

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR v. LUTON.

Played at Tottenham on Saturday. Result:

Tottenham Hotspur	1 goal.
Luton	1 goal.

For this match Luton were represented by the following team:—Thompson; Bennett and McEwen; F. Hawkes, White, and R. Hawkes; Durrant, Turner, McKee, Moody, and Allsopp. Tottenham were at full strength, their team being—William Erentz and Tait; Morris, Lewis, and Brown; Turner, Jones, Woodward, Copeland, and Birwan.

Having lost against Wellingboro at home, one would have regarded the chance of Luton making even a decent show at Tottenham as very remote, and the probability is that the twelve thousand spectators who paid to see the match expected to see a plentiful crop of goals placed to the credit of the Londoners. For some time past the Spurs have been showing grand form, and consequently Luton's prospects were about as gloomy as they well could be.

Tottenham also had the advantage of winning the toss, and on the whole they certainly made things pretty lively for the Luton defence in the first half. Occasionally, the visitors got away, and early on McKee secured a fine opening, but his final effort lacked sting, and Williams saved at the expense of a corner.

It was a lucky thing for Luton, however, that their defence was at its best, for the Spurs were in capital fettle, and their attacks were frequent and determined. Thompson made many very fine saves, running out two or three times and taking the ball from the toe of the on-rushing forward. McEwen, too, was in brilliant form, and the other men likewise put in a lot of effective work.

The Spurs did ultimately succeed in scoring, a smart shot by Turner finding its way into the net owing to Thompson's view being obstructed by a crowd of players. This was the only goal of the first half, and under the circumstances, Luton got off exceedingly well.

After the interval, Luton, so far as getting a share of the play was concerned, showed to much better advantage, and were soon conceded a corner, from which Turner headed just over the bar. At the other end, Tottenham got very near the mark from a free kick given by Bob Hawkes, and a little later Thompson was called upon to save.

Then the Luton right wing trundled the ball along in fine style, and a corner resulted, but nothing more tangible accrued. The Spurs retaliated with great vigour, providing Thompson with a good deal of work, but eventually Durrant again made the pace, and from his centre, Bob Hawkes went through and scored a glorious goal.

Play was faster than ever after this, both sides straining every nerve, but Luton were now much superior to the homesters, though they failed to score again, and the game ended in a draw. The result is one upon which the Lutonians may be congratulated, and it is certainly their best performance for a very long time. It is a singular thing, by the way, that the Spurs have not beaten Luton for three seasons.