

LUTON TOWN v. BRENTFORD.

AN EASY WIN FOR LUTON.

The return match between these two teams took place on the Town ground on Tuesday afternoon in fine but cold weather before 2,000 spectators. Owing to injuries and other causes, Luton were only able to put a poor team in the field. F. Hawkes, Davidson, and Allsopp were absent, while the visitors also played two reserves. The referee was Mr. L. E. Swain, of Northampton, and the teams were :—

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

Brentford: Green; Keech and Nidd; Regan, Ellis Green, and Harris; Childs, Maher, Connor, Turner and Underwood.

Soon after the start, a penalty was given against Keech, from which Lindsay scored. Luton had all the best of matters, and White netted the second goal with a very soft shot. Durrant shot over the bar with only Green to beat, and Gall headed an offside goal. Milam saved from Maher, and Blessington just missed. Williams cleared a fine shot from Childs. Interval score :—

Luton, 2 goals; Brentford 0.

On resuming, Milam effected a very lucky save from Underwood, and Luton taking up the attack, Moody skimmed the bar with a good attempt. Play was slow and uninteresting, the whistle sounding continually for offside against the home forwards owing to Brentford's playing the one-back game. Moody tried again, and Green saved well from Durrant. Subsequent play is not worth recording, the result of a scrambling game being :

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NOTES.

It is almost needless to criticise the match, as there was hardly a man on the field who did himself justice. Milam in goal for Luton did fairly, but he is very slow in clearing the ball after saving, and once or twice almost lost the ball, but just managed to get rid of it. Lindsay and Williams were able to cope with the attacks of the visiting forwards, while the halves, of whom Stratton played a very good game, did all that was needed.

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Of the forwards, Gall was fair. Moody played a useful game at inside left, but never over-exerted himself. Woods made one or two good runs, but otherwise was little more than a passenger. Blessington and Durrant played well together, but it was obvious that they had had quite enough during the holiday, and at times it was as much as they could do to get the ball up the field.

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As to the visitors, Green was lucky in clearing on several occasions. Nidd, the old Watford man, played well at back, and saved his side from a much heavier defeat. Of the halves, little need be said, for not one of them gave anything like a good display.

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In the front rank, the Irish International, Connor, played very well in the centre, but tried to do too much "on his own." Underwood, at outside left, was easily the best of the line, and put across some fine centres at times. The referee gave satisfaction.