

DEFEATED AT WELLINGBOROUGH.

On Monday Luton played the postponed League match with Wellingborough on the latter's ground, and were beaten by 2—0. Wellingborough played Martin in place of Howard, who was hurt in the Southampton match, whilst Luton were without R. Hawkes and Durrant. In the first half Wellingborough had the bulk of the play, but

M'Ewen and Bennett defended splendidly, Thompson keeping goal well. Macdonald scored for the home team early in the game, Dartnell further adding to the home total before the interval. In the second half the conditions were more even, the defence on either side being better than the attack.

Rodney and Lamberton played a fine game all through, whilst the halves were very reliable. The home forwards figured well early in the game, but Murray was below form in the last half. Luton's defence was good, the backs being very capable. White was the best of the half-back line, whilst Allsopp and Turner were most prominent amongst the forwards. The visitors, however, made a poor show on the whole, and it was only towards the finish that they became dangerous. Our defeat has done the home team a world of good for it enables Wellingborough to take another important step up the League ladder, and all will be well for them if they are able to score at the expense of Fulham next Saturday.

The following is the position of the parties down to date :

							Goals		
							Fr.	Ag.	
	Plyd.	Won.	Drn.	Lost.	Fr.	Ag.	Pts.		
Southampton	25	15	5	5	54	25	35		
Bristol Rovers	27	15	4	8	57	32	34		
Portsmouth	23	14	4	5	32	24	32		
Millwall	25	14	4	7	54	31	32		
Reading	26	11	9	6	39	29	31		
LUTON	24	11	8	5	27	22	30		
Queen's Pk Rangers..	25	11	6	8	41	31	28		
Tottenham Hotspur..	22	9	7	6	35	28	25		
Plymouth Argyle	25	9	7	9	34	28	25		
Brentford	27	8	7	12	31	39	23		
New Brompton	26	5	11	10	20	35	21		
Fulham	24	6	8	10	22	27	20		
Northampton	24	8	4	12	27	45	20		
Wellingborough	23	9	2	12	32	44	20		
Brighton & Hove	25	6	7	12	36	51	19		
West Ham United	23	7	4	12	30	33	18		
Swindon	26	5	8	13	22	40	12		
Kettering	26	5	5	16	28	59	15		

The *Daily Chronicle*, under the head of "The Decline of Luton," on Tuesday, said : Luton, who came into the Southern League like the lion, are going out like the lamb. Even in their spell of success there was nearly always something wanting in the forward play of the team, and this has been the initial defect. Considering that Wellingborough had just been defeated at home by Southampton by four goals to two, the utter failure of Luton is disappointing. They were without Robert Hawkes, the amateur half-back, who has worked admirably for the club, though his appearance in the North v. South International trial was disastrous to his reputation.