

Football Notes and News.

By "Grasshopper."

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

LUTON v. NEW BROMPTON.

It is strange that although New Brompton are such a fair team they have made but a poor show so far this season. The fates have indeed been unkind to them once or twice. For all that, Saturday's match was by no means a "snip" for Luton. The Kent team have been doing so well of late that I don't think Luton need feel anything but satisfied with the result, viz., a draw.

Mr. F. S. Walford was referee, and the teams were:—

Luton.—Thompson; Bennett and McEwen; F. Hawkes, White, and R. Hawkes; Eaton, Storey, McKee, Turner and Allsopp.

New Brompton.—Metherell; McCurdy and White; Lloyd, Goldie, and Elliott; Bradbury, Robertson, Singleton, Stevenson, and Lissen-den.

It will be seen that Durrant was still unable to play. Some are thinking that Holdstock should now more regularly find a place in the team. Admitting that there are good grounds for this view, as Holdstock's capabilities are fully recognised, it would be a great mistake to alter the team while they continue to do so well.

McEwen, winning the toss, elected to take advantage of the slight breeze, and New Brompton kicked off before about 3,000 spectators. Bradbury endeavoured to get through, but Bob Hawkes cleared, and play was transferred to the other end. Soon after Bob Hawkes put through from a pass by McKee. It was as creditable to the centre-forward as to the half-back.

McEwen relieved when New Brompton were severely pressing, and offside against Eaton and a foul against McKee were used by the home side to the best advantage possible, but Luton still had the best of the game. Singleton became so dangerous that Bennett had to kick out, and Goldie's shot just grazed the upright. Bob Hawkes shot over from Eaton's centre, and Metherell was again severely tested. Thompson was also nearly beaten by Robertson. Half-time arrived with the score, 1-0 in favour of Luton.

The home team played better than the visitors during the beginning of the second moiety. From a free, White shot outside. Eaton's dash on the left wing was soon cut short by McCurdy. However, Luton returned to the attack, though the Brompton backs defended valiantly. Eaton added the second point for Luton, and victory seemed assured.

Yet the unexpected happened. Once again the home brigade attacked in force, and success crowned their efforts. Quite unexpectedly Stevenson got through, and not long afterwards White, the back, completely beating Thompson, added goal No. 2 for Brompton. As was natural, the game had a most exciting finish. Both sides tried their utmost to obtain the lead, but nothing more was scored, and the game ended in a

DRAW OF 2 GOALS EACH.

From what I could gather, there was not the least disappointment in Luton on Saturday night at the result. There need never be any cause to grumble if for the remainder of the season we can succeed in halving the points away from home.

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There is another matter worthy of note. Some time ago, I stated that by adopting the usual course of giving notice to the Association, Luton had approached, or were about to approach, Tennant, of Watford. Some of the Committee indignantly repudiated this at the time, and although I corrected the "rumour," it is strange that the same story is current now. From those who are closely associated with the Luton Club, I have repeatedly heard it stated in public this week that the only thing that has prevented Tennant coming to Luton is a question of wages. This time I give the statement under all reserve.