

F O O T B A L L.

LUTON v. CHESHAM.—On Saturday last a team representing the Luton Town Club journeyed to Chesham to meet the local eleven in the second round of the qualifying competition for the English Association Challenge Cup, and they were accompanied by a large number of enthusiastic lovers of the national game. They were favoured with brilliant weather, though a strong wind considerably interfered with chances of scoring. The home team had the advantage of knowing their ground, which is of a somewhat peculiar kind, the centre of the course being situated in a hollow. The Luton team was not so good as might have been chosen, Messrs. Thring, Taylor, and Dan Lomax being conspicuous by their absence. The visitors won the toss and played down-hill with the wind. They pressed their opponents during the whole of the first half, and several hot shots were made at the Chesham goal, but these were ineffective, and when ends were changed neither side had scored. On re-starting Russell obtained the first point in the match, this being registered for Chesham, and the home team continued to press their opponents until Lewis scored a second goal for them. Luton were now put upon their mettle, and playing with great determination they succeeded in equalising matters before the call of time, Narburg and C. Lomax scoring, the second notch being registered about a minute before time was called. Lewis, the Chesham centre forward, had in the meantime been hurt, and had retired from the field. An extra half-hour was played, and Lomax scored for Luton amidst intense excitement, and the Cheshamites evinced great enthusiasm when a further goal was obtained by the home eleven from a free kick, the ball striking Mileman's toe, thus again equalising the scores. In consequence of the match resulting in this way, the Chesham team will have to come to Luton to-morrow (Saturday), when the match will be re-played on the Dallow-lane ground. Play will commence by special order at 2.30. The teams were as follows:—*Luton*: R. Mileman (goal), A. Sanders and G. Humphrey (backs), T. Read, A. Barrett, and J. Moody (half-backs), G. Deacon, E. H. Lomax, L. C. W. Thring, L. Narburg, and J. C. Lomax (forwards). *Chesham*: F. Sills (goal), A. Hobbs and A. Ruggins (backs), G. Payne, J. Bryant, and H. Rose (half-backs), J. Culverhouse and W. Sear (right wing), R. Russell and W. Brandon (left wing), and F. Lewis (centre) (forwards). Umpires: Messrs. T. Bayley and F. Scott. Referee: Mr. J. Henderson (Morpeth H.).