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LUTON V. SOUTHAMPTON.

VICTORY AFTER A LAME DISPLAY.

The victors of Newcastle were cordially welcomed at Luton on Monday, and the glorious weather favoured a more than average gate. When Luton visited Southampton on November 3rd, they gained a fine victory by 2 goals to nil, and, as luck would have it, they exactly repeated these figures on Monday. The sea-siders, however, put only a mixed team in the field, Yates, Farrell and Turner having a holiday in the front rank, and Petrie and Meston being away from the back division. As the ex-Saints have an ample stock of Reserves, they had a fair team in the field, including Reynolds, the old Aston Villa International player. In the local eleven, McCartney and Little gave way to Birch and Catlin; the teams being:

Luton: Williams; Davies and McEwen; Birch, Stewart, and Docherty; Gallacher, Coupar, Donaldson, McInnes, and Catlin.

Southampton: Clawley; Nichols and Haynes; Reynolds, Chadwick, and McMillan; Brown, Buchanan, M'Lean, Stevens, and Keay.

Referee: Mr. J. Tillotson.

Southampton won the toss, and it soon became evident that the visitors were in a holiday-making, easy sort of mood. They seemed quite content to rest on Saturday's laurels, and though Luton did all the pressing the visitors took everything in the calmest fashion. Within less than five minutes from the start, McMillan committed a bad foul, and from Davies' place kick, McInnes scored No. 1 with a swift, low shot into the far corner of the net.

The reverse did not much distress the visitors, who took everything with smiling grace. Chadwick fouled Gallacher, and a mis-kick by Nicol nearly let in McInnes. An anxious time was in store for Clawley, who did a lot of good work, and once Luton missed scoring in a marvellous fashion at very close quarters, Catlin, Stewart, and McInnes banging in the ball one after the other. This was about the only bit of excitement all the afternoon.

The first corner fell to Southampton, but it came to nothing, and Donaldson broke through, but was offside. A wearisome succession of free kicks and throws-in made the game monotonous, but a little relief was afforded by some lively "bustling" between Buchanan and McEwen, which greatly entertained the crowd. Gallacher forced a corner off Haynes, and after a while Coupar put through, but Mr. Tillotson considered Clawley had been impeded. Twice Catlin got offside, and Luton were mainly in the visitors' quarters. Indeed, though the Southampton forwards did a lot of finessing and made sundry rushes, Williams only handled the ball once, from Brown, during the whole of the first half. Just before the interval, Clawley gave a corner from a beautiful attempt by Gallacher, and Luton nearly broke through. Half-time score:

LUTON	...	...	...	1 goal
SOUTHAMPTON	...	...	...	0 ,,

The game was resumed without any break, and for a time the pace improved, and both sides worked hard. Williams had a couple of saves, Steven and Buchanan showing up most for the Southampton forwards. A couple of corners fell to the locals, but they did not shape seriously like scoring. Gallacher and Coupar on the right wing were doing well, the former shooting accurately. A centre from Catlin was within an ace of being converted by Donaldson, but Clawley was two seconds quicker. The old Stoke keeper effected a fine save from the home centre, but only partially cleared, Gallacher and Coupar putting the finishing touch on No. 2 with a smart dash into goal.

This was after 23 minutes' play, and practically settled matters. There were few noteworthy incidents afterwards, beyond a splendid save by Clawley from McInnes, who broke away quite clear, and a couple of offside points scored by Donaldson and "Tommy." The welcome end arrived:

LUTON	...	...	...	2 goals
SOUTHAMPTON	...	...	...	0 ,,