

FOOTBALL NOTES.

[BY "SPECTATOR".]

THE LAST TWO POINTS.

WEST HAM THRASHED.

Luton concluded its Southern League programme with a fine win over West Ham at Luton, on Saturday. The day was fine and there was a good attendance. Durrant was still unable to play for Luton and the outside-right position was occupied by Gall. The teams lined up as follows:—*Luton*: Frail; Lindsay and Williams; F. Hawkes, White, and R. Hawkes; Gall, Blessington, Davidson, Moody, and Allsopp. *West Ham United*: Griffiths; Eccles and Fair; Bigden; McAteer, and Blyth; Miecznikowski, Bush, Evans, Wallace, and Barnes. Referee: Mr. A. E. Vickers (London).

Luton won the toss and Lindsay set the visitors to kick against the wind, which was not of the gentle kind. West Ham therefore kicked towards the Bury farm end. The opening play was all in favour of Luton for Davidson was so far up that he was ruled offside. Allsopp had better luck a moment later and had a shot at goal but placed wide. Again Luton pressed and Allsopp got in a fine shot which completely beat Griffiths. The visitors' goalkeeper in fisting at the ball misjudged the pace at which it was travelling and punched at the ball and struck the shadow, in this case the goal-post. His hand was evidently hurt and the game had to be stopped until he had received attention. He afterwards retired from the game, but returned just before half-time. Meanwhile Eccles went in goal, and thus West Ham were left with 10 men. Luton of course got offside, though not so often as might have been expected.

Davidson broke through and the goalkeeper came out to meet him. The Luton centre tried to put the ball over his head but got his foot too far under it with the result that the ball came back and was then placed in the net by Gall. Thus Luton were placed two goals up in about a quarter of an hour. It had been expected that the visitors would give a better account of themselves, but their play was very poor and had the "end of the season" style about it. Luton on the other hand played good football.

Gall, who was distinguishing himself on the right wing, made a decent run down and placed across a fine centre, the ball going into the net. He was, however, given off-side, presumably because he had received a pass from Blessington to whom he had put the ball. A corner was forced at the other end by West Ham and directly afterwards a foul was given against White. The ball was put by the post. Gall secured the ball directly afterwards and placed just outside the goal.

About this time Griffiths returned and played right back. But still Luton pressed and Blessington placed by. A corner followed for Luton and was well placed by Gall. Davidson's head came out of a crowd of players, and he put the ball into the net. The referee blew his whistle and gave a final against Davidson. Thus what looked like a good goal was disallowed. Luton did nothing of consequence up to half-time, when the score stood:

LUTON 2; WEST HAM 0.

The opening few minutes of the second half showed that West Ham had determined to try and make up for lost ground, and very soon the United got down in the vicinity of Frail's charge and Evans put in a stinging shot which went just by the post. Allsopp sought to repeat his performance of the first half and just put the ball by the post at a tremendous pace. This was a fine shot and the probability was that it would have beaten Eccles.

Davidson then set about goal-getting on his own account. He put in a dashing run and completely beat Eccles, Griffiths, and another West Ham player "went for" Davidson together. Both, however, missed, and fell together. Then the visitors played with great earnestness. Barnes made several fine runs down the wing, and now and again beat the Luton captain. Lindsay was first one side and then the other just wherever the ball happened to be, but at length was compelled to give a corner. Nothing came of this.

Gall also became prominent and after centring saw Moody completely miss the goal with a hard shot. Davidson added the fourth goal after Eccles had made a great save. This proved all the scoring and the match therefore ended:

LUTON, 4; WEST HAM, 0.

Thus the Luton team completed the fixtures connected with the Southern League. Southampton, Reading, and Portsmouth, who occupy the three leading positions respectively, have now concluded their engagements in the League. Bristol Rovers, Northampton, Queen's Park Rangers, and Brentford have also finished.