

LUTON v. WATFORD.—Before 9,000 spectators Luton gained a well-deserved victory by two goals to nil, though at least one goal was disallowed Luton which should have been credited to their score. The following were the teams:—Luton: Platt, Blackett, McCurdy F. Hawkes, McDonald, Brown, R. Hawkes, and Latheron. Watford: Biggar; Aston and Lindsay; Main, McCartney and Richardson; Badenoch, Turner, Foster, Reid and Kelly. Referee: Mr. C. C. Fallowfield. The visitors went away with a rare rush which threatened to put Luton out of the running, but this early spurt by the visitors was repulsed. Luton returned the compliment, but Biggar saved. Little Kelly on the left wing put in some very judicious play and at last he was presented with a favourable chance but missed the goal by a trifle. Luton were not long in making tracks for the Watford goal, but were pulled up for a free kick which was entrusted to Blackett. Now the Luton back saw Lindsay his vis-a-vis, alone between a straggling line of forwards and the goalkeeper, and so he placed the ball conveniently for the Watfordian to head away. Just as the old Luton captain headed the ball he was charged by Sandy Brown, and White having followed up had no difficulty in beating Biggar, who remained helpless. Watford with rare persistence came again to the Luton end and Reid had the mortification of finishing a good run by kicking the ball over the bar. An extraordinary incident occurred just 25 minutes after the start. The ball was brought up on the left wing and R. Hawkes, heading forward to White, the latter shot through. Apparently all was satisfactory and the ball was brought back to the centre and the players had lined up. For some unaccountable reason the referee suddenly went across to consult the linesman and then pointed for a free-kick. Mr. Fallowfield was in an infinitely better position to see whatever occurred than the linesman, and to decide against Luton after everything appeared settled, including the ball in the centre of the field, was most extraordinary. Lindsay was eventually forced to give a corner, and from the flag-kick taken by Warner, Bob Hawkes had the pleasure of scoring a good point, about which there was no question. This proved all the scoring in the first half, and with this advantage the sides crossed over, the Red Cross Band playing a selection. The second half was hardly so good as the first, lack of interest being due to the absence of goals, perhaps, than the play. Peter Turner once made a good attempt, but shot just wide. Brown and McDonald both felt the vigour of Lindsay, whilst Bob Hawkes was once very badly treated, and inside the penalty area, too. In fact, most of Lindsay's misdeeds occurred near the penalty area and no one would have been surprised had the extreme course been taken by the referee. Result, Luton 2, Watford 0. The gate realised £214, which amount has had to be divided.