

THE UNITED LEAGUE.

WELLINGBOROUGH v. LUTON.

The first match of the season between the Luton and Wellingborough clubs in the United League took place at the Northamptonshire ground on Monday. There was but a small number of spectators and the game was not of the highest class. Luton played three reserves in Cox at centre-half, F. Hawkes at right-half and Barker at centre-forward. Very early in the game the Luton men pressed but 20 minutes had elapsed before they could get the ball in the net, Tierney at length doing the trick. Still keeping up the pressure the visitors gave the homesters' goal-keeper a busy time of it, and eventually Barker added a second point. Luton appeared to slacken their efforts and as a result the homesters had a large share of the game. Just before the interval Wellingborough got down and Marriott scored for them, and half-time arrived with the following scores :

LUTON, 2 ; WELLINGBORO', 1.

There was not much of note in the second-half. Marriott, who was playing a good game for the homesters gave Ord a rare shot to deal with, and the Luton goal-keeper only succeeded in keeping the ball out by throwing himself at it. The second-half ruled in favour of the homesters, but thanks to the Luton defenders they could not get through. The visitors, however, managed to get down and Saxton added the third goal for Luton. Both sides pressed alternately, but neither could score and the game ended :

LUTON, 3 ; WELLINGBORO', 1.