



SECOND LEAGUE.

LUTON V. BURNLEY.

NO SURPRISE THIS TIME.

The Luton team left here on Friday afternoon to play at Burnley. The following account is by a Lancashire writer: "The champions of the League were visited on Saturday at Turf Moor by Luton, who are sometimes a prize packet team, so that the result was not by any means a foregone conclusion. It was feared that a change would have to be made in the Burnley winning combination, owing to an affliction to Taylor's eyes, but he was declared to be fit, so that the "old guard" again did duty. Teams:

Burnley: Haddow; Reynolds and McLintock; O'Rourke, Taylor, and Livingstone; Morrison, Ross, Toman, Bowes, and Place.

Luton: Williams; McCartney and McEwen; Davies, Stewart and Docherty; Gallacher, McInnes, Little, Birch, and Ekins.

Referee: Mr. Ramsbottom, Liverpool.

There was only a poor gate at the start. The weather was very fine, and there was scarcely a breath of wind stirring, so that the only advantage the winner of the toss could choose was the inclination of the ground, which was so slight that, although Luton won the spin, they allowed Toman to start the ball for Burnley with the incline. Haddow was first visited, but Ekins, who was pressing, was unable to get in a shot. A rush to the other end was at once met by Morrison, who sent a pretty cross over, which was badly used by young Place, who had a very fair chance of scoring, but mulled.

The game opened fast, play being carried alternately to each end. Haddow was the first to fist out, but the first corner fell to Burnley. Williams now had his baptism, a volley of shots being well directed at his charge, which had a narrow escape. One close lightning delivery by Place, which had seemed a certain goal, was to the surprise of the field caught and thrown away by Williams, who came out of the ordeal very successfully. Ekins was too fast for Reynolds, but the shooting of the visitors was erratic. After 16 minutes' play, while Burnley were pressing, an opening in the defence was found by Bowes, who scored with a fast return shot, which Williams had no chance of reaching. In 5 minutes more, from a foul against Morrison O'Rourke took the kick and dropped the ball in a cluster of players in the goal mouth, and when it was worked out Place got in a fine kick, and netted No. 2 amidst cheers.

The attack was kept up and Morrison and Bowes, at close quarters, tried to head through. Bowes' effort was only a few inches too high, and Toman and Place had a very good chance to augment the score, but, at short range, Place's shot was surprisingly wide. After having had a long spin in the visitors' territory, where the Burnley men indulged in some quick, but ineffective short passing, the Luton men had a turn at attacking, Ekins and Gallacher, the outside men, forged ahead, but when it came to shooting the goal could not be found. Play eventually went towards Williams, who was called to strict attention by another corner, which was unhappily fruitless, and was got away without much difficulty. For the third time the ball was netted by Ross, but the whistle had blown for off-side, and the point was disallowed to the jeers of the spectators. Jimmy Ross secured a free kick out of Stewart, and from this Williams was very nearly beaten in a scrimmage, the ball running against the upright outside. Half-time :

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By half-time the gate had considerably increased. On resuming the homesters took matters very easily. Toman was badly fouled just outside the penalty line, and from a free kick a fruitless corner resulted. Midfield play followed, and neither goal for a while was seriously attacked. Morrison and Ross were merry, and larked with their opponents, making rings round them. A lightning shot by Ross at long range narrowly missed the mark. When Haddow was revisited there was no improvement in the shooting of the Luton forwards, and Haddow had a very easy task in dealing with any shot which came his way.

Gallacher in successfully stopping the ball from going out of play flew forward and fell, and before he could recover himself Reynolds was able to run over 30 yards and reap the fruits of Gallacher's meritorious work, to the amusement of the crowd. The Luton men showed more in defence than attack, in which they were very feeble. From midfield McLintock, in taking a kick for a foul, netted the ball untouched. The Luton keeper's charge continued to be seriously assailed, but Williams was a tower of strength in his position. Two lightning shots, one from Toman and the other from Ross, were very dexterously caught.

What the Burnley men, apparently, could not do was done very easily and accidentally by McEwen, who by an erratic defensive trick dropped the ball over the head of Williams, who was standing well forward, and could not get back in time to stop it. At short intervals four corners fell to Burnley and the attack, which was kept intact to within 10 minutes of the close when Toman, in a scrimmage, touched through the 4th goal. In the last five minutes Burnley had three more corners, all of which were well placed, and the attack was kept up to the end, the homesters securing a well-deserved victory. Result :

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