## READING v. LUTON.

Not even the most sanguine supporter of the light blues hoped for a victory from the Luton side in Saturdy's match at Reading. And there were substantial grounds for pessimism. The previous week Reading were playing the 'Spurs at Tottenham, and completely tied up the London team, winning handsomely by three goals to one. Luton on the same day lost to West Ham by two goals to nit. The one gleam of hope was found in the fact that on Wednesday Fulham had beaten Reading in the Western League.

Luton have only won one League match up to the present. The Morning Leader on Saturday had the following comment on the players:—"Lamberton, the ex-Bury centre, is a promising man, but he is being played at insideright. Penman, who will take the pivot place, is also well spoken of, but the best part of the Luton team is its defence, the three halves being very capable players indeed. With the exception of Raisbeck, Reading are absolutely at full strength to-day, Harris reappearing at inside-left, his proper position. Brown, the old Tottonian, did so well on Wednesday against Fulham that his inclusion in the eleven was unanimously decided upon by the selection committee."

The following were the teams:-

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Naisby

Henderson H. Smith Riley Bannister Brown

Long Higginson Corrin McIntyre Crombie

Barnes Ross Penman Eaton Lamberton R. Hawkes White Pritchard McEwen Turner

> Lindsay LUION.

Four thousand spectators were present at the start. Reading won the toss and kicked off. The homesters had a strong wind at their backs. Ross pased out nicely to Barnes, who ran through, and centred right across goal, giving Lamberton a grand opening, but he could not control the ball, and the opportunity slipped by. The Reading forwards threatened danger, but Prischard nipped in and robbed Corrin in fine style. Another nice movement by Barnes resulted in Baton getting an opening, but he did not take advantage, leaving it to Lamberton. Crombie thez broke away, but Turner stopped by kicking into touch. Just afterwards he headed behind when well placed. Coming again, the Reading forwards forced a goal kick. So far the game had been very even, but Corrin tested Lindsay with a fine attempt from a pass by Long.

The home left-wing troubled Pritchard, but he hung on, and McIntyre could only get in a week shot. Corrin then headed in, Lindsay saving with McIntyre close up to him. Penman wee fouled near the half-way line. Turner put well, but Smith returned, and Long got away with the ball, only to see it pass behind. Penman was given off-side without touching the ball. Still, it was a correct decision. An excellent opening was spoilt by McEwen's dash, who kicked into touch. White rushed in and prevented Corrin kicking up the field.

At this point Reading were having more of the game than Luten. Lindsay brought off a grand save from Long, near the post. Luten's defence got into a tangle for a few moments through extreme pressure, but ultimately lichwen rushed in and relieved, Lindsay having fallen in saving. Just before, Long put in another shot which Turner attempted to head away, only to see it go back to Lindsay just beneath the bar, who saved in a similar way to Kingsley, last Saturday at Luten.

Barnes outpaced Riley, and put across to Lamberton, who was given off-side. Ross tried a long pass which Barnes could not reach, and Henderson sent back up the field. From a mis-kick by Smith the ball cannoned across to Penman. He passed back to Eaton, but Naisby easily cleared Raton's shot. Turner took a free-kick, placing nicely, but Henderson relieved.

Reading's left wing were dangerous, through clever work, but Pritchard spoilt by kicking into touch. As half-time approached the Luton forwards gut together better, and gave the home defence considerable trouble, but seldem got in a dangerous shot, Naisby and his backs defending splendidly, Smith especially kicking in fine style. McIntyre put in a good one at the opposite end, Lindsay cutching nicely. He repeated these tactics immediately after, when Corrin tried a shot. From a long shot Turner ducked, and allowed the ball to go over his head, not noticing McIntyre just behind; but the ball was travelling fact and the Reading player could not quite reach it, and it passed harmlessly over the goal line. The game was extremely fast, except the ball was continually going out because of a strong wind blowing. Luton's right made diversion, Lamberton going inside passed out to Batos, whose centre was rather too far forward. Half-time:

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having to head into touch. McEwen gave a corner when McIntyre was practically through. Baton put a clever pass out to Lamberton when teckled by Brown, but Barnes could not get up to take the pass from outside right. The game was stopped when Penman was burt, Watts apparently fouling him, but the referee threw the bail up; Penman did not leave the field.

Getting down McIntyre passed out to Crombie, who netted with a cross shot, which just entered the net at the extreme corner, seven minutes from interval. The goal was decidedly lucky, as the ball appeared to be sailing out wide of the upright just beneath the bar. Ross got away, but Naisby came out and kicked down the field in the nick of time.

Ross cloverly passed over to Penman, who kicked right on Riley, instead of passing to Barnes, who was well placed.

RESULT: