

LUTON v. SOUTHERN UNITED.

Played at Luton on Monday. Result:

Luton 5 goals.

Southern United 2 goals.

Luton: Platt; Else and McCurdy; F. Hawkes, Gallacher and White; Warner, McDonald, Brown, Pickering, and Barnes. Southern United: Dullroy; Elwin and Williams; Hunt, Good and Ransome; Holmes, Sprouts, Spikesley, Coggins and Mickenowski. Referee, Mr. G. W. Verge, London.

The opening stages of the game were very tame and it is hardly any wonder that nothing like enthusiasm was shown for a time. There was not a very large company present to witness the fray and it is questionable if the Monday matches will bear expenses. Luton's rearranged team took some time to settle down and it appeared as if some of the men were stiff after Saturday's exertions. The visitors included in their ranks two men in whom some interest centred. One was Fred Spikesley the quandom international forward, and Hunt, who was given a trial for Luton last year, but was only kept a month, I believe.

It was left to Bob Hawkes to notch the first goal. Dullroy had left the goal to repel a shot from Barnes, and during his absence Bob improved the shining second or two and promptly put the ball into the rigging. As one of the ex-Luton players remarked: "It's no use goal-keepers leaving their charge and not expect Bob to score; he scores whither they are there or not—sometimes." The truth of this was exemplified a minute later when Dullroy turned round the corner a red hot shot from the centre's foot.

If no one else was busy Dullroy found plenty to do and the old Southampton player repelled some fierce shots. Spikesley came in for a good deal of knocking about and once or twice he had reminiscences of First League football in greeting Mother Earth. Coggins was the star in the front line and he scored the equalising goal in a manner which left little to be desired.

Luton woke up in the second half and quickly showed that they meant business. Bob Hawkes was careering towards an open goal again when two or three of his opponents made a stile for him, and Bob missed the top rail and fell over in front of goal. The referee awarded a penalty and Warner was called upon to take it. One of the Directors offered to lay 100 to one that the outside right would not score, but he did, though, Coggins with a nice shot added the second goal for the United.

Pickering, who missed the goal on several occasions by the merest shadow notched the third goal, with a shot which just grazed the cross-bar, whilst Barnes a moment later put the ball on to the bar whence it bounced over. Bob Hawkes scored the fourth goal with a shot in the bottom corner of the goal, well out of the reach of Dullroy. Several similar shots were equally well diverted and even the crowd at the back of the goal cheered the goalkeeper for his fine display.

About this time the *Monday Reporter* was on sale at the ground and nearly everyone was looking at the little green 'un. It could be seen fluttering on all sides, and even appeared to provoke as much interest as the play. Before the whistle sounded for time Gallacher showed excellent judgment in gaining the fifth goal, working the ball well in and then scoring well out of the reach of the goalkeeper.

Of the visitors Coggins was the best. The goals he got could not have been improved upon, and both were well intentioned efforts worked with the end in view. Spikesley was not given much of a chance. Elkin, Dullroy and Good,

who used to play for Watford, were moderate, Bob Hawkes was as indefatigable as ever, whilst McDonald also worked hard. The others did not appear to try seriously to play their best. Else pleased the critics a good deal, and as one of them said, "There's football in the lad."