

NORTHAMPTON v. LUTON.

Played at Northampton on Monday. Result:

Northampton nil.

Luton nil.

A large number of Lutonians took advantage of the excursion to Northampton on Easter Monday, and were rewarded by seeing a very good game. In the first half, the homesters had the better of the play, but afterwards Luton showed to much greater advantage, and had rather hard lines in not gaining a victory.

The Northampton correspondent of the "Morning Leader" writes:—"As the outcome of ninety minutes' downright hard play at Northampton, during which not a single goal was scored, Northampton and Luton divided Southern League points. A holiday crowd of over 5,000 witnessed the game, £129 being taken at the gate. Griffiths was warmly welcomed on his reappearance in the home team. M'Intyre was dropped from the forwards, Garfield coming in to complete the line. Luton lacked R. Flawkes, and Williams filled the vacancy.

"Though playing against wind and sun in the first half, Northampton were slightly the better team up to the interval, Benbow, Murray, and Frost all unsuccessfully testing Thompson. The last-named, however, proved to be in fine fettle, and he was grandly supported by Bennett and McEwen, who, in the first half particularly, were the mainstay of the team. Luton were seen to advantage in the second half, but they found a stubborn defence awaiting their onslaughts.

"Durrant was far and away the most dangerous forward—a clever shot of his just before the finish only just being turned round the upright by Perkins. McKee was also responsible for several well-intentioned shots, but not once was Perkins beaten, thanks in no small measure to the excellent support afforded by Clarke at back and Griffiths, who was without question the smartest halfback on the field."

In consequence of the pooling arrangement entered into, Luton took half Monday's gate, Northampton having carried away half the receipts from the match at Luton on Boxing Day. Although there was a good crowd on Monday, it was not so large as that at the first encounter, and the Luton Club loses about £17 by the arrangement. When the terms were agreed upon, however, the Luton directors did not anticipate that Christmas would find their team well in the running for the championship of the League.