

FOOTBALL.

LUTON AND THE ASSOCIATION CUP.

WIN AT LOWESTOFT.

On Saturday the third round in the Association Cup competition was played, when the Luton team journeyed to Lowestoft to play the East Anglian champions. This was the third successive year when Luton has been drawn against an Eastern Counties team in the Cup competition. It is satisfactory to note, however, that the spectators numbered about 1,500 and that the "gate" amounted to just under £50, so that the Lutonians will not lose so heavily as on former occasions. The "blues" only arrived at the fishing town less than an hour before the game started and they had to dress at a hotel, there being no dressing-ground. Their dinner was eaten in the train. The long journey seriously affected the play of some of the Luton men. The crowd at the match was rather clamorous at times and hooted when the Luton players got into the brake which was to take them to the hotel; but there was no hustling. There was little fouling, Durrant being "winded" once, while Williams and one of the Lowestoft men were hurt, but only slightly. The Lowestoft men are a big, heavy, fast lot, and in Mewse they have got a fine back. On the Luton side Ord had practically nothing to do. Lindsay had the strongest wing opposed to him, but he always beat his men when they looked dangerous. He was well supported by Sharp. The halves all worked well, White being in good form. The halves stuck to their men like leeches, but did not feed the forwards enough. The forwards, individually, were much cleverer than their opponents, but the shooting by both sets of forwards was very tame, and they did not exhibit anything like the combined movement they showed at Wellingborough. Blessington and Tierney were the pick among the forwards, although the latter did not pass to his partners as much as he might have done. Mr. S. R. Carr (of London) officiated with the whistle.

The teams were constituted thus:—

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

Lowestoft: Spoor; Holman and Mewse; Andrews, Royal and Sutherland; Wilkins, Baker, Gooch, Cole and Crews.

Lowestoft won the toss and the visitors had to play facing a glaring sun. There was a good deal of mid-field play at the first. Luton repeatedly pressed, but when in front of goal the forwards threw their chances away. The first good chance was when Brown got away through a miskick by Mewse. He, however, kicked the ball into the hands of the goalkeeper. Thirty-three minutes from the start Luton scored the first goal through Brown from a corner-kick taken by Durrant. At this the crowd, which had been rather clamorous, quieted down. Just as the whistle was going for half-time Baker got away and was right against the goal-line. He probably would not have been able to pass to one of his own men as several Lutonians were near goal when Lindsay rushed across and fouled him. Mr. Carr gave a penalty and Cole took the kick and scored. Thus at the interval the score was:

LUTON, 1; LOWESTOFT, 1.

During the second half, encouraged by the unexpected success, Lowestoft played better and had a fair share of the game for the first 20 minutes. On both sides the forwards' shots were very tame. The ball came out to Colvin when he was right on the goal-line and he passed across and Blessington rushed up and put the ball in the goal. From this point Lowestoft had very little chance. As there was no further score the result was a win for Luton with these totals:

LUTON, 2; LOWESTOFT, 1.