

**COULD YOU  
DO IT?**



*Muddy ground or not, Natutali Musoke, goalkeeper of the Uganda touring team, feels happier without boots and kicked most forcefully at Wycombe last night.*

## **BOOTS, BUT THEY SLIP TO DEFEAT**

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Wycombe Wanderers .....10 Uganda .....

**M**ALCOLM HARRIS, Uganda coach, took one look at the greasy Loakes Park pitch at High Wycombe last night and told his bare-footed players: "It's boots for you, my lads." Boots it was for eight of them, but the goalkeeper and the small left-wing pair rejected footwear.

Syd Cann, Wycombe coach and former Southampton manager, watched the Uganda players in pre-match practice and told his team: "You will be much faster, and their positioning is not good enough."

How right Syd was! The best team in East Africa slithered and slipped uneasily through a one-sided match.

### **Need practice**

Nerves, too, had much to do with the result, for when Frank Smith, the Wycombe outside right, scored in 12 minutes, and centre-forward Paul Bates followed with a hat-trick inside 26 minutes, the Uganda players forgot all their lessons.

They tried hard enough, but the switch from bone-hard grounds to a soft surface—and boots—was too much for them.

The inside forwards would not drop back and the passage down the centre was almost sign-posted "This way, please."

"Without boots it would have

been a farce," said Mr. Harris. The Uganda team have a ten-match programme. I hope it keeps fine for them, for from goalkeeper Nafutali Musoke to little Aloysius Kalibala, on the left wing, all need intensive practice in controlling a wet ball.

The attendance was 7,500 and gate receipts approximately £400. Wycombe were left with a legacy in the ankle injury to Cliff Trott, their inside right.

The half-time score was 7-0, Smith, Bates (four), Jack Tomlin, and Geoff Truett scoring. Jack Moring Bates, and Smith scored second-half goals for Wycombe.

Gilbert Seruwagi, the Uganda inside right, raised the biggest cheer of the evening when he got the only goal for the visitors very, very late in the game.