

THE LEAGUE.—SECOND DIVISION.

BLACKPOOL v. LUTON TOWN.

Played at Blackpool on Saturday. Results:—

Blackpool 1 goal.

Luton Town nil.

The teams were as follow:—

Blackpool: Douglas; Parr and Stirzaker; Wilson, M'Hardie, and Norris; Clarkin, Banks, Martin, Parkinson and Leadbetter.

Luton: Williams; McCartney and McEwen; Davies, Stewart and Docherty; Gallacher, Cooper, Donaldson, Molnes and Little.

Locally, very little interest was felt in the last match of the season at Blackpool, owing in some measure to the fact that the result could make no difference to Luton's position, but in a greater degree to the lassitude which comes over the feelings at the end of the season and to the additional circumstance that the eccentricities of the Luton team have robbed their supporters of a great deal of their enthusiasm. At Blackpool the extremely wretched weather had a still more disastrous effect upon the proceedings, spoiling the game and limiting the attendance to about three hundred.

The ground was in a fearful condition, the formation of a number of miniature lakes not contributing to the comfort of the players, whilst anything like accurate shooting was put altogether out of the question. This was probably the reason why Luton did not win the match. During the seventy minutes played—thirty-five each way—the visitors had all the best of the game, but try how they would they could not steer the ball between the posts. At half-time, when the teams simply changed ends without the luxury of an interval, there was no score, and as time went on it seemed that in all probability this would be the state of affairs at the finish. But with only a few minutes to go, Clarkin obtained possession of the ball and beat Williams with a soft shot.

It is only fair to the Luton custodian to say that he was not to blame, the supperiness of the ground being the cause of his mistake. Indeed he kept goal well, as did Douglas for the other side. Both pairs of backs rendered an excellent account of themselves, and there was some very fair combination among the Luton forwards. For a last match, and considering the conditions under which it was played, the game was a good one, with the spoils of war going to the inferior side.