

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON V. ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORIES.

VICTORY AT LAST.—A ONE-SIDED GAME.

With a record of but one victory and four draws out of 11 matches played since Christmas, Luton encountered the R.O.F.C. on Saturday, and their anxious supporters had the satisfaction of seeing Fortune at last befriend them. The day was fine, but owing to the thaw, the ground was heavy and very muddy in parts. Galbraith was absent from the home side, and as an experiment, Howe was tried at centre in his place. With one or two exceptions, the Ordnance had their best eleven. It was 3.5 when the men mustered before about 2,000 spectators as follows:

Luton:—Boe, goal; Chesher and McEwen, backs; Watkiss, McCrindle, and Collins, half-backs; Gallacher and Finlayson, right; Howe, centre; Prentice and Jack, left, forwards.

Royal Ordnance:—Gilmer, goal; G. Bryan and George, backs; McKenzie, Stewart, and Munro, half-backs; Gollon, Brown, Kirk, F. Bryan, and T. Bryan, forwards.

Referee:—Mr. S. R. Carr, London, R.A.

Line-up:—Messrs. Cecil Knight and W. Sawyer.

McCrindle won the toss.

By way of a change, McCriodle won the toss, but Kirk followed Morrison's example of last week, and passed the ball back on starting, the result being a free-kick to Luton at the very commencement. The jovial "Mac" sent the ball well down the field, and Gallacher soon distinguished himself by forcing a corner, which, however, did not improve matters. The Ordnance then took up the running, Tom Bryan causing lee to handle, while Collins next shot across his own goal, and allowed Kirk to get in a dangerous shot, which the Luton custodian promptly kicked away, much to the crowd's relief. Collins assisted the visitors' assault by fouling Brown, and a dash by Collon produced a corner. From the flag-kick, however, Kirk shot wide, and after this, the

ORDNANCE RARELY THREATENED DANGER.

It was very heavy going on the sodden ground, and falls were frequent owing the slippery mud abounding. The Reds, who were aided by the wind, showed decided superiority, and the play was mainly in Gilmer's vicinity for the rest of the game. The Ordnance custodian was first called upon by Gallacher and then from a corner, Collins retrieved his former blunder with a good attempt which sailed just over the bar. Howe now showed up with a timely pass, the left wing bore down on goal, and Gilmer running out to assist his backs, Fiolayson had only to tip the ball into the net. This was after 16 minutes' play, and as an earnest of good things in store,

THE FIRST GOAL WAS WELCOMED

with loud cheers. Inspired by their success, the Reds attacked with vigour, and four corners in succession fell to the home side. Gallacher was always foremost on these occasions, while Howe and McEwen in turn sent the leather well into goal-mouth. Some brilliant work by Gallacher on the wing resulted in a clever goal, but just before shooting the Luton right winger had handled, and the point was disallowed in consequence, and a free kick given. The majority of the crowd, however, were under the impression that Mr. Carr had ruled Gallacher offside, and he was for a time the recipient of a considerable amount of

GOOD-HUMOURED CHAIR.

This was undoubtedly hard luck and worse followed, a shot from Finlayson striking the post and bouncing behind. The Greenwich goal-keeper was kept busily employed up to the interval, and the Luton halves shot effectively more than once, Howe sending in a beauty which Gilmer just touched over the bar, while Finlayson must have scored but for an unfortunate "cannon" off the Ordnance backs. At half-time Luton led by 1 goal to nil.

Early in the second half, Gilmer saved three shots in succession from Jack and Gallacher. The tricky play of Prentice greatly entertained the crowd, but only excited McKenzie's bad temper, a foul ensuing to Luton. Then George lifted the ball down close to goal during a spirited onset by the home right. An ordinary free-kick was given, and this being nicely placed by Watkins, Prentice sent across to Finlayson, who scored the second goal after about ten minutes play. The visitors were

OUTLAWED AT ALL POINTS,

and made only a few rushes during the rest of the game, but saving once from Gallon. The next visit to Luton headquarters was made by T. Bryan, but he mi-kicked close to the line, and the chance was lost. Howe, though out of his usual place, was playing well in the centre, and was often applauded for his clever tackling. A clear field fell to Jack, but he was hardly smart enough and George cleared. Eventually, McKwen took the ball down the field and sent up to Jack, who headed into goal, Prentice shooting through and registering the third point. Soon afterwards, Gallacher made a splendid run, completely beating George, and then shooting; Gilmer saved, but Gallacher secured from his return and passed to Prentice, who put through, but Mr. Carr disallowed a score for an infringement of the offside rule by the Gainsboro' man, who stood almost under the bar. From hands, placed by McCrindle, the ball entered the net for the sixth time, but was untouched in transit. In the last stages of the game, two fouls were given against Prentice, and the match ended, Luton 3, Ordnance 0.