

LUTON'S HARD LUCK.

NARROW WIN BY THE 'SPURS.

On Saturday Luton visited South Tottenham for the purpose of playing the 'Spurs. It is some years since Luton were beaten by the 'Spurs, but the long lane had a turning on Saturday when the Tottenham men very luckily got the odd goal, and Luton, though having as much of the play as the 'Spurs, could not equalise, and were thus defeated by one goal to nil.

The 'Spurs were without the services of Woodward and Hughes, and Luton took the field without R. Hawkes, whose place was taken by Pritchard.

The following were the teams :—

TOTTENHAM.

		Eggett		
	Watson		Tait	
Morris		Bull		McNaught
Berry	Chapman	Stansfield	O'Hagan	Kirwan
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Barnes	Moody	Lamberton	Ross	Eaton
	Pritchard	White	F. Hawkes	
	McEwen		Turner	

LINDSAY

LUTON

Referee : Mr. Hine.

The ground was in a splendid condition and a good gate was recorded. There was very little wind.

The 'Spurs won the toss and Luton kicked off.

Kirwan raced past the defence on the left, and took the ball almost to the end, and then kicked behind.

Luton then had a chance, and Moody nearly headed through from Eaton's centre, but Eggett kicked away, and the pressure was relieved.

Kirwan ran by Turner again, but the ball went out.

Tait kicked away from the right wing, but McEwen then returned.

Barnes got away from the offside position, and was nearly tripped inside the penalty area.

The 'Spurs' left got away very prettily, but once again the ball was taken behind.

McEwen early won the admiration of the spectators by clearing twice.

The 'Spurs' still kept up the pressure, and McEwen came to the relief very opportunely.

Fred Hawkes dashed out of a crowd with the ball at his foot just as the 'Spurs' forwards were making a combined attack on the goal.

Eaton forced Tait to kick out, and Luton then forced the play to the 'Spurs' end, but the lively ball prevented accurate play.

Stansfield got his eye injured, and the referee offered his services as a doctor, but the forward had to leave the field for some twenty minutes.

After an attack by Luton had been cleared the 'Spurs' returned to the assault, but the ball was brought back, and Eggett fisted away a header from Ross.

The 'Spurs' initiated a pretty movement, but Hawkes cleared twice by overhead kicks.

A foul was recorded against Luton, and from this the 'Spurs' brought the ball back, but it was placed very wide by Chapman.

Lamberton gave Barnes a beautiful chance, and following this Ross put in a difficult shot which Eggett was cheered for clearing.

Luton still had a fair share of the play, and White kicked the ball just outside the corner of the goal.

The 'Spurs' were repeatedly urged to greater efforts by the spectators, and there were some encouraging remarks on the play of Luton.

Stansfield now returned, but Chapman fell lame, though the game was not by any means rough.

These stoppages interfered a good deal with the speed of the game, and the spectators were inclined to grumble.

Luton still kept the ball in the 'Spurs' half, but the backs were very safe.

Morris at length got a hot shot straight to Lindsay, who could not clear, and, O'Hagan being there, placed through.

This was hard luck after all the pressure Luton had put in.

The 'Spurs' again attacked, but the ball was placed wide of the goal.

Kirwan failed miserably just afterwards, and was greeted with groans by the spectators.

McEwen got hurt in the subsequent play, but after a short rest was able to resume.

Barnes ran down the wing, but Moody was ruled offside.

The 'Spurs' had the first corner, which came to nothing, owing to a very wide shot by Chapman.

The 'Spurs' had another chance, but Berry placed over the bar.

O'Hagan had a beautiful chance, but Mac made him dribble wide, and he then placed outside the net.

Lindsay punched away very nicely, and Eggett imitated his example.

Moody gave Eggett a tremendous shot to save, which he was rather lucky to get away.

Luton were playing a better game than before, and twice attacks were made which might have proved fruitful.

Tait played a magnificent game for the 'Spurs.

Stansfield should have profited by Mac's mis-kick, but Turner forced him to shoot wide.

Two corners proved fruitless for the 'Spurs.

Half-time:—

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Luton were forced on the defensive at the start notwithstanding that the 'Spurs were without Chapman.

Still Luton nearly got through twice by Barnes and Moody, and then the 'Spurs had one more chance.

After this Luton played up remarkably well, and Eggett was given six shots to save to every one sent to Lindsay.

Two or three times he only got to the ball by the merest chance, all of the Luton forwards putting in hot shots.

Ross, in particular, was in good form, and once gave Eggett a terrific gallop from one end of the goal to the other, only to see the ball just go wide of the post a yard ahead of him.

It was a very narrow shave, and the spectators veritably held their breath whilst watching the progress of the ball. There was a yell of relief, especially from those at the back of the goal.

Mac urged his men on right up to the close, but luck was dead against them, and they retired defeated by the narrow margin of a goal to nil. Result:

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