

FOOTBALL.

UNITED LEAGUE.

LUTON v. KETTERING.

WIN FOR LUTON.

On Saturday the Lutonians played the return match with the Kettering team in the United League. In the Southern League last December at Kettering the Lutonians were defeated by 2—0, so that it was thought that the local team would not win by a very large margin and the 3—0 for the Lutonians was a surprise. There was a fairly good attendance and those present were not backward in expressing their dissatisfaction with Draper, the captain of the visiting team.

The teams were as follows :—

Luton : Ord ; Street and Lindsay ; White, F. Hawkes and Williams ; Durrant and Blessington, Barker, Tierney and Brown.

Kettering : Baldry ; Bosworth and Draper : Roulston, Panter and Pollock ; Webb and Garfield, McMain, Coleman and Winterhalder.

Luton won the toss and at the outset on both sides fouls were very frequent. Durrant shot well within the first two or three minutes, but Tierney shot wide soon afterwards. Luton showed some good combination, but Barker failed with a nice shot. Durrant and Blessington showed how well they could work together. Winterhalder, who showed by far the best form among the front string of the visitors, took the ball up, but was neatly robbed by Street. Lindsay relieved well when the visitors were about to try Ord. Durrant, at the other end, when in a good position, shot well, the ball just missing the upright. The visitors went up the field in good style, but Winterhalder shot badly. Following closely upon some good play by Brown, Durrant shot an off-side goal. Blessington tested the goalkeeper with a fine shot, but Baldry proved himself to be quite equal to tackling it. A little later Hawkes nearly scored and a corner taken by Brown just missed the goal-post. Just before half-time Durrant put across and the ball was rushed through, thus scoring the first goal for the "blues." Baldry, who was playing a grand game for the visitors, rushed out to meet the ball, but completely missed it. A Kettering man endeavoured to keep the ball stationary, but was taken off by Brown, who gave the sphere the necessary touch. As there was no further scoring before the interval when the half-time whistle blew the scores were :

LUTON, 1 ; KETTERING, 0.

A free kick for hands was given against Kettering just after the resumption. Blessington had a difference with the goalkeeper and he was cautioned by the referee. Soon afterwards Brown took the sphere up and Blessington narrowly missed scoring. Luton kept pressing and Durrant, after a good run, put in a stiff shot, which Baldry only just managed to clear. Brown had a fine run up but Tierney on being passed to failed to score. Then the visitors began to look dangerous and Ord had a shot to deal with. Durrant was again conspicuous. Baldry was again and again tested at this point of the game, but cleared the shots well. After Brown had missed with a bad shot Tierney had the good fortune to score Luton's second goal with a good shot. Durrant tried to notch a third point, and, with a splendid shot, only just missed. Hawkes showed what a useful player he is at this stage by playing excellently. After some good play all round Blessington succeeded in scoring. There was no more scoring and so time arrived with the scores thus :—

LUTON, 3 ; KETTERING, 0.