

LUTON v. WELLINGBOROUGH.

The "wooden spoonists" of the Southern League—Luton and Wellingboro'—tried conclusions on the Bury Park enclosure on Saturday before a crowd of between 3,000 and 4,000. The result was a win for Luton by 4-0. Last season we were defeated 2-0 at Wellingboro', and 2-1 at home, but things have gone badly with the Northamptonshire club this season.

Luton had to make changes in their team, as Barnes was unable to play. Kellett, a Notts County amateur, was introduced on the right wing. The weather was beautifully fine, and it was therefore surprising to see only a small attendance. The home side as soon as the game started made an incursion into their visitors' territory. The Luton right wing continued to cause the Wellingborough defenders some anxiety, and two accurately-placed centres from Kellett spelt danger. From the second of these Ross headed the ball on to the side post. The Luton centre-forward was next seen on the war-path, but shot straight into Wise's hands. A period of pressure by Wellingborough, and a corner, was followed by a shot from Cookson, which was cleverly cleared by Lindsay. Luton answered this attack, but for the time their forwards gave a very indifferent account of themselves. On the other hand, the Wellingborough men were surprising the spectators by the manner in which they occasionally threaded their way through the Luton defence.

Subsequently Kellett ran the ball well down, and centred right along the goal line. Eaton was there, and with consummate ease he banged the ball into the net. Encouraged by this success, the home forwards rushed to the attack as soon as the game had been re-started, and just before the interval Kellett sent across another glorious centre, which, as in the first instance, was met and turned into the net by Eaton. At half-time Luton led by 2 goals to 0.

During the opening stages of the second half Luton showed that they were not satisfied with their two goals' lead. Kellett rushed away, and sent across a lovely centre, which Ross should have turned to account. Lamberton just afterwards broke clean away, and scored a grand goal. Immediately afterwards Ross, taking a fine pass from R. Hawkes, succeeded in steering the ball past the watchful Wise.

The home side for a long time after this had all the play, and it seemed that they were bound to augment their score. Once Turner hit the cross-bar from a free kick given against Wellingborough for fouling Lamberton. After Wise had given a corner, the Wellingborough forwards got into Luton territory, whence they were soon expelled without having seriously troubled Lindsay.

After this Luton continued to show themselves the better side, and Noble and Draper never had to work harder. Winterhalder on two or three occasions broke away, and once he gave Lindsay a hot shot to save. But these spasmodic and solitary efforts only served to show how greatly superior were Luton to their rivals in almost every department of the game, and their 4 to 0 victory was quite deserved.