

FOOTBALL.

LUTON v. KETTERING

PLAYER ORDERED OFF.

The return Southern League game between Luton and Kettering proved a decided attraction on the Luton ground on Good Friday afternoon, there being a large gathering. The encounter at Kettering produced a win for the home side by 2--0, and, curiously enough, it was by the same margin that the locals won on Friday. Both sides were strongly represented.

The teams were made up thus:

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

Kettering: Baldry; Bodsworth and Draper; W. H. Clarke, Panter and Pollock; Webb and Garfield, Harkley, Coleman and Winterhalder.

Referee, Mr. Carpenter.

Luton lost the toss and a corner fell to the visitors early in the game, Lindsay having fallen. Later on Blessington and Barker shot well in succession, and a corner was forced by the "blues." Barker headed just wide after this. A quarter of an hour from the start Tierney got away well and transferred to Barker, who scored with a lovely shot. When Durrant had narrowly missed scoring, Ord had to save twice in quick succession. Following various free-kicks Williams put in a magnificent shot which was just hooked out by Baldry. A first-rate goal was credited to Durrant shortly afterwards. A corner was secured by Kettering, but was not turned to account, while hot shots were dispatched by the home forwards in rapid succession. Up to now the locals had much the best of matters; but towards the end of the first half the "Ketts." displayed much better form. Interval score:

LUTON, 2; KETTERING, 0.

The second portion started with the home forwards very prominent and from a capital attack a corner was forced. From this Durrant very nearly scored. The second half was rendered the reverse of enjoyable by the free use of foul tactics, the visitors being the worst offenders. Tierney, Holdstock and Lindsay were all injured, though it ought to be said that these were more or less accidents. The referee was frequently called upon, however, to remonstrate with offenders, and the crowd very freely expressed its opinion. The unpleasantness culminated shortly before the finish when the referee awarded a corner against Kettering. Baldry kicked the ball heavily into touch and refused to fetch it back when ordered to do so by the referee. When the request had been several times neglected Mr. Carpenter ordered the offender off, and Baldry departed with considerable reluctance. The referee's firmness was justly admired, for Baldry's exhibition was childish and indefensible. Such incidents as this lower the game, and everybody was glad when the end came with the figures still standing thus:

LUTON, 2; KETTERING, 0.