

READING v. LUTON.

Not even the most sanguine supporter of the light blues hoped for a victory from the Luton side in Saturday'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 nil. 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 inside-right. 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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	Henderson		H. Smith	
	Riley	Bannister	Brown	
Long	Higginson	Corrin	McIntyre	Crombie

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

Lindsay

LUTON.

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 passed 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 Pritchard nipped in and robbed Corrin in fine style. Another nice movement by Barnes resulted in Eaton getting an opening, but he did not take advantage, leaving it to Lamberton. Crombie then 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 weak shot. Corrin then headed in, Lindsay saving with McIntyre close up to him. Penman was 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.

