



SECOND LEAGUE.

LUTON'S COLLAPSE AT WALSTALL.

The Luton team just managed to beat the Saddlers here last October by 3 goals to 2, but on Saturday they were badly defeated by 6 goals to nil. It is worth noting, however, that last year we lost at Walsall by 5-0, so that things were really not very much worse than before on Saturday.

The match was favoured with fine weather, and before 3,000 spectators. The ground was in a bad condition. Walsall were awarded a penalty kick in the first few minutes, from which Dean scored. Aston scored shortly afterwards, and a third was obtained from a scrimmage. Vail added another before the interval. On the resumption Aston and Vail both scored. Result :

WALSALL	...	...	...	6
LUTON...	...	...	...	0

The home team showed marked superiority in the second half. The Luton half-backs seemed utterly unable to check the Walsall forwards. Dean, who played a fine game throughout, was altogether too good for Crump, and, in fact, Ford was the only one of the trio who seemed capable of stopping the rushes. Dow was much more effective than Williams, who, like Crump, allowed the Walsall right winger too much latitude. Perkins in goal gave one of the finest exhibitions of custodianship ever seen on the Walsall enclosure, and was not to be blamed for any of the shots which passed him. Long shots were dealt with with consummate ease, while he saved some at close range which would have beaten the best of goalkeepers. The Walsall half-backs set a fine example to the Luton trio, Holmes, Jenkyns, and Taggart being equal to checking all the efforts of the visitors' forwards, especially in the second half, when Tennant had only one shot of a dangerous character to cope with. Kemplay was completely overshadowed by Jenkyns, while McInnes and Birch lent Brock and Durrant very little assistance when the latter succeeded in getting away. It was a bad day for Luton altogether, and Perkins' goal-keeping was the only redeeming feature of the match.