

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON V. SOUTHAMPTON ST. MARY'S.

TWO POINTS TO THE REDS.—MILLWALL ECLIPSED.

Since their draw with Millwall, footballers on the Solent have eagerly anticipated Luton's visit to Southampton. The team the Reds mustered for the occasion was the strongest available, including Jack and Gallacher. The visitors' left Luton on Friday afternoon, reaching the Hampshire port at eight but during the hurricane which prevailed all night little sleep was to be obtained. Only half-a-dozen Luton supporters ventured on the big journey on Saturday morning. The home-side were at full strength barring Angus, who was on the injured list.

The ground was rather heavy after Friday's rain, and the crowd numbered about 5,000. The time fixed for the start was 2.15, when the wind was blowing half a gale across the field. The men turned out as under.

Luton:—Bee, goal; M. D. Nicholson and McEwen, backs; Watkins, McCriodle, and Howe, half-backs; Gallacher and Finlayson, right; Galbraith, centre; Prentice and Jack, left, forwards.

Southampton St. Mary's:—Williamson, goal; Marshall and Jeffrey, backs; E. T. Taylor, Littlehales and Thomson, half-backs; Baker, Offer, W. Ward, Nineham and Hollands, forwards.

Referee:—Mr. S. R. Carr.

The home-side were fortunate enough to win the toss, and played with the wind behind them but with the sun in their faces. Galbraith set the ball in motion. At once the play assumed a fast aspect, and after some good passing in the centre Gallacher got the ball up, Marshall heading Watkins' shot out of danger. A foul against Nineham brought the leather down, and another against Baker produced some express exchanges in front of Williamson. Matters ruled even for a time, each man doing his level best, and just as Jack looked dangerous on the wing he was pulled up for being off-side. With a rush Ward and Nineham went down the field, and the latter put in a grand shot which just hit the cross-bar and bounded outside, after the custodian had just touched it. From the corner, play was exciting, but although they tried hard, the Saints failed to score. Through a misunderstanding on the part of the Luton defence Offer got possession, and sending across to Ward, the latter shot against the cross-bar, but was ruled off-side, Baker sharing a similar fate directly after. With the wind, the Saints had a considerable advantage, and did most of the pressing. After Bee had saved from Baker, Howe was penalised for fouling Offer. From free kicks, the Saints twice netted the ball, but the leather was untouched in transit.

The home forwards, among whom Nineham was a shining light, showed some decent combination, McEwen clearing twice from Littlehales and Ward. A corner to Southampton was fruitless, Nineham placing wide, but soon afterwards, Hollands got in a good centre and

AN EXCITING MELEE

ensued in the Luton goal, the ball eventually rolling slowly through a mass of legs into the net. Baker was responsible for the final touch, and the success was greeted with loud cheers. Shortly after, half-time was called with the score:—Southampton 1, Luton 0.

The second half was for the most part in Luton's favour, and they early set about goal-getting, Williamson saving a splendid shot from Prentice in the nick of time. After a run by Nineham, the Luton forwards pressed again, and Galbraith quickly equalised the score, the Saints' custodian failing to hold the leather. Excitement now naturally ran high, and the Reds were infusing fire dash and combination into their play. A few minutes after their previous success,

GALBRAITH PUT LUTON AHEAD

with a high shot, which completely beat Williamson. The Luton centre being badly fouled by Littlehales, McEwen, who took the kick, landed the ball in the net untouched, though Luton appealed for a goal. Finlayson now made a pretty shot, which, however, was saved, and then Baker succeeded in raising the siege for a brief space. The visitors soon returned to the assault, which was momentarily checked through Jack being given offside, but Luton pressing again, Galbraith gave the Saints' goal-keeper a difficult handful. The home side were now playing a losing game and being

GRADUALLY WORN DOWN,

while Ward was very slow at times. Twice Galbraith shot wide, and then Williamson only saved his charge at the expense of a corner. A last spurt was made amid the enthusiastic cheers of the home crowd by the right wing. The only result was a corner, and this being of no avail, Baker was transferred to centre among the forwards. Luton, however, had still the best of matters, Williamson being kept frequently on the alert, and just on the point of time, Harry Offer was penalised for offside. Before the kick could be taken the whistle blew, and Luton retired winners of a fast game by 2 goals to 1.