

ENGLISH CUP.—FINAL ROUND, DIVISION 9.

LUTON V. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.

A DRAWN GAME.

Great preparations had been made at Northumberland Park, Tottenham, on Saturday, for a "record" crowd, and the anticipation received every fulfilment, for Luton were greeted by an assembly numbering close upon 4,000, most of whom were confident as to the Spurs' chances of success. In the previous rounds, which have all given Luton a journey from home, the Reds have vanquished City Ramblers, St. Albans, and Ilford. Tottenham, on the other hand, have qualified for the divisional final by vanquishing West Herts, Wolverton, and Clapton in turn. Neither side was able to master full strength, Luton again unfortunately lacking Galbraith, owing to the inflammation of his eyes, while Jack was 8 days short of the necessary period qualification. The gaps were filled by Groom and Dimmock, of the Reserves, Gallacher appearing after a week's rest. The home team were without Stanley Brigg, as the big centre-half is suffering from a serious chill. This allowed Julian, the old Luton captain, to return to his favourite position. In pleasing contrast with the depressing conditions of Friday, the weather was beautifully fine, but a fresh, gusty wind prevailed during the afternoon. The home side, being also "Reds," donned white shirts in courtesy to their visitors, the teams appearing as under:—

Luton:—Bee, goal; M. D. Nicholson and McKwen, backs; Watkins, McOrindle, and Howe, half-backs; Gallacher and Finlayson, right; Groom, centre; Prentice and Dimmock, left, forwards.

Tottenham Hotspur:—Ambler, goal; Burrows and Jull (captain), backs; Shepherd, Julian, and Welham, half-backs; Cubberley and Goodall, right; Hunter, centre; Eagles and Payne, left, forwards.

Referee:—Mr. E. Blaker (Bowes Park).

Linesmen:—Messrs. G. Horn and Casey.

The enclosure is small, and its surface rough in parts; however, sun and wind had combined to make it fairly dry on this occasion. The home captain won the toss, and Luton started down-hill, but with sun and wind against them. The pace was set at a "cracker" from the kick-off, both sides showing great eagerness for the fray, and the spectators having evidently prepared themselves for ample excitement. The first incident was a centre across goal by Payne, and then Nicholson showed up with a fine clearance from Goodall. The visitors, showing some nice passing, quickly transferred play to Ambler's vicinity, the old Arsenal custodian fisting out under the bar a beauty from Gallacher. Receiving from Dinmock,

FINLAYSON HAD A GRAND CHANCE,

but shot over the bar. The Reds were attacking very hotly for some time, and the home defence were hard pressed, Burrows heading dangerously into his own goal, while Dimmock lost an opening through dallying near the goal-lines. Watkins tried well, Burrows kicking out, and then Groom shot over. Some smart work by Gallacher elicited applause, and from the centre, Prentice headed over. The Luton right-winger then put in a grand shot, which Ambler had to tip over the bar, the corner being unproductive. The Luton backs, particularly Nicholson, kept the home forwards at bay repeatedly, and the Reds were continually in the Spars' quarters. A second corner came to nothing, and

THE FIRST FOUL AGAINST JULIAN

was now noted. The kick was well placed by McEwen, but the ball went out, and then McCrindle tried a fine shot, which the wind carried just wide of the mark. A splendid attempt from Watkins forced Harrows to give a corner, but Welham averted the danger. Howe was working splendidly, and nearly beat Ambler, who saved tamely. Finlayson, after missing by inches, shot across goal, but his comrades were not up, and the chance was lost. However, success came at last, for Finlayson converted a fine centre by Gallacher into the

FIRST GOAL OF THE DAY,

after 31 minutes' play. All the play still continued in Luton's favour, and after ten minutes' more pressure, Watkins sent up to Finlayson, who passed to Gallacher, the latter centred into goal-mouth, and Prentice, dashing in, scored the second goal. The score at half-time stood:—Luton, 2 goals; Hotspur, 0.

Play opened fast in the second half, each side attacking in turn. The Hotspur goal narrowly escaped downfall, for Finlayson sending across, Prentice leaped in, and Ambler nearly "muffing" the shot, Dimmock had a splendid chance of scoring, but arrived on the spot a second too late. Play was stopped awhile, owing to an injury to Finlayson, but the old Bootle man was quickly on the job, giving Ambler a lively handful soon after. Urged on by the shouts of their supporters, the Spurs now made an effort. A long shot was sent in, and Bee, instead of allowing it to roll behind, preferred to throw it out tamely. The ball landed at Julian's feet, and the old Luton "skipper" at once gave his quondam mate a hot shot to deal with. This being only partially cleared, Gubberley ran up and

OPENED THE SPURS' SCORE,

15 minutes from the re-start, amid a terrific outburst of cheering from the crowd. From this point, the Spurs worked with renewed energy, and Goodall quickly tested Bee's best skill, the Luton custodian saving cleverly from Welham soon afterwards. A foul was given against McEwen, though Goodall was equally at fault. The kick was cleared by Groom, but the home right ran down, and from the centre, Bee effected a fine clearance from Eccles, Julian subsequently shooting into the Luton goal-keeper's hands. Play was transferred for a while to Tottenham quarters, where a free-kick for hands was awarded near goal. Dimmock placed the kick, but the danger was got away. The Spurs then rushed away, and Payne tried a long shot which, though Bee ran out of goal, went behind without his touching it.

MR. BISKEP, BY SOME MISTAKE, gave a corner, which Shepherd placed well in front of Bee, and after a momentary bully, Eccles managed to place his side on an equality, amid a great demonstration of enthusiasm. Only 5 minutes more remained, and both sides struggled hard for the winning point. Welham was penalised for fouling Finlayson, and the kick enabled Groom to head behind. Three throws-in now fell to Tottenham, but Gallacher got away and sent in a beautiful high shot, which Ambler just cleared in time. The whistle then blew for time with the score 2 goals each, and owing to the draw, the sides had to meet again on Wednesday, at Luton.