

LUTON RESERVES v. ROTHWELL.

These teams met in the United League at Luton on Saturday. The home team was not at full strength. White, the right back, was assisting the first team at Southampton, and Dawson replaced Farr at centre-half. The Reserves were therefore represented as follows:—Smart; Richardson and T. Hawkes; Ellingham, Dawson, and Garratt; Barrett, F. Hawkes, Barker, Plummer, and Dimmock. Rothwell: Brampton; Phillips and Shortland; Willis, Stapleton, and Farren; Pridmore, Cross, Barcock, Gibson, and Dixon. The referee was Mr. Whitewell, of Rushden. The visitors won the toss, and had the advantage of the wind in the first half. The early exchanges, however, were very even. A foul against the homesters about twenty yards from goal seemed dangerous, but it was cleared. T. Hawkes kicked out well when in front of goal, and soon afterwards F. Hawkes had hard luck with a good shot which just went over the bar. The visitors' left wing got down, and the back failing to clear, the ball was passed out to Pridmore, who easily beat Smart with a cross shot. The visitors immediately took play to the vicinity of the home goal, but from a free kick given against Ellingham the ball was put behind. The home forwards then got away, and Barker made the scores equal. The next thing of note was a grand save by Brampton when hard pressed by Barker and Barrett. Honours were easy when the interval arrived. Soon after the re-start rain came down in torrents, and the spectators made a rush for the stand. The rain also had an

effect upon the play, which deteriorated considerably and was not very interesting. The most satisfactory features of this half were the two goals scored by the homesters, who thus won by 3 goals to 1. The Reserves were certainly not at their best, and Barker is hardly showing good enough form to justify his re-appearance in the first team. Garrett is a smart half, but in the first half on Saturday he showed a lack of judgment in not following up his forwards.