

# Football

## SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

### LUTON v. SOUTHAMPTON.

#### IGNOMINIOUS DEFEAT OF LUTON.

Luton played the return match with Southampton at the Dell on Saturday afternoon, and suffered the heaviest defeat that they have yet experienced this season. With Lindsay absent a reverse was quite anticipated, but such a "gruelling" as five goals to nil was certainly not expected. The players lined out as follows:

Luton: Ord; White and McCurdy; Clifford, Holdstock and Williams; Brown, Blessington, Dempsey, Saxton and Durrant.

Southampton: W. H. Waller; Sharp and Molyneux; Meston, Chadwick, and Lee; Turner, Yates, Wood, E. Chadwick and Milward.

Referee: Mr. J. Stark.

Wood won the toss, and a start was made by Luton in the presence of 3,000 spectators. By clever manœuvring E. Chadwick got the ball to Milward, who was speeding away when White tripped him. The free-kick was neutralised. Shortly after Turner tested Ord's capabilities with a long shot which the custodian cleared. Brown then had a chance, but was brought up by Molyneux. Eventually Turner got possession and made a capital attempt to score, but the ball cannoned off McCurdy. Saxton sent a long shot towards goal; Waller ran out, but instead of kicking clear sent the ball against Saxton, whose shot was cleverly negotiated by Sharp, who had stepped back into goal.

No length of time elapsed before Saxton again secured an opening, but the attempt was once more nullified by Sharp. Wood missed an easy chance from a well-placed centre by Turner, and some time after Ord fisted away with difficulty, and he was again tested by Milward. A corner-kick was secured by the Saints, and from a splendid centre by Sharpe, Milward netted the first goal.

Southampton 1, Luton 0.

The Saints sustained a determined attack, and Milward and Meston were within an ace of scoring. Following this, Saxton shot hard towards Waller, but the latter booted clear. The visitors continued the pressure, but Turner obtaining possession brought off a magnificent run and brilliantly scored. This feat was loudly applauded, and shortly after the interval arrived with the score:—

SOUTHAMPTON 2, LUTON 0.

On resuming Luton was again in difficulties. Wood passed to E. Chadwick, and the last-named brought Ord to the ground with a great shot. While Ord was in this position, Yates came up, but the ball was thrown to a place of safety. After this Wood sent to Turner, who dropped the ball just beyond Ord's reach, and Milward promptly headed it into the net.

Southampton 3, Luton 0.

Play had only been resumed a few minutes when Turner repeated the effort, and this time Edward Chadwick converted. Wood again initiated a movement, and the forwards taking the ball down the ground Milward scored the fifth goal. The visitors were almost played to a stand-still, although they continued the contest very pluckily. The game fizzled out, and ended in a win for Southampton by

Five goals to nil.