

Why sub was not used

ANDY Williams this week defended his decision not to bring Mark Judd on to the field during Saturday's match at Dulwich.

"I don't think he would have done any better than the players we had on the field," commented Mr Williams. "I was going to use him for the last 15 minutes, but then Dulwich scored to make it 3-1 and our chance had gone."

Mr Williams confirmed that Judd was still having trials with Walsall and would only be called upon when Blues were desperate. He had to be substitute this time as apart from goalkeeper Chris Way, he was the only member of the squad available.

There's better news about Stewart Atkins, a recent 'flu victim. He expects to be fit for the home match against Leytonstone on Saturday. Blues have no midweek game either this week or next week.

Busy Easter

But they make up for that shortage of matches with three games in four days at Easter. On Good Friday they are at home to Tilbury and the following day they travel to Leatherhead. Both of these matches are in the Berger Isthmian League.

On Easter Monday Blues meet Hungerford in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final at Marlow, when they start as favourites to regain their title.

But that is the only honour they are likely to win this season, after the defeat by Dulwich. The Isthmian championship now looks like a two-horse race between Barking and Enfield, although Dagenham, Slough and Dulwich could still figure in the outcome.

The situation at the bottom of the Premier Division is more clear cut. Following their dropped points on Saturday Kingstonian and Leytonstone are all set for the drop as time is running out fast.

BERGER ISTHMIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barking	32	19	8	5	67	45	65
Slough	34	18	8	8	49	34	62
Enfield	29	18	6	6	65	28	59
Dulwich	33	16	11	6	57	31	59
Dagenham	32	18	5	9	62	49	59
Wycombe	33	16	7	10	49	34	55
Croydon	30	15	7	8	45	29	52
Hendon	35	13	11	11	42	40	50
Leatherhead	32	14	7	11	47	32	49
Woking	32	13	10	9	62	48	49
Sutton	33	13	8	12	52	37	47
Tooting	34	12	11	11	44	42	47
Hitchin	36	12	10	14	55	60	46
Roreham Wd	36	12	9	15	46	59	45
Oxford	36	12	7	17	44	65	43
Walthamstow	33	12	5	16	49	59	41
Tilbury	35	10	10	15	50	68	40
Hayes	33	7	13	13	34	46	34
Carshalton	32	7	11	14	37	55	32
Staines	33	6	13	14	37	51	31
Kingston	36	3	11	22	28	61	20
Leytonstone	35	4	7	24	29	67	19