

Luton Town Football Club.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON TOWN v. SWINDON.

A DRAWN GAME.

As Swindon are the most improved club in the League, their return visit to Luton on Saturday had special interest. Few of Luton's supporters expected that Swindon would take a point home with them, yet such proved to be the case. The Swindon team have done some smart things this season, notably the defeat of Bristol Rovers and Millwall on foreign soil.

On this occasion, Swindon were three short of full strength, Menham, Pugh, and Kirby being absent, and their places being taken by Hemmings, Neylands, and Edwards respectively, while Luton played Woods for Allsopp. The Red Cross Band played as usual, and the weather, although fine when the match began, turned out wet after the interval. The ground was in awful condition, resembling a quagmire more than a playing pitch. About 2,000 spectators were present, when the referee, Mr. F. A. Crabtree, of Ealing, called the players up as follows:

Luton: Frail; Lindsay and Williams; F. Hawkes, White and R. Hawkes; Durrant, Blessington, Gall, Moody and Woods.

Swindon: Hemmings; O'Brien and Jones; Oakden, Bannister and Cowley; Davis, Poppitt, Neyland, Bullock and Edwards.

Luton won the toss, but there was not much advantage secured thereby, as the wind was blowing very strongly across the ground. The opening play was in favour of Luton. After a while, Frail saved finely from Poppitt while on the ground, and Moody headed behind a good centre from Durrant. Hemmings gave a fruitless corner to Gall, Durrant shooting behind, while three fouls against Luton availed the visitors nought.

Bannister skimmed the bar, and hesitation in front of the Swindon goal by Gall lost a fine chance of opening Luton's account. Later on Durrant slipped at the critical moment with only Hemmings to beat. Swindon tried hard to get through, but the Luton defence was sound. Offside nullified a goal scored by Poppitt. At half-time there was no score.

On resuming, Swindon were the first to get away, but Davis shot behind. Luton taking up the attack, Gall sent just by the post a pass from Moody, while Durrant skimmed the bar. Two free-kicks to Swindon were abortive, and Oakden robbed Woods just as he was going to shoot. Hemmings saved well from White, but a moment later the latter missed an open goal.

Two fouls against Luton were abortive, and Hemmings had to save from Lindsay, but Durrant shot high over the bar. Blessington brought Hemmings to his knees with a fine attempt. From now to the finish drenching rain fell, rendering the ground almost unplayable. Luton continued to press, but met with no luck in their endeavours to beat the Swindon defence. The game ended:—

Luton 0, Swindon 0.