



ENGLISH CUP.-THIRD ROUND.

LOWESTOFT TOWN v. LUTON.

AN EASY VICTORY.

The draw in the English Cup gave Luton a long journey to the East Coast on Saturday. The game was played at Crown Meadow, Lowestoft, in wet weather. Luton had the same team that made a draw at Middlesbrough, Ralley taking the place of Williams, who has seriously injured his elbow. The teams were:—

Lowestoft: Ayers; Timoney and Mewse; Sutherland, Marr, and Burroughes; Wilkins, Allan, Watt, Cole and Crews.

Luton: Daw; Dow and McCurdy; Morrison, Stewart and Ralley; Brown, Brock, Fairgrieve, McInnes and Eckford.

Referee: Mr. H. C. Platt, London.

There were under 1000 spectators present when the game was started punctually at three o'clock. Luton won the toss, and Lowestoft kicked off. The professionals made the running very fast to start with, and by dint of good passing got very close to the Lowestoft goal. Timoney cleared and passed out to the left, where Cole and Crews obtained a corner which was not improved upon. At the other end McInnes missed the net by a few inches. Luton continued to press, and forced a corner, for which Ayers had to fist away, and Timoney put the leather at a safe distance. A corner kick on the other side was finely cleared by Burroughes, and after repelling another hot attack the home team got away, and Wilkins was fouled by McCurdy.

This was followed in a minute by another foul against the visitors, and Wilkins had an excellent opportunity, but shot high in the air. A foul was given against Marr, and play continued to be chiefly in the Lowestoft half, but the home backs and halves worked splendidly. From another corner to Luton, Ayres had again to fist away. The game was not, so far, a good exhibition of football, and at times was rather a scramble, but compared with Lowestoft the visitors were very smart, and had a good deal the better of the play. When they did get near the goal they sent in shots from all positions, none of which took effect.

Ayers made a good save from a hot shot from McInnes, and after play in mid-field, Eckford headed an off-side goal, and from the goal kick Crews and Cole again ran away. Stewart mis-kicked, and Crews lost a good opportunity by shooting for goal instead of passing. Fairgrieve sent in a hot long shot, which Ayers saved beautifully just under the bar. After many efforts Eckford scored the first goal 35 minutes from the start. After some wonderfully pretty play Dow kicked to the half-way line, placing finely, and McInnes had an easy chance, but sent the ball into Ayers' hands. The referee cautioned Burroughes for fouling, and shortly afterwards spoke to Marr and Fairgrieve, who did not appear to be on the best of terms. Half-time arrived with the score:

LUTON 1, LOWESTOFT 0.

Resuming, Brown at once forced a corner for Luton, and a hot scrimmage ensued in front of Lowestoft's goal, Ayers at length fisting well away. McInnes struck the post, and Timoney, in attempting to kick the ball, accidentally lowered Brock, and services of the trainer were called in for a few minutes. Rough and tumble play was the order, and all attempts at combination seemed to be abandoned. Watt, who had not been doing much, was loudly cheered for a good shot, which missed by inches only, and the Lowestoft supporters in the stand fondly hoped that their pets would equalise. Play went to the other end, and a foul was given against Lowestoft, but the ball was placed in the net without touching another player.

The game became slow until Ralley enlivened matters a bit by a good shot, which Ayers saved in fine style. Two fouls were given against Lowestoft just outside the "twelve," but the kicks were not improved upon. Cole once more ran down the field, but was not backed up, and the run ended with the backs. A few minutes before time McInnes scored the second goal with a shot in the corner of the net, and at the other end Crews forced a corner from Dow. There was nothing further of interest, and the game ended:—

LUTON 2, LOWESTOFT 0.