



SECOND LEAGUE.
LUTON V. BARNSELEY.
A NARROW DEFEAT.

The Barnsley enthusiasts looked for a brace of points at the expense of Luton on the Barnsley ground, and though the home team got them it was a stiff contest. Under favourable conditions, the gate only reached 2,500, which is but poor support considering what other clubs in similar sized towns can command. In the first minute the visitors were awarded a free kick, from which M'Innes sent in a beauty which Greaves topped over, and from the corner the ball was scrimmaged past Greaves. Thus Luton scored the first goal of the day. The Barnsley combination, for a while, was not worth the name, whilst the Luton quintette were moving in good style, and hovered around the Barnsley citadel in dangerous fashion. True, the Barnsley men, by individual tactics, now and again troubled the Luton defence, but the efforts were really tame, and Little having to retire for a short time further upset the Barnsley front line. Greaves several times cleared in the best of fashion, and Eckford, who was close to the upright, headed the ball into the net, but was properly ruled offside, and Luton had the distinction not often won at Barnsley of leading by 1 goal to nothing at the interval.

When the ball was started it was seen Lees had taken the inside right position, Howard resuming his old stand at right half. Barnsley went off in quite different style, and showed business-like methods in the first few minutes. Daw twice cleared, and Inglis raced off to the other end, causing M'Cartney to concede a corner. From this, Lees brought the ball along finely, and, giving a wide pass to Davis, the right winger had a clear field. He got down to Daw, and made no mistake; the scores were equal, to the tune of ringing cheers. Play again was full of excitement, and Inglis made a grand effort, planting the ball on the bar, when it dropped in the goal mouth, but the danger was cleared. The Barnsley front line now showed beautiful football, Lees making the gem of an effort, threading his way through a host of men, but his final effort was just too high. The Luton defence did heaps of work, but fell at last, though it was rather a lucky effort by Davis that gave Barnsley the lead. Barnsley were certain victors, and continued to attack with rare spirit, but the defence, especially that of Dow, was sound, and Barnsley could not increase their lead, though, they had the hardest of luck. Result:—

BARNSELEY	2 goals
LUTON	1 goal

Taking the game as a whole, Barnsley should have gained an easier victory, though the display of the forwards, who seemed demoralised by the early success of their opponents, was very moderate, cohesion being sadly lacking. In the second half they were not like the same men, and shaped very well. The back division altogether was capital, McCartney, who was not well, still playing strongly. In the front line Davis, Lees, and Armeson were the best. For Luton the backs and Daw were always good, Dow deserving special mention for his great efforts, in addition to always checking the Barnsley left wing. Of the halves, Stewart was most prominent, his advantage in height coming in useful, while Inglis and Eckford were the best of the forwards.