

UNITED LEAGUE.

TWO MORE POINTS FOR LUTON.

LUTON v. NEW BROMPTON.

Played at Luton on Monday. Result:—

LUTON 3 Goals.

NEW BROMPTON Nil.

The following were the teams:—

LUTON.

Platt

Blackett McCurdy

F. Hawkes White Gallacher

A. Warner McDonald Brown, Latheron Barnes

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Marriott Travers McKee Snellgrove Burns

Bull Mavin Floyd

Orr Walton

Griffiths

NEW BROMPTON.

Referee: Mr. A. R. Partridge, of Brockley.

There was little in winning the toss, New Brompton kicked towards the Charles Bird and Farmers' end, and within a very short time they had made the hearts of the thousand odd spectators leap in their mouths for Platt only just got the ball at the expense of a corner, which went the usual way of corners, viz., was not turned to any account. Coming again the visitors seemed to have taken a leaf out of Lutons book and had gone off with a rush which again threatened danger, and this time Marriott struck the bar with a shot which Platt had no chance of getting at. Had it been a trifle lower Luton would have been a goal behind in the first ten minutes.

The Luton men at length awoke to the fact that something was expected of them, and as usual the right wing was on the alert, and Warner put in one of his delightful runs past all opposition and sending across to a nicety, Brown had the easiest of all possible chances of lowering the colours of Griffiths, which he promptly accepted in his very best style. Both ends were visited by the forwards of each side, but it was only the most excitable of people who could get excited by the play, which was on the whole, very tame.

Poor as the first half had been the second opened perhaps more so. Latheron was the first to show to advantage, and then he neatly tricked the back, and sending across to McDonald, that player shot clean over the bar and thus threw away a good chance.

The next incident of note was not one in which the players were concerned. One of the visitors lifted the ball out of the ground into someone's flower-plot, and one individual who did not wish any time to be wasted leaned over the fence round the football pitch where another ball reposed, and then fell over most gracefully. No doubt he felt rewarded by the laughter which followed from the crowd, coupled with the fact that he had his kick at the ball. On returning to the other side he found a quicker way then walking round, and so fell back again. Very economical that man must have been; desired to save shoe leather, perhaps, or desirous of earning popular applause.

After Warner had been applauded for kicking close by the goal Marriott imitated his example, and put a lovely shot into Platt's hands. The outside-left was greeted by a voice: "Well done, sir; very nice shot of yours." The remark was well deserved, and those people who say that the home crowd is not a sportsmanlike one should bear the fact in mind.

McDonald struck the bar with a well-meant effort, and was rewarded by applause. Griffiths was beaten, but the bar was just a little too low for the purpose. Luton were the only team in it at this point, and Griffiths had his work cut out to preserve his goal from further capture.

Warner eventually did the trick. He had wandered somehow across to the left wing, and, meeting a centre from Barnes with his head, put the ball past the goalkeeper like a flash. Then a corner was well-placed by Barnes, and though the ball was got away for a time it still hovered around the goal, and after a regular fusillade Latheron found himself with the ball from the rebound off one of the goal-posts, and added the third point.

Thus Luton won by three goals to nil. Gallacher was tried in the spot usually covered by Bob and he gave a capital display. His weight stood him in good stead, and it is evident we have got a good half in the ex-outside right.

Latheron, who has got the name of "Smiler" on account of his profuse smiles, also did well. The others gave a good display.

Our old friend, McKee, has lost none of his dash, and though he was not able to get any goals he put across some nice passes to Marriott, who was certainly the best forward on the New Brompton side. Orr is a young player on trial with the visitors, and he gives promise of being not the least proficient back in the south. Griffiths had some rasping shots to save, but he could not be blamed for any of those which scored against him. The referee gave a poor display.