

F O O T B A L L.

LUTON v. OLD BRIGHTONIANS.—On Saturday last on the Dallow Lane ground the Luton Town Club met the Old Brightonians in the third round of the qualifying competition for the English Association Challenge Cup. The weather was fine, but an extremely high wind prevented really first-class play. There was a large crowd of spectators; indeed it is stated that Saturday's attendance constituted a "record" in this direction. The home team won the toss, and elected to play uphill with the wind. The Old Brightonians kicked off shortly after half past two, and it soon became apparent that they were the best team Luton had yet met in the cup competition. The home team pressed for some time, and obtained three corners in rapid succession, Dan Lomax kicking two of these in capital style, the ball dropping just in front of the visitors' goal. The shots were ineffectual, while a shot by the Old Brightonians at the home fortress was also without effect, the leather being fisted out by Mileman. After good play on both sides, Luton obtained the first goal, the notch being scored by Deacon, who was playing hereabouts in a highly satisfactory manner. Just before half-time the visitors' forwards had a splendid run and succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the Luton goal-keeper. The home team appealed on the ground of "off-side," but the referee decided in favour of the visitors, and a point was consequently recorded in their favour. Immediately after re-starting, the Brighton eleven secured a second goal, thus obtaining the lead. The home team were now playing against the wind, and struggled gamely to retrieve their fortunes, but their most strenuous efforts were ineffectual. As the time drew nigh when the game must finish both elevens played up in grand style, and for some time it seemed that Luton would succeed in equalising, but despite their admirable play the visitors were enabled to defend their citadel, while they added a third goal about five minutes before time, thus placing the issue beyond a doubt. At the call of time the visitors were victorious by three goals to one. The result was due in great measure to the excellent passing and fine combination of the Brightonians, the whole of the members of their team showing up prominently. The members of the home eleven played in capital style, all of them being conspicuous at some period of the match. The teams were as follows:—*Luton*: R. Mileman, goal; A. Sanders and C. Humphrey, backs; D. A. N. Lomax, A. H. Taylor, and A. Barrett, half-backs; G. Deacon and E. H. Lomax, right wing; L. C. R. Thring, centre; L. Narburgh and J. C. Lomax, left wing, forwards. *Old Brightonians*: A. C. S. Stone, goal; J. P. Muspratt and A. T. Hay, backs; W. W. Eggarr, A. P. Lingard, and E. Tudor-Jones, half-backs; G. L. Wilson and J. H. Bennett, left wing; W. E. Bond, centre; H. A. Harrison and C. Simmons, right wing, forwards. Umpires: Messrs. J. Bennett (Luton) and W. Leete (Old Brightonians). Referee: Mr. J. Armstrong.

NORTON COLLEGE F.C. (2ND XI) v. OXFORD HOUSE SCHOOL.—This match was played at St. Albans on Wednesday last, resulting in a victory for the visitors by five goals to three. The following are the teams:—*St. Albans*: W. Hunt, goal; F. Maiden, H. Cross, backs; G. Steabben, K. Mist, J. Bousall, half-backs; F. Mantel, H. Wilkins, right wing; H. Olney, centre; F. Cook, H. Whittingham, left wing.—*Luton*: R. Gason, goal; R. Laxton, L. Beeton, backs; F. Marner, S. Adams, half-backs; W. Paige, C. Huntingdon, right wing; A. Denniss, W. Hamblin, centres; H. Sansom, H. Oliver, left wing.

DUNSTABLE ROVERS v. DUNSTABLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Played on the school ground on Wednesday, and resulted in a somewhat hollow victory for the home team by five goals to one. Only five of the Rovers' men put in an appearance, and six substitutes had to be procured, victory under these conditions being virtually out of the question. The Grammar School eleven played in capital style, the passing of some of the boys being exceedingly good, while the three masters played splendidly throughout. The Rovers play a team representing the Luton Montrose Club on the Recreation Ground to-morrow (Saturday).

GROSVENOR COLLEGE 2ND XI. v. OXFORD HOUSE SCHOOL, ST. ALBANS.—This match was played at Luton on the College Recreation Ground on Saturday. The visitors, with a strong wind in their favour, secured the first goal, this being the only point scored in the first half. After change of ends the play was all in the St. Albans territory, and Colling scored for the Grosvenors. The College were unable to score again, owing mainly to the good play of the St. Albans goal-keeper. A most exciting and pleasant game thus ended in a draw, each side scoring one goal. *Grosvenor College*:—G. Ford, centre; F. Cunningham, W. Purser, right; H. W. Croft, H. Ward, left; G. H. Cooper, T. Gentle, P. Harden, half-backs; A. Colling, F. Cotchin, full backs; W. Logan, goal.