

UNITED LEAGUE.

LUTON v. LOUGHBOROUGH.

This important United League fixture was played at Loughborough on Tuesday, when the Luton men showed a return to their true form, and returned with a couple of useful points. This performance places them in an assured position for the championship of the League, so that next season the flag that flies so proudly o'er the Dockers will wave—we hope—on to victory the Lutonians.

Loughborough were without Pike and "Tich" Smith, who stood out in consequence of injuries sustained in a previous match. Otherwise they were thoroughly representative. The visitors took their full team. The back division was as usual, and the forward line, with Donaldson at centre and Little at outside left.

The first half was utterly devoid of goals, though it was during that period the battle raged hardest. Luton, having lost the toss, had to face a strong wind, and the "Luff" forwards seized every opportunity to break up the defence. By a big effort they were kept out, and Luton changed ends with everything in their favour.

It was not long before Gallacher, who probably was the best man on the field, got down his wing, and with a swinging shot from the corner, broke through the ice. Soon afterwards a foul on Luton gave McCartney an opportunity for a free kick. He judged the distance to a nicety, and the ball was forced into the net by Donaldson.

Unfortunately for "Bob" he could not head the ball through, but rather than lose the point he rushed it through with his face. The force of the impact pressed his cheek heavily on his teeth, with the result that his mouth was severely lacerated.

The third and last goal also came from Donaldson, and he obtained it in characteristic fashion, brushing aside the defence with the ball at his feet and finding the net with a well-timed shot.
