

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON v. BRISTOL CITY.

A DECISIVE WIN.

This match was played on the Bury Park ground last Saturday afternoon, in the presence of about 3,000 spectators. This was Luton's second home game this season, and considerable anxiety was felt as to how they would shape against the team that so sadly carved up Watford. So far, the local supporters had every reason to be satisfied with the result, Luton scoring a decisive win by 2 goals to nil.

Two changes had been made in the composition of the team since Luton first appeared on the Bury Park ground against Southampton a fortnight previously — Burbage, a Hertford man, who played occasionally for Luton last season, substituting Molyneux at centre forward, while Monks stood down for Smart, a local man. The alteration gave complete satisfaction. The home men turned out in their new colours of light blue shirts and white knickers. The teams were as follows:—

Luton: Smart; Lindsay and McCurdy; Clifford, Holdstock and Williams; Brown, Blessington, Burbage, Tierney and Saxton.

Bristol City: Toone; Davis and Bach; Chambers, Wilson and Jones; McDougall, Fulton, Michael, Stevenson, and Nicoll.

Luton pressed from the outset, and were soon giving Toone considerable anxiety, and a corner kick next fell to their lot, but nothing accrued. Brown soon after sent in a shot which nearly found the net. The home centre-forward and Brown showed fine form, and were often making tracks for the visitors' goal. Tierney essayed a shot at goal, but Toone brought off a magnificent clearance. Although Bristol City conceded a corner Toone again showed his qualities and cleared grandly.

Both teams were frequently brought up for fouls. McDougall took the ball down between the opposition backs, but Lindsay, who played very effectively, brought the player up. Bristol for some time kept up a persistent attack, but the defence was generally reliable. The Bristolians displayed excellent combination, and the work of the forwards was in many instances particularly good. Luton, however, had decidedly the best of the play. Brown and Blessington endeavoured to lower Toone's colours by consecutive shots, but failed to do so. At half-time the score stood.

Luton 0, Bristol 0.

On the resumption Luton were again the first to show up, and were soon bearing down on the visitors' goal, and eight minutes from the start Burbage, from a well-judged pass from Brown, found the net with a lightning shot at short range. This was a livener, and a period of great enthusiasm prevailed. Each team continued to show great keenness, and any amount of dash, Brown and Blessington being frequently dangerous.

The Bristol defence, however, held out bravely. Some even play followed. Nicoll fouling Brown, a melee took place outside the visiting citadel, and Luton nearly scored. Nothing of a very exciting character occurred until some seven or eight minutes before time, when Burbage, breaking away, executed a rapid run down midfield and added the second point, the game ultimately resulting in a win for Luton by 2 goals to nil.

Result: Luton, 2; Bristol, 0.