

CHRISTMAS FOOTBALL.

LUTON v. KETTERING.

ANOTHER DRAW.

On Wednesday (Christmas Day), the Luton team visited Kettering, who were beaten in a friendly at Luton by 3-0 last October.

The frozen ground had been converted by the rapid thaw into a quagmire, in which the players floundered about grotesquely, this state of affairs being largely responsible for Kettering's efforts in front of goal so often coming to naught. Cooch, the Kettering custodian, who had his thumb fractured at Portsmouth on Saturday, had his position taken by Robinson, of Desborough, who belied expectations in this, his first League engagement. Sharp was an absentee from Luton, Street making an excellent substitute as back.

The Kettering captain gave Luton the advantage of the slope in the first half, and the game was started before nearly 4,000 spectators.

The exchanges ruled slightly in favour of Kettering in this half, yet the only goal scored fell to Luton's lot, a magnificent centre by Blessington being smartly converted by Brown.

Changing over Kettering promised to monopolise the game, Platt prettily eluding Ord for the equaliser, only for Luton again to take the lead, a long shot by Brown from midfield being completely missed by Robinson.

Renewing their efforts, however, the "Ketts" again drew level, Pickering being responsible for the goal, but though they played desperately hard for the winning goal the Luton defence saved the situation, a grandly contested game ending:—

Kettering, 2 goals; Luton, 2.