

LUTON v. DARWEN.

AN EASY WIN.

The return game between these teams was played before a holiday crowd of 3,000 on Easter Monday. The afternoon was fine, but the gusty wind strongly militated against scientific play. In the home team, Donaldson was given a rest, and the most notable absentee of the visitors was Leach. The 22 men were :—

LUTON : Williams ; McCartney and McEwen ; Davies, Stewart, and Docherty ; Gallacher, Catlin, Coupar, McInnes, and Little.

DARWEN: Kingsley; Moore and Jackson; Kenyon, Tyers, and Dyson; Sugden, Crooks, Bleasdale, Cumpstey, and Barnes.

Mr. Brodie, of Stafford, was referee, and Messrs. G. H. Taylor (Aspley Guise), and A. Peters (Kettering) were linesmen.

Losing the toss, Luton had the worst of a cross-wind in the first half. They had all the best of the play, but the sturdy Darwen defence upset the home forwards' combination. An offside goal was scored in a few minutes by Catlin, and Luton did a lot of attacking, though the wind constantly carried the ball into touch.

Mr. Brodie was very keen on fouls, and a number of free-kicks were awarded against Darwen. Little lost several chances, while Gallacher shot frequently over the goal, and when Kingsley had run out Coupar was presented with an open goal, but Jackson cleared in the nick of time. The visitors got a solitary corner and one shot at Williams in the first 45. The rest of the play up to the interval comprised a succession of unfortunate "pots" by the Luton men, half-time showing

No SCORE.

In the second half Little went on the right wing and Catlin outside left in the hope of improving the hitherto feeble goal-getting. A shot from Stewart was saved by Kingsley, who was fouled afterwards, and Catlin then forced a corner. Docherty placed the kick finely, and Gallacher scored No. 1 with a high shot under the bar after 6 minutes' play. Only 4 minutes later a foul was given against Tyers, and McCartney placing well, McInnes put through No. 2.

This put a better face on the game, and the crowd rejoiced accordingly, especially when Stewart sent in a terrific shot, which Kingsley steered overhead. Luton had hard lines in not increasing their lead from the corner, and Coupar missed narrowly afterwards, the home team having four corners in as many minutes.

Very rarely did Darwen visit the Luton end, the two "Macs" defending valiantly. Some 25 minutes passed before Sugden ran down and Crooks shot wide, the only attempt of the second half. After an unlucky miss by Little a corner was given, and Catlin neatly headed through No. 3 about ten minutes from the finish. The same player had bad luck on two other occasions, and Luton won easily by the score:—

LUTON	..	..	..	3 goals
DARWEN	..	..	..	0 ,,

The score was about a fair index of the game, and Luton thoroughly deserved to win, though the victors did not exhibit any extraordinary smartness in so doing. Docherty and McEwen were conspicuous in the back division. In front Catlin was very poor until the finish, Little being also disappointing. Coupar, McInnes, and Gallacher worked hard, though the latter's centres were not always accurate. The defence was the best part of the Darwen team.