

LUTON v. NEW BRIGHTON.

TWO MORE POINTS LOST.

Having made a fair show at Small Heath the previous week, Luton were rather expected to win on Saturday, on the occasion of New Brighton's visit, particularly as Woolwich Arsenal had defeated the seaside team up North by 2-0. However, expectations were again disappointed, as the visitors won somewhat easily. Mr. Beardsley, of Woolwich, refereed with the men arranged as follows:—

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

New Brighton: Bradshaw; Stephenson and Arridge; Holmes, Hammond, and Allison; Colvin, Hargreaves, Raybould, Tierney and Hill.

The visitors showed good combination in spite of the slippery ground. In the first half, they had rather the best of the exchanges. McInnes made one fine effort, striking the cross-bar. Ralley cleared from a corner to New Brighton and Daw saved well a shot by Holmes. The first goal came after 35 minutes, Raybould converting a grand centre by Colvin from the touch-line. Soon afterwards, Colvin again distinguished himself, but Raybould shot over. However, after two more saves by Daw, the New Brighton centre got through for the second time. A few minutes more saw Hammond register No. 3, which Daw ought to have saved. At the other end, Ralley forced a corner, but at half-time Luton were badly behind: New Brighton 3, Luton 0.

With the exception of McInnes, the Luton forward line had worked so feebly that Fairgrieve went centre on crossing over. After 10 minutes, Marshall surprised the crowd by scoring the only goal for his side. The crowd became enthusiastic for a time, but 20 minutes afterwards, the New Brighton right wing broke away. Daw fumbled the ball and Raybould rushed through No. 4. This settled the match and though Bradshaw was called upon twice, the end came:—

NEW BRIGHTON 4, LUTON 1.

NOTES.

The better team won undoubtedly, and the only gratifying feature of Luton's display was the magnificent work done by McInnes. The New Brighton club, which receives a subsidy of £1,000 a year from the Tower Company, has a big stock of men to draw upon.

Johnny Goodall, the Derby County veteran, is with them, but only plays about 2 games a month, as he cannot now stand the full racket of League games week after week. New Brighton have another centre-forward in Lee, of Burton Swifts.

Both wing men in the front rank were excellent. Hill, who succeeds Milward (now of Southampton), made some fine runs, and Colvin, Gallacher's old partner at Glossop, was also very conspicuous for clever work.

Raybould played remarkably well in the centre, though it is not his usual position. Tierney and Hargreaves are two old Blackburn Rovers' men. The halves played a strong game, and, with the backs, easily smothered the Luton forwards.