



Nearly there! John Ayris is just beaten to the ball by Everton goalkeeper Gordon West in the match here on Aug. 28. *Photo: Arthur Wilson, Evening Echo*

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

The Reserves had an easy passage against Swindon Town Res. at Upton Park last Saturday, and it was "one way traffic" from start to finish. The eventual margin was 2—0, but we could — and should — have had a lot more goals.

The first of our couple came from a lay-back by Ade Coker, Dave Llewelyn connecting first-time for his fifth of the season. The second-half net-finder was Coker, his shot inside the penalty-box giving the 'keeper no chance and the young Nigerian his third counter of the campaign.

Peter Grotier returned after a shoulder injury but had a quiet time in goal; Ron Boyce skippered the side in his usual efficient manner.

There is a Combination match here NEXT MONDAY (13 Sept.) at 7.30 p.m., when we play Bournemouth Res.

S.E. COUNTIES LEAGUE

Division I

The Youth Team scored a couple of goals to beat Fulham at Chadwell Heath last Saturday, but might well have had a more convincing success. In fact until we got our second tally it was a little hectic, as the Young Cottagers were beginning to expect that they were in with a chance after all. However, a second-half goal made it safe to bring us our fifth point from four games.

Division II Cup

We are still seeking our first point in this tourney, and the Hammers' all-amateur line-ups have found the going pretty hard so far. In last Saturday's game the Chelsea Juniors proved far too strong for them, the Young Blues netting three times without reply. However, we have a number of promising lads, and they are benefiting from the experience.