

FOOTBALL.

N. V. MANCHESTER CITY.

RAN WIN FOR THE "STRIPES."

"CITS" VANQUISHED BY 3-0.

Sat the Manchester City team, who are
id of Second Division table, paid their first
to Li this being the initial encounter of the
t in t ague contest. It was not expected in
ootba. ld generally that, considering the fine
displa y the "Cits", the Northerners would
muc at 3 of sustaining a reverse; but
lan, ng in mind the splendid style in which
stripes have been performing recently, were
ne enough to predict a narrow victory for the

The men rose to the occasion and, with
dson as a splendid pivot, gave such an admirable
tion that they managed to secure an unexpectedly
ictory by three goals to none. The weather was
out the ground was in a terribly muddy state.
d, indeed, was the pitch that the ball literally
in the mud at times. Despite this adverse cir-
cunstance the contending elevens gave a first-rate
and the was from the outset brimful of
ment and i st. There was a large attendance,
th, the crow not nearly so numerous as on the
previous Monday e Grimaby match. It ought to
be said, perhaps, whereas the Luton team was
constituted as us e Manchester side lacked two
regular players.

Excitement wa use when the referee (Mr.
Rollins, of Walsa k command of the following
forces:—

Luton Town: G
and McEwen; ha
Docherty; right wi
Donaldson; left wi

Manchester City:
and Ray; half-bac
right wing, Mereo
Gillespie; left wing,

Neutral linesmen,
London), and A. C. Ki

Luton lost the toss
end. They started wi

not long ere Gallacher,
centred finely, the ball bein

the Manchester defender
right winger was got

Following this the vis
wing and went off at a g

passable just now, and s
more removed. The st

narrow escape of being
unproductive corner. St

by Coupar was resultles
passing by the City right

of a corner by the Luto
tory. The home front

by indulging in some
son rendering himself

Off-side checked the Mancu
by McCartney had allowed th

work their way close in Whi
the ball travelling wide when the goal

at the mercy of the kicker. Shortly a
"stripes" were found at the other end, a

smartest pieces of play of the day wa
Donaldson seemed wedged in; but by so

dinarily skilful manoeuvring he managed to
opposition and score with a shot which bea

todian completely. The delight of the spec
this early success—it came when the game

about 10 minutes old—was unbounded, and th
ing was of the heartiest. The Manchester lot w

from being disheartened by this reverse; they returned
to the charge pluckily, and so well did they attack that

McEwen was called upon to head away from a capable
centre, a feat which he performed well. A foul against

the visitors enabled the homesters to make their way
to the other end, where Donaldson and Docherty

in turn dispatched capital shots at goal, the half back
missing by about a yard with a tremendous drive.

Following off-side against the City, Gallacher
skimmed the bar. A foul against Little for

jumping was balanced by a free-kick for
hands against Manchester. McInnes was punished

for lying off-side; but the locals were soon at it again
and after some good combination between Little and

Donaldson one of the visitors was finely stopped by
Davies, who sent in well. Coupar was pulled up for

fouling, and Little was adjudged to be off-side when he
dispatched a lovely shot which C. Williams dealt with

cleverly. A corner was forced by Gallacher, and from
this McInnes, who received from Docherty, sent wide.

Stewart distinguished himself by stopping a man
grandly when in front of goal, following which Smith

sent wide. The mud took the pace out of a hard drive
by Little, and the ball was easily negotiated by

the keeper, while at the home end Williams saved
his namesake trouble by shooting wide of the mark.

Donaldson and Gallacher were working splendidly
hereabouts, and when the "stripes" were pressing

hotly a foul against Davies stopped them. Little and
Stewart both shot wide, while Gallacher sent over

from a grand centre by McInnes. Fouls against
Docherty and Davies were noted, and later on

McCartney and Davies were conspicuous for capital
defence. A nasty foul on Donaldson passed unnoticed;

but Mr. Rollins took cognisance of a foul throw-in by
Moffat. At the visitors' end Little shot just outside

the posts, while McCartney sent in a beauty which
ve the custodian some trouble. More hot work in

ut of the Manchester goal led to a corner, this pro-
ing a very hot struggle. The ball was got away

now; but just prior to the interval the homesters
enced well once more and this time the ball was
naged into the net, Coupar being the executant.

in the cheering was loud and long-sustained, to
use a well-known reportorial expression. At the
interval the positions were:

LUTON, 2; MANCHESTER, 0.

The second half opened with a terrific bombardment of the visitors' goal and the "stripes" seemed likely to force the ball through when the centre forward slipped down. A corner was conceded, though without result. Following some grand half-back play by Holmes Davies secured neatly, yet he managed to send wide ultimately. A foul against Docherty not far from goal looked ominous; but Mc Ewen jumped in and relieved in spirited fashion. The Manchester centre half shot wide just afterwards. Gallacher beat Holmes and Ray in fine style and sent along the line into the custodian's hands, following this up with an effort which was excellently saved. Another good try by the outside right was just as well disposed of. Afterwards some magnificent volleying was witnessed from the rival backs, McEwen being especially prominent. A narrow miss by Little was succeeded by Davies securing well and shooting splendidly, the custodian giving a corner in saving. Coupar and McCartney were responsible for good efforts in turn, while McInnes landed on the net from what Mr. Rollins decided was an off-side position. When his *vis-a-vis* had been afforded another chance of displaying his celerity, the home goalkeeper was called upon and he effected a grand save, the ball being cleared at the second attempt. McCartney eventually cleared, and a foul against Manchester on Little followed. Gallacher procured a further corner for his side, this being succeeded by another at the other side of the field. Gallacher headed just above the bar from this. A splendid attempt by Davies was well saved by the custodian, this being followed by a foul against Stewart. The Manchester players were now displaying infinitely better form and a corner against the homesters was forced, though without result. Brilliant play by the home left wing atoned for some unsteadiness on the part of the defenders, while from a free-kick to Luton Coupar headed in splendidly and the keeper saved, Little subsequently sending wide. The visitors' inside left sent very far wide, Gallacher following this up by forcing another corner, the ball running along the bar and being disposed of luckily. A further corner to the "stripes" was splendidly saved. Coupar, who was playing a magnificent game, was now included amongst the half-backs. Soon after this Docherty kicked into his own goal mouth and had not Williams been on the alert a score would have resulted. McEwen saved grandly and after some further interesting exchanges Donaldson sent through once more from a centre by Coupar. From this stage onwards the home combination were infinitely superior to their adversaries and one splendid attempt was credited to Donaldson. No more scoring took place, however, and the eventual result was that Luton secured a well-deserved and popular victory with the following totals:

LUTON, 3; MANCHESTER, 0.