



SECOND LEAGUE.

LUTON v. LINCOLN CITY.

A CREDITABLE VICTORY.

The last Second League match in Luton's programme on Saturday attracted a far larger crowd than has visited the Town ground of late, quite 2,000 spectators being present. It was a fine, sunny afternoon, and Mr. J. Wells, of Plumstead, had the following 22 men under control:—

Luton: Farr; Dow and Williams, Birch, Ralley and Crump; Brock, McInnes, Kemplay, W. Ford and Ekins.

Lincoln: Bissett; Schofield and Gibson; Smith, Morris, and Gray; Fern, Henderson, Robertson, Clark and Pyle.

Lincoln lost the toss, and kicked off against a slight breeze. The visitors' right ran the ball behind, and then Ekins distinguished himself by a fine sprint down the field, landing the ball above the net. A little later, McInnes lost a grand chance just under the bar, and Bissett had to save. Farr was called upon twice, and both sides made desperate efforts to score. Lincoln forced a corner off Williams, and Farr luckily got in the way of a terrific shot by Henderson, the ball bouncing behind. Luton got to the other end, but failed to profit by a corner. After some mid-field play, Gibson fouled Ekins close up, and McInnes just missed heading through from Dow's place kick.

Another chance came to Luton from a corner and "bully" in front of the Lincoln goal, when W. Ford sent in a very hot shot, which struck the cross-bar and was just got away by Bissett. Birch nearly got through, and Dow was loudly applauded for stopping a rush by the Lincoln forwards. From Ekins' pass, Kemplay found himself close to the visitors' quarters, but took the ball yards back instead of forward! Just a minute before the interval, Luton forced a corner, and from Brock's place-kick, W. Ford had the satisfaction of scoring No. 1 for Luton. Half-time score:—

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Play was resumed in the most promising fashion by Luton, who pressed hard at once. From a couple of corners, the ball twice struck the cross-bar, and Ekins got down splendidly, shooting straight at the goal-keeper who was on his knees by the post. From a pass by Ekins, W. Ford beat Smith nicely, but the Lincoln man fisted the ball down before giving a corner. The crowd appealed loudly for a "penalty," and the referee had to reprove some of them for their exuberant language.

Soon afterwards, Gray fisted the ball away, and Mr. Wells ignored another appeal for a penalty. Bissett was twice called upon, both the home wing men putting the ball across well. The locals had got the measure of their opponents, and took a couple of corners. In a smart rush, Kemplay and Brock nearly got through, but Bissett saved. Two more corners followed, and Kemplay headed over from Ekins' centre. Just 8 minutes before the finish, McInnes took advantage of a mis-kick by Schofield, and scored No. 2 for Luton with a neat shot. Result:

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