

Football.

LUTON v. BRENTFORD.

The locals journeyed to Brentford on Saturday, and though the rain greatly marred the game, had the satisfaction of returning home winners by three goals to one. Last season they managed to net two Southern League points from Brentford on their own ground, and it was hoped that they would repeat their performance this year, when Brentford are doing so badly. Still, it was a hard game, and the better team won.

In the opening half the Middlesex men were seen to advantage, but failed badly near goal, though Frail saved several times. Each side scored once before the interval, the home team opening the ball about ten minutes or so from the start through Maher, while about five or six minutes later Allsopp equalised with a grand cross shot. Luton held the upper hand after changing over, Davidson giving them the lead almost immediately after the re-start, whilst Blessington scored a third point, and so Luton won by 3—1.

The victory, we are told by a London contemporary, was due "in a large measure to the superiority of the Luton half-backs," and "near goal the visitors were much the more dangerous lot, the left wing being the pick of an evenly-balanced line." R. Hawkes played a capital game at half, and was the best man in that position on the field. There was not much difference between the respective backs, and both goalkeepers did some very creditable work.

Reading were the only other visiting team to win on Saturday, and they managed to beat Watford by 2 goals to 1. Wellingborough accounted for Millwall, who are saving themselves for the Cup, by 3 goals to nil, and Tottenham Hotspur and Portsmouth beat Kettering and New Brompton respectively by 4—0 in each case. Swindon drew at Canning Town at 1 goal all, and Southampton did the same at Bristol.

The following is the League table up to date.

	Goals.						
	Plyd.	Wn.	Lt.	Dn.	For.	Agst.	Pts.
Southampton	25	16	1	8	63	16	40
Reading.....	25	16	3	6	64	27	38
Portsmouth.....	22	14	3	5	55	22	33
Bristol Rovers.....	27	12	8	7	43	31	31
Tottenham Hotspur	21	11	4	6	41	19	28
New Brompton	24	8	8	8	29	32	24
Northampton	24	10	10	4	34	38	24
Millwall.....	23	11	11	1	40	30	23
Queen's Pk. Rangers	24	9	10	5	27	32	23
West Ham United...	22	8	8	6	26	32	22
Kettering	25	6	10	9	25	33	21
Swindon Town.....	23	7	11	5	29	40	19
Luton Town.....	23	6	11	6	29	36	18
Wellingborough.....	23	8	13	2	29	47	18
Watford	26	6	17	3	32	78	15
Brentford.....	25	2	22	1	15	68	5

On Saturday, we shall have one of the tit-bits of the season in the shape of a visit from Tottenham Hotspur. In the match at Tottenham Luton effected a draw, which was very creditable on their part, but since then the Spurs have beaten West Bromwich Albion in a cup-tie, so that on this occasion they will probably come prepared to give Luton very short shrift. But we shall see. The Luton team will be the same as on Saturday last, and I think we may feel some confidence in their ability to give a pretty good account of themselves.

At the meeting of the directors of the Luton Club on Tuesday it was decided to make collections at all the remaining home matches to find the money for the ensuing close season. It is hoped that a very liberal response will be made, so as to save all the bother of subscription lists during the close season. The first collection will be made on Saturday next.

I daresay readers noticed an advertisement in this paper a fortnight ago stating that our old friend McEwen had taken a business at Luton. I don't know whether this means that he is coming South to play, but if so, Luton ought to stand a chance. He would certainly be a great acquisition.