

Luton: Bee, goal; Chasher and McEwen, backs; Watkins, McCrindle (capt.), and Howe, half-backs; Gallacher and Finlayson, right; Galbraith, centre; Allen and Prentice, left, forwards.

Reading: Cannon, goal; White and Inglis, backs; F. Deane (capt.), Justice, and Knight, half-backs; Lee and Wilson, right; Moore, centre; Stewart and Watson, left, forwards.

Referee: Mr. F. Crossley, Swindon and R.A.

Linesmen: Messrs. J. H. Hackett (Luton) and A. Webb (Reading).

Luton lost the toss, but there was no wind, and amid much cheering and excitement, Galbraith started the ball. The Reds at once entered the home quarters, Gallacher getting in a nice run, from which the ball went wide. McEwen and White in turn cleared and then Allen neatly headed over the bar from Prentice. The visitors attacked again and Cannon saved a beauty from Gallacher, Prentice being next ruled offside. The kick availed Reading nothing for the Reds exhibiting some fine passing, once more threatened danger. Prentice gave the home custodian a handful, McCrindle then shooting over the cross-bar.

THE LUTON CAPTAIN WORKED GRANDLY,

once robbing three of his opponents, while the splendid combination of the visitors elicited general admiration. A short break-away from Lee and Wilson was stopped by Chasher and then White came to the fore by getting away a splendid centre from Gallacher. From a throw-in, Galbraith gave Cannon a handful, while directly afterwards the old Guardsman had to clear a hard "grounders" from Prentice. So the game continued for some time, the Reds having the upper hand at all points. Once the Reading left wing rushed down, and a centre across goal by Watson was

MISSED BY ALL FOUR OF HIS FELLOWS

amidst an indescribable demonstration from the crowd, who cheered wildly. Inglis was penalised for fouling, and then Gallacher sent in a fine cross-shot, which Cannon fisted out just before Prentice gallantly attempted to bundle him through. A mild foul was given against McCrindle, and from the kick, taken by White, the ball was headed behind. The cheering of the home crowd redoubled in vigour when Stewart got in a shot, which Bee cleared, Chesher also defending well. The Reds now made a determined assault, which ended in Cannon's conceding a corner. This was well placed by Prentice, McCrindle sent up into goal, where Gallacher smartly

HEADED THROUGH LUTON'S FIRST GOAL

after 28 minutes' play. Having tasted the sweets of scoring, the visitors now gave the home defence an extremely warm time. A shot by Gallacher nearly took effect, but Cannon proved too big an obstacle to be rushed through even by three Luton forwards. Another corner quickly followed, and then Allen made a beautiful shot but the home custodian was impassable until Gallacher, receiving from Prentice and Galbraith, put in a side shot which

HEAT CANNON A SECOND TIME

This was but three minutes after the last score, and Lutonians present were on excellent terms with themselves. "Hands" to each side brought no advantage, while Wilson was penalized for unduly vigorous tactics. Bee next was called upon but the Reds retaliated, twice shooting wide. Then Lee got down but Howe cleared the danger. A long shot by Knight was headed away by McEwen, and then Inglis sending up, the home forwards made another rush. "Mac" was "floored" when on the point of heading away, and things looked rather blue for Bee but fortunately Wilson headed over the bar, the leading crowd greeting the feat with vociferous cheering. Just before half-time, Gallacher, in endeavouring to rob the home left wing, badly twisted his ankle and had to leave the field. The interval found Luton leading by 2 goals to nil.

Luton commenced the second half with ten men and from this point, Reading, acting on official instructions, abandoned any attempt at passing and changed their play into the kick and rush method. A heavy downpour of rain just before the interval had completely drenched the ground, and the ball became very greasy. In spite of being thus handicapped, in two minutes from the restart, the four Luton forwards ran down, and Allen receiving a nice centre from Galbraith, gave his side

A LEAD OF THREE GOALS.

with a pretty shot, which Cannon quite failed to reach. Directly afterwards, a good chance was neutralised by Allen's shooting wide, when Galbraith was waiting for his pass. The home side pluckily persevered, and from a free-kick against Cheshier, Stewart gave Bee a handful. Allen handling, the Reading left became dangerous, but Watkins was fully equal to the occasion, and stopped further progress. Again the Luton defence was troubled, and McEwen missing the ball, gave Stewart a fine opening, which he only accepted by shooting high over bar, amid the disappointed groans of the crowd. For a few minutes Gallacher courageously returned to the field, but was manifestly incapable of being of service, and soon retired. The Reds seemed unable to take seriously the unexpected vigour of Reading's attack, and perhaps for a bit of pique Prentice once fisted the ball to the ground instead of heading it. The free-kick, however, gave Bee a hot shot to deal with, Allen completing the clearance. Reading now made a couple of determined rushes, but Bee saved on each occasion, though Lee was palpably off-side. At last, the "biscuit" lady made a supreme effort; Moore shot in, and the other forwards dashing into goal, succeeded in rushing the ball through. Stewart putting on the finishing touch. Reading's first score called forth

A MIGHTY SHOUT THAT RENT THE WELKIN

from each individual throat of the 4,000 spectators, and the din was terrific. Fifteen minutes had elapsed, and the home side, urged on by their supporters, made another assault. At this point McEwen and Wilson got at loggerheads, and the Referee had to caution both players. While Reading redoubled their efforts, Luton appeared to fall off to a corresponding degree. The forward rank sadly felt the loss of Gallacher, but once made things warm for the opposing defence, though Prestice was ruled offside. Cheshier miskicked near goal and afforded Knight an opening, but the latter shot wildly over the bar. A foul against Watkins for jumping brought an unpleasant climax, for just after the kick was taken McEwen and Wilson, again falling out, began kicking at each other. Mr. Crossley had no alternative but to

ORDER BOTH MEN OFF THE FIELD.

This left Reading ten and Luton nine players. Accordingly Allen went half-back and Howe back, the combination of the Reds being thus completely destroyed. The rest of the play was all of a scrambling order, and mainly in Reading's favour, though Galbraith made some heroic attempts to break through the home defence. Close upon time, Lee centred to Justice, who, with a high dropping shot, which Bee failed to

see owing to the darkness, scored their second goal, which was enthusiastically cheered. The match thus ended in Reading's first defeat and Luton's first League victory by 3 goals to 2.

The victors were subsequently entertained by the Reading club at the Queen's Hotel, and reached Luton at 9.22.