

THE UNITED LEAGUE.

LUTON v. RUSHDEN.

The Luton men journeyed to Rushden in the United League on Monday and succeeded in securing a brace of points at the expense of the locals. A very late start was made and it was getting on very quickly towards dark when the game concluded with a score of two goals to one in favour of Luton. The visitors brought exactly the same team as opposed Southampton on Saturday. Rushden on the other hand, so it is said, had to rely upon a good many local youths. The game was well contested and the Luton men had a hard task set before them. Rushden went away with great spirit and the Luton men were hard put to it to keep them out. A smart run by the Rushden men ended by Denton shooting just by the post. Molyneux then initiated an attack on behalf of Luton but nothing came of it. A little later the same player was in a good position to open Luton's account but though his shot was a stinging one, Gooch, the Rushden goalkeeper, succeeded in keeping the ball out. Other shots were put in from all positions by the Luton vanguard, but none of them found the net. Just before half-time Rushden were awarded a penalty kick, but Monks saved in grand style. The interval arrived without any alteration in the score. Luton played with considerable dash after the restart, but for the first 10 minutes they met with no success. Then they were awarded a penalty. McCurdy was entrusted with the kick and he landed the ball into the net, completely beating Gooch. This appeared to put the homesters on their mettle and about five minutes afterwards they rushed the equalising goal from a free kick close in. The Rushden team played with great determination and pluck, but the experience of the visiting team told in the long run. Both teams tried hard for the winning goal, which eventually fell to the visitors, Blessington getting in a magnificent shot which completely beat Gooch. This occurred five minutes before time, and, no addition being made to the score, the Luton men secured their first League points with the following score :—

LUTON, 2 ; RUSHDEN, 1.