



SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON TOWN v. WATFORD.

AN EASY WIN.

Some 4,000 spectators were present on the Bury Park Football Ground on Saturday afternoon to watch the match between these two teams. There was a large number of the partizans of Watford present, several of whom enlivened the proceedings by the use of language which would have eclipsed Billingsgate. Notices warning persons against the use of bad language had been placed in different parts of the field, but these were honoured in the breach rather than in the observance.

There was no alteration in the Luton team, who placed in the field about the strongest combination they possess. For Watford, Hare stood down for Price at centre forward. The kick-off was at half-past three o'clock, when the teams lined out as follows:—

Luton: Ord; Lindsay and McCurdy; Clifford, Holdstock, and Williams; Brown, Blessington, Burbage, Saxton, and Durrant.

Watford: Hammett; Nidd and Cother; Jeffrey, Good, and Farnall; Colclough, Ferne, Price, Wilcox, and E. A. Varley.

The referee was Mr. F. H. King (London).

Watford at the immediate outset attacked vigorously, and Ord was kept busy. Fouls were frequently given against Luton, and Watford were not slow to seize the advantages thus afforded. Lindsay at right back and Ord in goal played a really fine game, and saved the situation frequently. After some smart exchanges on both sides Luton got away and compelled the visitors to concede a corner. Brown was entrusted with the kick, which he centred admirably, and in the melee which ensued Durrant scored the first goal for Luton after ten minutes' play.

The Watford enthusiasts had up to this moment been publicly proclaiming the prowess of their men, and drawing invidious comparisons between them and Luton, who it was stated would speedily succumb to Watford's scientific play. It was astonishing what a salutary effect this first goal of Luton's had. Blessed silence reigned for ever after. The visiting team, however, were in no way disheartened by the reverse, and played up with pluck and vigour. Ferne took a capital shot at goal, and they afterwards forced their first corner. Durrant did a lightning sprint up the field, but was ultimately grassed. Watford renewed the attack, and Ord successfully negotiated two capital shots, one from Wilcox just grazing the upright.

Repeated fouls were given against Luton, who were now having the best of the play. Durrant essayed a couple of shots at goal, each being very close. Luton forced the game, and Williams put the ball in the net untouched from a free-kick for a foul against Cother. Shortly after Watford forced another corner, and Ferne missed an admirable opportunity to score. At half-time Luton was attacking vigorously, but there had been no addition to the score.

Luton 1, Watford 0.

During the interval the crowd were treated to a selection by the band, and to some objectionable behaviour on the part of the Watford partizans. In the second half Luton certainly had the best of the game, the defence of Lindsay and McCurdy, especially the former, completely demoralising the attacks of the visitors. Hammett was kept very busy, a good shot from Williams being nicely saved. Watford retaliated soon after, and Ord found plenty to do. Play was mostly confined to the visitors' territory, and some 15 minutes before time Saxton scored the second goal for Luton amidst much cheering, and the game ended as follows:—

Luton 2, Watford 0.