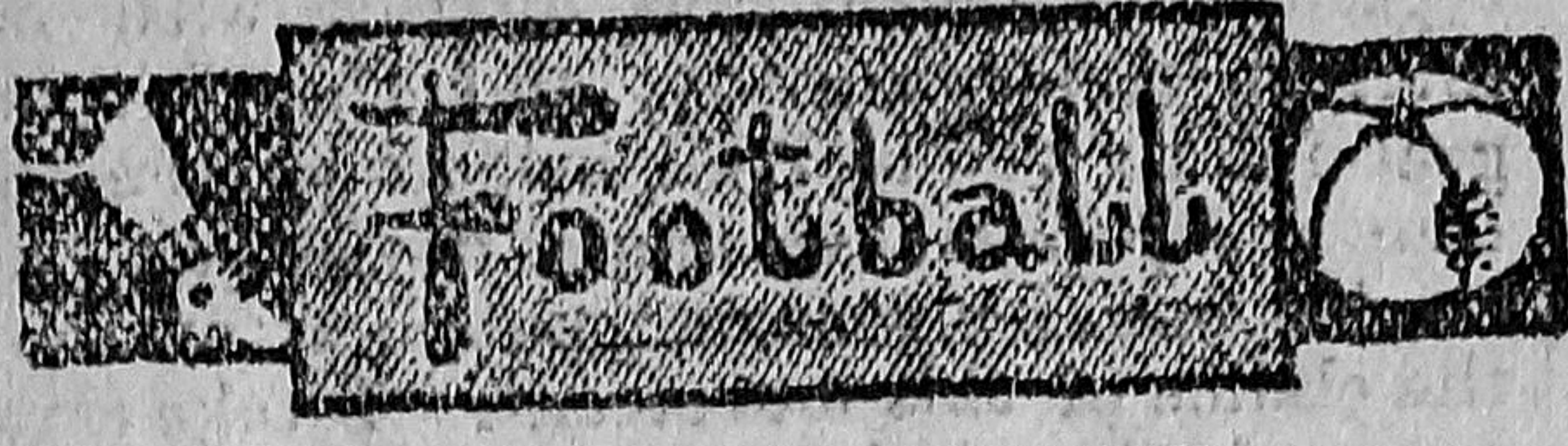




SECOND LEAGUE.

LUTON v. GAINSBOROUGH.

A FINE VICTORY.

Luton paid a successful visit to Lincolnshire on Saturday, and came home with two League points from Northolme, Gainsborough, where last year they made a draw of 3 goals each. The match was played in delightful weather, and before about 2,000 spectators. In the home team Richardson, the reserve goal-keeper, took the place of Copeland.

Luton: Perkins; Dow and Moore; C. Ford, Sharpe, and Hewitt; Darrant, McInnes, Kemplay, W. Ford, and Brock.

Gainsborough: Richardson; Bayley, and Pumfrey; Foulstone, Morris, and Munro; Wigmore, Walters, Scott, Hughes, and Foxall.

Referee: Mr. Cowley.

Munro won the toss, but on starting Luton at once forced matters, and were highly dangerous from a free kick close to the Trinity goal. Several warm shots were sent in, and Kemplay beat Richardson, but was given off-side. This exciting start showed that the Lutonians meant business, and great relief was experienced when the home front rank got away. Wigmore made a couple of characteristic dashes, and sent in a pretty oblique shot from long range, which Perkins got to in the corner of the goal and threw away. Foxall was next conspicuous, but was stopped for off-side, and a foul against him brought Luton near the home goal.

Gainsborough, however, again got away smartly, Wigmore just missing a lovely centre from Foxall; while a foul against the visitors immediately afterwards brought no good result. Another foul was given against them immediately after, but Foxall sent into touch, while from a free kick close in the Luton goal escaped luckily, all the home forwards having a pop. The game was being very evenly contested, the defence on both sides being well tried, but the Luton front rank showed up the better of the two.

After 20 minutes' play the locals got well up the field, and a neat pass to Hughes enabled that player to easily open the scoring for Gainsborough. Next Foxall was applauded for some tricky work, and was only dispossessed at the expense of a fruitless corner, Wigmore with an easy chance sending outside. Then the Luton forwards—a quintette of fliers—came down with a rush, and two fouls proved only a temporary check. They attacked in determined fashion, a couple of free kicks assisting them, and McInnes equalised with a fast shot, which gave Richardson little chance.

This “equaliser” caused both teams to enliven their play, and Perkins was found something to do. Brock got away, but off-side spoilt his effort, and at the other end Wigmore and Morris missed badly. The Luton men increased their efforts, playing fine football, and the men in blue had their hands full in stemming their dangerous rushes. Pretty passing ended in McInnes sending in a twisting shot which Richardson just diverted behind the post, Scott heading away from the subsequent corner. Luton still came strongly, and after Brock had been stopped on the plea of off-side, Kemplay sent in a hot grounder which beat Richardson, but missed the mark by inches. Half-time was sounded immediately after with the score

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On resuming, Luton still showed up best, and after some warm work their front rank came down the field irresistibly, exciting play ensuing before the Trinity goal. Richardson cleared one or two strong shots, but Kemplay placed Luton ahead with a lightning shot. Wigmore then went centre-forward for Trinity, and the change worked well, Foxall from a fine centre by Walters equalising the scores.

The joy of the spectators was only short-lived, for straight from the kick-off the Luton forwards went down the field in splendid fashion, and Kemplay gave them the lead again, the home defence being completely tricked. The Luton forwards continued to put in some beautiful

work, and Richardson saved twice in quick succession, while a tremendous shot from Durrant skimmed the bar. A corner fell to the Blues, but this was placed behind, and the Luton goal had some narrow escapes. Just on time Gainsborough got another corner, and the ball struck Perkins on the back, but was got away. Trinity appealed for a goal, but the referee, after consulting the linesmen, blew the final whistle, the game ending

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