

LUTON V. BURTON SWIFTS.

A DRAWN GAME.

At Burton last Christmas Day, Luton were defeated by 2 goals to 1, but on Monday the Town team did better in making a draw, and were really unlucky in not winning. The Luton team was composed of : Perkins ; Williams and Moore ; Ralley, Sharp and Crump ; Brock, McInnes, Kemplay, Birch and Ekins.

Again Luton lost the toss, and the Swifts had a strong wind with them. Profiting by this, the home team made some lively attacks, and Perkins made a grand save within 2 minutes, nothing resulting from the corner. Soon afterwards, Griffiths scored from Hamilton's centre. Ekins made a fine sprint half the length of the field, and Brock seemed certain to score, but just missed. The Burton right wing did some pressing, and 2 minutes before the interval, Ekins put in a smart run and centre, from which Brock equalised. Half-time score, Luton 1, Burton 1.

In the second half, Luton had three-fourths of the play. Kemplay headed through from Ekins' centre, but it was disallowed, the Luton players strongly protesting. Perkins only handled the ball twice in this half, and Luton had hard lines in not winning. Apart from his decision against Kemplay's score, Mr. Ditchfield, the referee, was very fair. For Luton, Williams, Brock, and Ralley did most creditably.

Ekins to such an extent that, at last, the referee had to administer a caution. The admonition was not very salutary, however, and "George" was illegally grassed by Moir no less than a dozen times—half of that number occurring after the official intervention.

It would have paid Luton to overlook these annoyances, but they naturally indulged in reprisals, and the game deteriorated appreciably. Perkins was more frequently in request until feeling subsided. Dow carelessly fouled a man near the penalty line, and the hopes of the visitors rose high. They pluckily pierced the home defence, and the cry of "goal" rose from some of the players. Yet the shout was premature; Perkins had saved, and Williams settled all doubts with a long kick up the field.

Time was flying, and with only 5 minutes to play both teams seemed to throw away all idea of combination and rely on individual effort. Ekins was busy at one end and Hannah at the other. It was a toss-up who were to benefit by these haphazard methods, but luck fell on the Arsenal, for within 4 minutes of the final whistle Hannah got through and scored amid the painful disappointment of the Luton crowd. Thus the game ended in a draw—

ONE GOAL EACH.
