Hoods remain on stable Town. All Shefford's rivals appear to be falling away. Cranfield United (in third position) were no match for Shefford, and Ampthill Town top, three polats in front of

(fourth) are going through a very bad patch. They were beaten by Stotfold on Saturday. Hunting Percival dropped a point in Division I and have fallen to third place. Langford have a five-points lead and Electrolux have moved into second place. Skefko and Luton Town "B" are As far as Division IV was concerned, it was the mixture as before with Sundon Park Reserves doing well, too.

> in hand. RESULTS PREMIER DIVISION Histon 3, Potton United 5
> Kent's Athletic 3, Biggieswade Town 1
> Shefford Town 4, Cranfield United 2
> Stotfold 4, Ampthill Town 0
> Wootton Blue Cross 1, Marston

Enton Bray United 0, I mon Town
"B" 3
Langford 6, Bletchley L.M.S. 1
Skefko Athletic 3, Tickford Sports 3
Rootes Sports 1, Electrolus 4
Vaunhall Motors 4, Hunting Percival
Athletic 4
Wateriow's 5, Davis Athletic 2
DIVISION II
Barton Rovers 3, Shiffington 1
Lypton Works 3, Bletchley Centre 4
Bedford North End 4, Flitwick Ath 0
RESERVE SECTION
Bletchley B.B.O.B. 0, Shefford Town 4 Bletchley B.B.O.B. 0, Shefford Town 4 Hunting Percival Athletic 2, Wootton Hazard, Dorrington), LEAGRAVE ATH 2 (Dackombe, Tansley)

> SPECIMEN ROACH WAS CAUGHT A specimen roach weighing 11b. 2oz. 10drms, was caught during the Leighton Buzzard A.C.

Marston Shelton 2, Kent's Athletic 5

Angling

6oz. 2drms

Hall. Rugby

Slough 0, Old Lutonians 16
With memories of the previous week's disappointing
match, Old Lutonians opened at a cracking pace as if deter-mined to wipe out all traces of the defest at Aylesbury, but they did not maintain their bright start, and once again inped into the inchadalsical atyle which has marred so many of their games this season.

dard of rugby of which they are capable.

Thurlow opened the scoring after an orthodox movement and Walters added anothey after a single run on the did they produce the high stan-dard of rugby of which they are

# hat ann

let