

FOOTBALL.

LUTON TOWN DEFEATED AT NEW BROMPTON.

The Luton team had another downfall on Saturday, the reverse being this time administered by the New Brompton side. On this occasion, however, there is plenty of reason for the failure of the "blues," for Holdstock (who re-appeared at centre-half) was unfortunate enough to sustain an injury comparatively early in the game, and was compelled to retire, so that during the remainder of the operations Luton had to rely upon the efforts of the remaining 10 players.

The teams were as follows:—

New Brompton : Crane ; Robertson and Humphrey ; Innes, Atherton, and Neame ; Lissenden, Heywood, Frettingham, Neyland, and Seeley.

Luton : Ord ; Lindsay and Street ; Clifford, Holdstock, and Williams ; Durrant, Blessington, Barker, Tierney and Saxton.

There was a fairly good attendance when the rival captains tossed for positions. Lindsay succeeded in securing this advantage for his side, a success which gave Luton the assistance of a slight wind. The visitors had the best of matters during the first portion of the game, but afterwards they were hampered by the absence of Holdstock. The visitors' right-wing forwards played a very fine game, and, after several capital efforts, succeeded in opening the score, this honour falling to Durrant. Neither side was able to break through the opposing defence again before the interval, when the positions were:

LUTON, 1 ; NEW BROMPTON, 0.

In the second half the Lutonians experienced vile luck. After a time Frettingham scored very flukily, and there was a suspicion of offside about the point. The same player lowered Ord's colours a second time later on, and before the close he had notched a third point. The "blues" made gallant efforts to get on terms, but all their attempts were in vain. When the end came they had lost most unluckily with these scores:

NEW BROMPTON, 3 ; LUTON, 1.