

FOOTBALL.

LUTON TOWN *v* CHATHAM.—A team of the Luton Town Club journeyed to Chatham on Saturday to play Chatham Town Club, in the first round of the English cup tie, the Luton players being C. Lomax, centre; E. Lomax, T. Small, left wing; G. Deacon, A. Smart, right wing; Reade, Taylor, Moody, half backs; Martin, Sanders, backs; Mileman, goal. The team (with two exceptions) left Luton by the 9 36 train, but did not reach Chatham until nearly two o'clock. Some 3,000 or 4,000 spectators witnessed the play, and from the beginning to end the Luton men were received with great courtesy. The respective teams settled down to work about the time appointed. A strong wind with rain did not augur well for Luton, several good shots being carried just over and alongside their opponents' goal, and at least two goals should have been placed to the credit of the Luton Club during the first half of the game. Meanwhile the Chatham team were playing in that combined style which meant business, their centre forward and backs exhibiting fine form. After changing ends, the Luton secured a goal, but although their forwards played well together their efforts were fruitless. Their opponents, it was soon seen, were too strong for them, and ultimately the home players proved themselves to be the best team, by scoring five goals to one.