

BURTON SWIFTS v. LUTON TOWN.

Played at Burton on Boxing Day. Result:—

Luton Town.....	1 goal.
Burton Swifts	1 goal.

The Luton team left the platform at the Midland Railway station on Monday in anything but a confident manner, considering the way the eleven had to be constituted owing to the recent injuries to players. The following was the team: Perkins; Williams and Moore; Ralley, Sharp and Crump; Brock, McInnes, Kemplay, Birch and Ekins.

Burton are in the habit of getting very small crowds, and they were delighted with the £60 gate that Luton drew them on this holiday fixture. They are delighted, too, with their team, which they think exceptionally strong, and are loud in proclaiming that they beat Manchester City by three goals to two and Newton Heath by 5-1. These are capital performances, and it gives Luton all the more credit for them to draw with them, especially in their weakened state.

With the advantage of a strong wind, Burton had the best of the opening few minutes' play, and it was only through a smart save by Perkins that they did not score directly after the start. It was a grand save, though, and the resultant corner came to nought. Luton were not long in retaliating, and Ekins put in a fine sprint quite half the length of the field, and centred right in the mouth of goal. The custodian rushed out and fisted the ball straight up in the air, and Brock, who dashed up, just failed to score.

A minute later the locals rushed away, and from a centre from the right, Griffiths scored. The homesters certainly had the best of the exchanges for a time after this, for the dangerous work of the right wing caused a lot of trouble. Perkins and his defenders managed to keep them out, though, and just before the interval Ekins put across a fine centre that Brock converted, and at lemon-time the score stood one all.

The second half was all in Luton's favour, and they played a very smart game all round. Every man seemed to improve, and it was only through the hardest of hard luck that Luton were not vio-