

FOOTBALL NOTES.

[BY "SPECTATOR"]

THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON v. NORTHAMPTON.

On Boxing Day the Luton team opposed Northampton, who ventured into Strawopolis in quest of Southern League points. They were not successful in finding any, but instead, discovered that Luton was in fine form with the result that the visitors were soundly beaten. There was a large crowd present, and a very enjoyable game was seen. The following were the teams:—*Luton*: Frail; Lindsay and Williams; F. Hawkes, White, and R. Hawkes; Durrant, Blessington, Gall, Moody and Woods. *Northampton*: Cook; Dilks and Durber; Murrell, Dainty and Howe; Frost, Crump, Benbow, Brown and Wilson. Referee, Mr. A. R. Partridge (of Brookley).

Within five minutes ^{*}Luton ^{*}should have scored. Afterwards the game was fairly even, and each side pressed in turn. The first goal fell to Luton, Durrant scoring with a good shot, Blessington leaving the ball to the outside right, who was in a better position. Following some good play, Luton attacked and Gall beat the goalkeeper a second time. Still maintaining the pressure, Luton added a third point, Gall placing in the net again. Nothing more was scored up to half-time, when the score stood:

LUTON, 3; NORTHAMPTON, 0.

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The second half proved interesting. For a time Northampton hovered round the Luton goal, but the half-backs on the home side were in fine form, and gave no end of trouble. As time went on and nothing was scored it looked like being a blank half, but about half-way through Moody, from the touch-line, put in a shot which went just underneath the bar. Cook made an attempt to catch it, but there was too much powder behind the ball, which passed into the net, and thus Luton's fourth and last goal was registered. The following was the final score:

LUTON, 4; NORTHAMPTON, 0.

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