

LUTON V. KETTERING.

TWO VALUABLE LEAGUE POINTS MISSING.

The return fixture against Kettering in the United League was brought off on the North Park ground on Monday. Previous to going down to the Northamptonshire boot shop, Luton, by reason of their victory over Tottenham Hotspur, headed the United League by reason of their excellent goal average. Millwall stood second, but as regards actual points gained were in an equally good position.

No one anticipated an easy win, but the most hopeless croaker thought Luton would manage to hold their own. A loss of 1-0 was never anticipated, even by the team.

The kick-off did not take place until 5-15. A strong wind was blowing out of one goal into the other, whilst the light was not of the best. Stewart, of course, lost the toss, and for the third time in succession on North Park ground Luton had to fight uphill, and against a stiff breeze. There was not a large crowd by any means, but they made a deafening row as the local team stepped out in their red shirts. Luton followed on their heels, and Mr. Saywell, Chatham, lined them up as under :

Luton : Williams ; McCartney and Davies ; Perrins, Stewart, and Docherty ; Gallacher, Coupar, Galbraith, McInnes, and Ekins.

Kettering : Perkins ; Wallis and Draper ; Pell, Cowan, and Atherton ; Panter, Heskins, Allan, Miller, and Parker.

Linesmen : Luton, Mr. E. Gibbs ; Kettering, Mr. C. Bullock (secretary).

Kettering got over the line first, and Pell soon tested Williams with a beauty. A fine clearance was made and the ball passed away to Wallis, who dropped the ball on Williams' toe from mid-field amid applause. It seemed as though Luton would have sufficient to do to defend, for a minute later Panter headed in.

McCartney had the credit of clearing, and he passed up the right to Gallacher, who rushed away and got in a good shot.

Draper was using Gallacher very badly, hacking away with an easy conscience and kicking furiously to the danger of every man around him. Mr. Saywell soon penalised him. Perkins had to clear, and Panter and Heskins raced away on the right. Davies cleared magnificently and a moment later repeated the performance.

Coupar was the next unfortunate victim to Draper's brutality. McCartney put up for the free kick, but was too strong. Wallis again dropped the ball into the mouth of the goal from midfield, and again Williams returned. Heskins was next pulled up for fouling Davies.

Gallacher next led a combined rush and centred grandly. From close on the line Ekins shot in, and just missed the post as it passed out, travelling in an oblique direction. Shortly afterwards Ekins got away and shot with terrific force. Perkins met it skilfully, however, and returned into play, although the force nearly upset his balance.

The spectators had behaved themselves in the approved "Holy City" way, questioning every decision with impunity. After 20 minutes of such verbal fire, Mr. Saywell stopped the game and informed the secretary and the crowd generally that if he was so grossly insulted again he would stop the game and that they would have to take his decision as given.

This had a sobering effect upon the crowd for some time, but an ominous murmur went round when five minutes later a Kettering goal was ruled offside. Gallacher had a shot at the other end and Panter caused Williams to touch over. A foul against Kettering was taken just as the whistle blew. Half-time score :

LUTON	..	..	..	0 goals
KETTERING	..	..	0	..

The hopes of the few Luton spectators were ruthlessly shattered when Heskins scored within