

FOOTBALL.

LUTON TOWN v. SWINDON.

This game on Saturday was decided in fine weather and before a capital attendance. The visitors were weakened by abstentions owing to accidents, whereas the home side was at full strength. Sides:—

Luton: Ord; Lindsay and Sharp; Hawkes, White, and Williams; Durrant and Blessington, Brown, Tierney and Colvin.

Swindon: Menham; Downie and Major; Richardson, Logan and Codling; Cowan and Bradshaw, Pettican, Becton and Oakley.

Referee, Mr. A. Peters (Kettering).

The Lutonians won the toss and early looked dangerous, Menham saving from Tierney and Hawkes in quick succession. Excellent play was witnessed from Williams and Colvin, while Hawkes was exhibiting first-rate form. Ord cleared a long one neatly, and following a foul against the visitors, White gave Menham some trouble with a long-range effort. The home-sters afterwards shot wide, following which the Swindon forwards gave a good exhibition. A corner to Luton followed a shot from the foot of Colvin, and later on Brown sent into the net, the point being disallowed on the score of off-side. Good play by Hawkes and White was next applauded. Up to now the locals had had a good deal the best of matters, the play being mainly in the Swindon confines. Colvin struck the bar with a tremendously hard shot, and then Menham saved from Brown. More clever play by the home outside left led to Williams trying a shot, and a minute later White tried his luck, all without the desired result. Following a free-kick for hands Sharp sent in a hot one which brought about the downfall of Menham's charge, though whether Brown touched the leather or not as it went through is uncertain. However, the fact remains that a goal was scored. Half a minute later Brown lowered Menham's colours with a very smart effort, and so the home lot were two to the good. The Swindon keeper had to exert himself to prevent Tierney from increasing the lead. The home side were a good deal cleverer than the strangers and were having much the best of the exchanges. Tierney narrowly missed scoring, as did Cowan with a shot that deserved a better fate. Just before half-time Brown smartly tested Menham, who conceded a corner which proved unfruitful. Scores at half-time:

LUTON, 2; SWINDON, 0.

Shortly after the resumption Luton narrowly missed scoring, Colvin experiencing hard luck with an attempt that deserved a better fate. A corner to Luton proved unproductive, and afterwards a beautiful run by Colvin and a fine centre led to a hot attack and a corner. Durrant was credited with a magnificent try, following which came more admirable work by the home forwards and some first-class saves by Menham. A corner to Luton was balanced by one to Swindon. A little later on Brown scored the third goal for Luton and from this stage the homesters held the upper hand. The closing stages of the game were marred by a bad foul which was committed by Sharp. He was observed to kick Cowan deliberately. It was said that he had been greatly provoked, but no amount of provocation would condone such a flagrant offence. When the end of a somewhat unsatisfactory game came, the scores were as follows:

LUTON, 3; SWINDON, 0.