

The United League.

LUTON v. NEW BROMPTON.

Played at Luton on Monday. Result:—

Luton	3 goals.
New Brompton	n'l.

Teams:—

Luton—Platt; Blackett and McCurdy; P. Hawkes, White, and Gallacher; Warner, MacDonald, Brown, Latheron, and Barnes.

New Brompton—Griffiths; Walton and Orr; Floyd, Mavin, and Bull; Burns, Snellgrove, McKee, Travers, and Marriott.

A good many people who made their way to the football ground on Monday did so in the expectation of seeing Anderson turn out, but although the half-back in question has practically recovered from his injury, he did not make his appearance with the team which, as will be seen above, included Gallacher at left-half and Latheron at inside-left in place of Pickering, who sustained a nasty kick on Saturday. The visiting team included McKee at centre-forward, and Griffiths had appeared in goal against Luton on previous occasions, but Orr, the left back, was a recent importation from Scotland.

New Brompton have not scored a goal in the United League away from home, but they came near to doing so on Monday, for in the first minute or two Platt had to give a corner, and soon afterwards a swift cross shot by Marriott beat the Luton custodian but hit the opposite post and rebounded into play without anything tangible resulting. It was 25 minutes from the start when the Luton right wing got down nicely, and Brown did not have much difficulty in converting Warner's centre. Nothing further was scored before half-time, although once Brown got his head to a corner-kick and it was fortunate for New Brompton that the ball hit the upright and was got away safely.

Luton had not shown much superiority in the first half, but the backs had been successful in keeping McKee and Co. from getting within easy shooting distance as often as the visitors

would have liked. For the first few minutes after the resumption Luton had matters very much their own way and forced one or two corners without any definite result. A centre by Barnes looked business-like, and it was met by Macdonald, but the inside man was travelling too fast to take aim and the ball went over, as it did soon afterwards from the foot of Latheron.

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A splendid centre by Warner was not improved upon, and at the other end Marriott tested Platt. The Blues returned to the attack and Macdonald hit the bar. New Brompton then got going, and hands was given against Blackett—an unusual occurrence. Another dangerous centre by Barnes was met by Macdonald, who collided with the post. The looked-for goal was a long time coming, but it came at last. It was twelve minutes before the finish when Warner beat Griffiths, following a corner.

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But all the scoring had not yet been done, for a few minutes afterwards Luton were awarded a free kick, and after the ball had been hobbing about in front of goal, Latheron sent it home. The light-haired one seems to have become popular with the Luton crowd, partly, no doubt, because he always smiles when he gets the ball and is a tryer all the time. Although he was playing out of his usual place on Monday, he got on very well with Barnes.

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Gallacher played very well at left-half. The Luton right-wingers were in fine form, and Warner's centres were always dangerous. Blackett and McCurdy were very safe. New Brompton possess some decent forwards, of whom the outside men are as good as any, and the new back played well, while the bulky Griffiths displayed considerable ability between the uprights.