

# LUTON v. KETTERING.

## ANOTHER VICTORY.

This Southern League fixture was played on the Bury Park enclosure on Monday in the presence of about 3,500 spectators. Luton played the same team as on Saturday against Northants, and the visiting team was as follows:—

Kettering : Dorrington ; Bosworth and Draper ; Woods, Eccleston, and Grant ; Webb, Smith, Leigh, Morris and Hartwell.

Kettering won the toss, and Luton kicked towards the railway goal. The match opened at a good pace, but the turf was terribly soft, which made good football difficult. During the first ten minutes the visitors created a good impression, and managed to hold their own pretty well. Both goals were visited in turn, Webb forcing a corner off McEwen, and a splendid run by Durrant terminated in Bob Hawkes having a pop.

Luton now took up a determined attack, and Kettering had to show what defence they possessed. A pass from Fred Hawkes put Durrant in possession, and the ball was only got away with difficulty. Still vigorously attacking, White completely beat Dorrington, and drew first blood for Luton.

After this the game became more even again. Kettering played up well under this early reverse. Smith and Webb worried McEwen time after time, but the Luton captain was again in splendid form. Hartwell was also troublesome, and was certainly too much for Fred Hawkes.

Twice in succession the visitors had the hardest of luck in not getting through and finding the net. Durrant again breaking away, Luton attacked for fully ten minutes. Turner centred, and Dorrington made a marvellous save from a shot by Eaton.

At the other end, Webb centred, Leigh shot, but Thompson managed to keep out, though he did not succeed in getting the leather away. The next moment Hartwell had the ball safely placed in the net.

Luton afterwards forced several corners, and Allsopp once appeared to have a good opportunity, but his shot went very wide. Nothing further was scored, and half-time arrived with honours equally divided.

Upon crossing over, Kettering were the first



to act on the aggressive, a combined movement by Smith and Webb eventually securing a corner, which presented no difficulty to the Luton defence.

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I noticed that All'sopp again shot wide, and then resulted a regular bombardment of the visitors' stronghold. Luton had many chances, but so well did Kettering contest every inch of the ground, that it was a good while before White once more succeeded in giving the homesters the lead.

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This did not damp Kettering's hopes of drawing level, and more than once they were exceedingly dangerous. Nothing more, however, was scored, and the game ended :

Luton, 2 goals ; Kettering, 1 goal.

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The Luton forwards were sadly out of form. Even taking into consideration the condition of the ground, play has not been so bad for a long time. There was no dash about them, and very little combination. They did not seem to be able to do much with Grant and Eccleston, and Draper watched Durrant closely. Allsopp was particularly "off," but Eaton did his best for Durrant.

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Bob Hawkes was out of form, and could make but little progress against either Smith or Webb. White played a fine game - not merely because he scored both goals ; and Fred Hawkes put in some useful work. McEwen improved on his excellent form of Saturday, and no fault could be found with Bennett. As for Thompson, he could not be blamed for the shot that got past him.

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Kettering have a very fair team. A formidable right wing is comprised in Smith and Webb, and Hartwell is a decent player, but the quintette do not possess the knack of pressing home the attack. The defence was moderate, and the work of Dorrington in goal was not to be despised.