

UNITED LEAGUE.

LUTON v. NEW BROMPTON.

This was a United League engagement, played at Luton on Monday, before about 1,500. Luton tried Gallacher at left-half, and amongst the forwards Latheron was included at inside left. Otherwise the usual men did duty for the home side. The following constituted the New Brompton team: Griffiths; Walton and Orr; Floyd, Marvin, and Bull; Burns, Snellgrove, McKee, Travers, and Marriott.

Our old friend McKee met with a hearty reception on taking the field for the visitors. New Brompton won the toss, and had the breeze behind them. It was not a great game, and apparently Luton were not trying their best. The visitors undoubtedly had the best of the first half, and several times had hard luck in not scoring. When the whistle blew, Luton were leading by one goal to nil, the point having been obtained by Brown 25 minutes from the start.

The homesters were not so far ahead, on play, of their opponents in the second moiety. Though they "bucked" up now and then, yet at times they were very dull. The visitors seemed to be a little quicker on the ball, though their forwards were seldom dangerous. Once when "hands" was given against Blackett, New Brompton had a good chance, but the free kick gave but little advantage. Warner's fine sprints on the wing were the features of the game. Brown and MacDonald both missed the easiest of chances.

Towards the close Luton literally bombarded the New Brompton goal, but Griffiths proved himself a giant between the posts; he saved some marvellous shots. Eventually Warner headed through, and just on time Latheron added a third goal. Result: Luton 3, New Brompton nil.

McKee gave a better display than he ever gave at Luton. For young men the visiting backs did not do so badly. Orr is but a new player. The halves were moderate, and Marriott was the pick of the forwards. New Brompton have valued Griffiths' services by retaining him for the last few seasons.

Warner continues to be Luton's best forward, and there is one thing to be said of him—he always plays well. Barnes showed improved form, but Brown was evidently suffering from the injury which he received at Swindon on Saturday. "Smiler" is always on the ball. Gallacher, who appears to be Jack of all positions, played a fair game as a substitute for Luton's captain.