

Football Notes and News

By "Grasshopper."

LUTON'S LAST LEAGUE MATCH.

Luton played their last Southern League match last Saturday and—won. The teams were away at Kettering, and gave a fairly good account of themselves. Though they only won by the narrow margin of one goal, I am afraid that was as much as the most optimistic had expected. Last season when we visited Kettering we made a draw of one goal each.

There was little alteration in the Luton team. McKee was again played at centre, and Moody took the place of Eaton.

The locals were the first to attack, and did so desperately. Wood centred, and Morris easily beat Thompson, placing the ball high up in the corner of the net. The reverse, however had but little effect on Luton, who made repeated efforts to draw level. Kettering were, however, playing a fine defensive game, and at half-time they were leading by 1-0.

It was a foul given against the home team that was their undoing. Luton made a tremendous effort in the second half, and both wings showed up well. Durrant, who seriously threatened the home goal, was fouled by Draper, and from the kick McKee scored an easy goal.

For the remainder of the match both teams went at it for all that they were worth, but apparently one was a match for the other, and neither could secure the leading stroke. A draw was generally anticipated, when just at time Luton surprised their opponents. Allsopp and Moody made a splendid run on the wing, and the latter safely placed the leather in the net, completely beating Dorrington. It was a closely contested game, and I have no doubt one which Luton were a little fortunate in winning.

Southampton are again champions of the Southern League, and for their 34 matches are well to the top with 50 points, and will be 6 or 8 points ahead of any other team. So far Luton are seventh on the list, and I do not anticipate that the one or two matches to play will alter that position very much. It is at any rate a little better than last year, when we finished eleventh. Kettering are at the bottom, but the biggest drop has been in the case of New Brompton, who have gone down from sixth position to that of 16th.