

ENGLISH CUP RE-PLAY.

LUTON v. TOTTENHAM SPURS.

THE TOWN OUSTED AT LAST.

The English Association having fixed Tuffnell Park, Holloway, as the scene of the third meeting between these English Cup rivals, the Luton team journeyed to North London on Monday. It was a gloriously fine day, but the ground, which was flooded when Luton last played there against the 2nd Scot Guards, was sodden with Sunday's rain. Owing to the accident to Hewitt, the forward line was again changed by the inclusion of Draper and Galbraith, from the Reserves. In the Tottenham team, Erentz replaced Melia, who was injured at Sheppey, and McNaught appeared among the halves. About 7,000 spectators were present.

Mr. Strawson was again referee, and had Messrs. Casey and Gibbs as linesmen, with the following teams:—

Luton:—Perkins; Dow and Williams; C. Ford, Sharp and Crump; Draper, McInnes, Kemplay, Galbraith and Ekins.

Tottenham:—Cullen; Erentz and Cain; Jones, McNaught, and Stormont; Smith, McKay, Joyce, Cameron and Bradshaw.

The match proved a great attraction, and crowds of people were pouring in when Joyce kicked off against sun and wind, McInnes having won the toss. The treacherous ground, and the over-eagerness of both sets of players to score, spoilt the game from the point of view of scientific football. Owing to their manifest weakness in front, Luton were practically sure of defeat from the start.

Abundant fouls were awarded by Mr. Strawson, the first being against Stormont, but from a second against C. Ford, McKay headed over a centre from Cameron. Profiting by a neat pass from Galbraith, Ekins put across a fine centre, but Draper shot wide. The Luton goal had a lucky escape when Williams failed to get in his kick, yet the ball went behind. Cullen had the first save of the day—a long, easy shot—and then Perkins kicked out from Smith. The Spurs put in some good work, assisted by a foul against Kemplay, and Luton replied, McInnes sending over the bar a centre from Ekins—an unlucky loss of a fair chance.

With the Luton front line disorganised, the back division had to bear the brunt of the fight. For some time they frustrated the scrambling efforts of the Spurs' forwards. After Joyce had missed an opening, the ball was centred from the right, though the referee passed unnoticed a bad foul on Crump, and Bradshaw banged the leather through from Perkins' return. The first goal of the day arrived 19 minutes from the start.

The Spurs made fresh efforts, and Perkins had to tip a high shot over his head. Luton also took a corner, but the ball was scrimmaged behind. Of the next 6 fouls, all but one were against Luton, and even the London crowd recognised the referee's partiality. Just 10 minutes after the last score, Cameron scored No. 2 with a clever shot, which hit the mark within the angle between the cross-bar and upright. Fouls against Williams and Crump helped Tottenham considerably, and an impetuous rush by Joyce upon Perkins was at last penalised by a free-kick in Luton's favour. Jones was rather vigorous, and severely marked Ekins. A short stoppage was made for an injury to McKay, who was afterwards repeatedly offside. Perkins saved smartly from Cameron, and then witnessed an awful miss by Smith, who had a clear opening. Just before half-time, Cullen had his second handful from Crump, and the teams crossed over:—

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Many folk who hold a higher opinion of Tottenham's Cup-tie form than myself, expected to see them treble their score in the second half, but all we saw was a wearisome succession of failures in goal-scoring, the monotony of which was only broken by random, straggling runs by the Luton forwards.

Kemplay exchanged places with Galbraith, and early in the second half, Draper made a good run down the field but was fouled twice, without Mr. Strawson giving the slightest attention. Ekins fisted the ball down as he was getting away, and the referee did not forget to see it. Perkins saved well from Bradshaw, and aroused great enthusiasm by a brilliant clearance in a hot scrimmage on his goal-lines. Another onslaught was made by the Spurs, and Perkins was enticed out of goal. This gave the Tottenham forwards a fine chance, but they failed miserably.

Galbraith passed well to Draper but he was offside, and then Smith fouled Crump. Mr. Strawson failed to notice a flagrant offside infringement by McKay and Bradshaw sent the ball flying over the bar, while Perkins saved coolly from McNaught. There were plenty of goal-kicks for Luton, and after taking one of them, Dow was badly "winded," recovering soon afterwards.

For kicking at Crump, Smith had a foul given against him, and this gave Luton an opportunity of retaliation. Unhappily, the ball went behind, but Luton came again, Cullen saving a decent shot from Draper. For the second time, Joyce fouled the Luton goal-keeper, and the visitors began to have more of the game. Indeed, a centre by Ekins ought certainly to have been converted by Kemplay, who was close upon Cullen. Both teams had had more than enough, and the bored spectators were glad to hear the final whistle:

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