

LUTON v. BRENTFORD.

Played at Luton on Tuesday. Result:—

Luton	2 goals.
Brentford	nil.

The teams were as follow:—

Luton—Milam; Lindsay and Williams; Stratton, White, and R. Hawkes; Durrant, Blessington, Gall, Moody, and Woods.

Brentford—Green; Keech and Nidd; Regan, E. Green, and Harris; Childs, Maher, Connor, Turner, and Underwood.

Referee, Mr. L. E. Swain.

Some fifteen hundred people assembled to see this match, which was favoured by bright weather. Neither team was at full strength, and the game suffered accordingly. The visitors won the toss, but Luton were the first to press, and Green gave a corner by fisting behind. Nothing came of this, but presently Blessington had a good chance. His shot rebounded off one of the racks, and Gall then sent just by the upright.

Luton came again, and Moody headed in. In trying to clear, a penalty was incurred and duly awarded, and Lindsay promptly shot into the net. The game opened out a bit after this, but in a few minutes Luton were on the aggressive again, and a centre coming to White, that player put in a shot which the custodian let slip through his hands. Luton were thus two up.

Nidd played very finely in repulsing some further attacks, but Moody almost got through with a very fine shot, the ball going just the wrong side. A little later, Gall put paid to a

centre by Blossington, but as he was hanging round the post at the time offside was given. Durrant was off the field all the latter part of the first half, and the Luton attack became less dangerous.

The visitors at last created a diversion, and Maher sent in a smart shot, which Milam disposed of, it being the first he had had to deal with. Williams next gave a corner, and a little later Connor got in a shot. The visitors continued their evertures more or less to the interval, but were unable to improve their position and had to cross over two goals to the bad.

Durrant came on with the others in the second half, and Woods went away almost directly and forced a corner, from which nothing resulted. Brentford retaliated, and the ball going across from the right, Underwood put in a fast shot, which Milam only just saved, and Turner then sent high over. The play generally, however, was very slow, both sides showing the effects of their hard work during the holidays.

The best shot of the match was one by Moody, who was backing up Gall in a smart run, the ball just skimming the bar. The visitors were reduced to the necessity of playing the one-back game, owing to the loss of one of their men. Nidd filled the bill pretty well, helped materially by the offside rule, the whistle sounding nearly every time Luton got an opening.

Gall made a fine run, and Williams afterwards got away, and sent across to Durrant, who put in a hot shot, which Green had hard work to save. Moody actually did net the ball from a pass by Gall, but offside nullified. The game altogether was of a sorry character, and the spectators were heartily glad when time was called.

Brentford are a very poor lot, and Nidd was the only one to show anything like good form. Harry Williams played a great game for Luton, and seemed to revel in the work, but for the most part things were taken quietly. Stratton, it should be said, rendered very useful service, but Milam, who had but little to do, cannot be said to have shown promising form.