

LUTON v. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR.

CUP WINNERS VICTORIOUS.

On Monday evening the winners of the English Cup paid a visit to Luton to fulfil their return Southern League engagement with the Lutonians, this being the last match of the season on the Luton ground. It will be remembered that the match should have been played on April 20; but the fact that the 'Spurs were engaged in a more important fixture on that day rendered it necessary to choose another date. The fact that the Tottenham team succeeded in ousting Sheffield United in the Cup final rendered the visit on Monday additionally interesting and there was a capital attendance, many journeying from London to be present. The weather was delightful; but the ground was hard. Neither side was at full strength. Luton were without Lindsay and Holdstock, while Brown (the famous goal-getter), Jones, Cameron and Erentz were all absent from the ranks of the 'Spurs.

The sides were:—

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

Tottenham: Clawley; Hughes and Tait; Morris, M'Naught, and A. E. Jones; Smith and Hawley, Moffatt, Copeland and Kirwan.

Referee: Mr. Harrower (London).

Tottenham won the toss and the Lutonians went off well, going up to their opponents' goal in the first minute. This the Cup winners would not tolerate and Kirwan quickly transferred the play to the other end. White was doing well at centre-half and frequently beat his opponents by his clever play. Smith took the ball up towards the Luton goal and passed to Kirwan; Hawkes, however, was too quick for him and a good chance to the 'Spurs was thereby taken away. Blessington had a foul given against him and Moffatt followed this up by forcing a corner, which proved unproductive. Luton went up to near the visitors' goal through the medium of Durrant and Blessington, but the latter player tried to pass behind when hard pressed by Tait, and the ball found its way to the foot of one of the 'Spurs, who transferred play to the Lutonians' end. Durrant soon afterwards sent in a good shot which failed to find the net and Tierney followed this up by running up and just missing the upright with a good shot. Moffatt then scored the first goal through White missing his kick. White made up for this failure soon afterwards by rushing in just as Hawley, who had the goal at his mercy, was going to shoot and relieving. Durrant passed to Barker soon afterwards, but that player, after taking the ball up the field, had it taken out of his possession. Soon afterwards Kirwan notched the Cup winners' second point from a corner, Ord fisting the ball into the net. It was said that Ord had never made such a bad exhibition since he joined the Luton team as on Monday. "Roland" took the ball up the field, and the leather found its way to Durrant, who tried to lower Clawley's colours with a hot shot. The last-named player, however, was equal to the occasion, and cleared smartly. Not long afterwards Hawley, when he had the Luton goal at his mercy, sent in a weak shot, and, to the surprise of the onlookers, Ord's colours were again lowered. Moffatt tried to repeat his comrade's performance, but Ord was not to be caught napping again, for he caught the leather up and cleared. White sent in a long shot which hit the top of the net, much to the chagrin of the strawhatters' supporters. Moffatt had two or three attempts at scoring but failed, and Durrant shot wide. When the half-time whistle sounded the scores stood:

'SPURS, 3; LUTON, 0

Soon after the resumption Tierney took up well and shot, the ball rolling past Clawley. That player, however, was a little way out of his goal and he caught up the leather just outside the goal-line and cleared. After some more good play by both sides Hawley notched the visitors' fourth point. This was another bad exhibition of goalkeeping by Ord. Durrant tried to make amends for this and sent in a hot shot which Clawley saved. The custodian ran out with the ball and Blessington "went for" him with the result that the goalkeeper went on his knees with Blessington on top of him. Clawley, however, got rid of the ball and the 'Spurs pressed again. Durrant was passed to by Blessington and shot across the goal in a good attempt. Receiving from White, Blessington tricked his man cleverly and scored the first goal for the home side. It should, in passing, be said that during the second half Street was an absentee, so that the Lutonians had only 10 players. After Blessington had shot wide Copeland sent yards above the bar. A neat combined movement by the Luton front rank brought the ball fairly near the Hotspur goal. Here Williams centred nicely to Blessington who headed through. The referee decided that the point was off-side and so declined to allow it. The crowd failed to discriminate between this point and the fourth goal which was awarded to the Hotspur, for it was very evident that the 'Spurs point was glaringly off-side. A first-rate shot from Tierney was well saved by Clawley and later on Blessington missed a capital opening presented to him by Brown, though a corner was conceded by Clawley. Durrant forced the visiting custodian to fist away and the same player evoked a loud cheer by a superb shot which unfortunately was a foot too high. A well judged pass from Williams came to Blessington and that player headed through. There was no more scoring and so the outcome was

'SPURS, 4; LUTON, 2.