

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON TOWN v. WELLINGBOROUGH.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR LUTON.

The return match took place on the Town ground on Saturday afternoon in dull weather before 2,000 spectators. On the previous day at Millwall, Wellingborough made a creditable draw, and came to Luton fully determined to make a close fight. At the first meeting, Luton lost by 2 goals to 1. An interesting feature of the match was the presence of Roger Ord in goal for the visitors, and he received a rousing cheer from his old friends round the ropes. The referee was Mr. W. T. Reed, of London, and the teams were:

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

Wellingboro': Ord; Dartner and Roding; Hamilton, Griffith and Davis; Webb, Brett, McCairns, Bamford and Hyde.

Luton won the toss, and in as many minutes forced four corners and from the last Davidson headed the first goal for Luton. Davidson headed behind a centre from Bob Hawkes, while a fine single-handed effort by the latter just missed. Frail saved smartly from Bamford at close quarters. A foul against Durrant nullified a good goal by Davidson. Three more corners to Luton were fruitless, and the home side continued superior up to the interval, when the score was

Luton, 1 goal; Wellingborough, 0 goals.

Resuming, the home forwards kept Ord busy. Blessington just missed, but from clever play by Gall, Davidson netted the second goal. Ord saved well from Gall, Durrant and Davidson, but from a pass by White, Gall ran through, and easily added No. 3. Directly after, from a centre by Webb, McCairns beat Frail with a good shot. Play was all in Luton's favour up to the close, which came with the score:

Luton, 3 goals; Wellingborough 1 goal.

NOTES.

There were not many exciting moments in the game, which at times was tame and lifeless. The upper hand was always held by the home team. Frail only had one dangerous shot to save and that gave Wellingborough their only goal. Lindsay was again a host in himself. Harry Williams played a splendid defensive game throughout. On his present form Harry would be hard to beat, both for tackling and clearing his lines when in danger.

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The Luton half-backs were easily a match for the visiting front string. In the front rank, the most noticeable feature was the improvement of Gall, and it was easily his best display of the season, while his goal was one of the best, and he had hard luck twice in not adding to the score. Blessington and Durrant played a useful and effective game together, while Davidson was inclined to take things a trifle easily, on account of the injury to his leg, which has not quite healed. Still, he did some clever things at times, and his goals were first-class. Allsopp was conspicuous and the equal, if not superior, of any forward on the field.

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For Wellingborough, Roger Ord did well in goal, and was not to be caught napping against his old club mates. Of the half-backs, the old Watford veteran, Hamilton, was easily the pick, but they were frequently left at a standstill by the clever play of the home forwards.

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Of the forwards, McCairns played a clever game in the centre. He also knew well the locality of the goal, and kept up his record of finding the net on practically every occasion he turns out. I do not think that he has missed scoring but once or twice during the whole of the season.