

LUTON v. WATFORD.

There was a bumping gate at Luton on Christmas Day, when the Town faced Watford.

McCartney won the toss, and Luton kicked towards the east goal. Watford were the first to get away, but McCurdy relieved, and at the other end Biggar was called upon from Warner. Watford quickly returned to the attack, and Kelly shot wide. The visitors were still pressing, and Turner had a pop, but the ball glided across the goal-mouth.

Turner again shot across, but no one was up to receive the ball. Blackett was compelled to give a corner, but White saved the situation, and Warner and McDonald got away, but Lindsay came across and kicked out. Luton were now on their mettle, and Bob tried a shot which went wide. Play was fast and exciting. Lindsay cleared a difficult situation, but Watford were being severely pressed. Brown shot and Biggar had to come out.

A foul against Watford compassed their downfall. Blackett took the shot, and sent well into the goal-mouth. Lindsay failed to clear, and White, who had an open goal, banged into the net, giving Biggar no earthly chance.

Watford resumed with vigour, and Reid shot over. The visitors still pressed, and Reid headed right in, Platt having to punch out at the expense of a corner, which was cleared by F. Hawkes after some little difficulty. The home side were now on their defence, but McCurdy came to the rescue. Badenoch beat McCurdy, and Blackett had to come across, yet he, too, was beaten, and Luton's goal was in peril, but once more F. Hawkes saved the situation. Blackett had another chance from a foul, but the ball went over the bar. Later Luton's right back had another free against Kelly. The ball was well placed, and White headed into the net, but after consultation with the linesman, the referee disallowed the point for offside, at which there was considerable dissatisfaction.

From a corner against Lindsay, Warner sent in a fine centre. Aston partially cleared, but McCurdy sent in a high dropper, from which Bob Hawkes placed in the net. Kelly had a chance, and put in a nice piece of work, but Foster spoiled the effort by a foul on Platt.

Resuming, Luton went away with a rush. Latheron centred, and afterwards Warner, but the defence cleared. At the other end Turner experienced the hardest luck, a splendid screw shot from him just missing the upright. Watford were still attacking, and Reid nearly brought about the downfall of Luton, but Platt just managed to save in time. At the other end Watford were attacked, and for a time Biggar was kept busy. Latheron centred, but Brown headed wide. Kelly missed a good chance from a centre by Turner. Hands against White relieved the pressure, and Reid shot into Platt's hands.

McDonald and Brown between them spoiled a good chance.

Latheron got away and centred, McDonald shot, and Bigger missed. The goal was at Luton's mercy, but Lindsay, seeing the danger, rushed into the goal mouth and cleared, to the intense relief of the Watford folk.

Kelly beat both Blackett and White, and placing to Reid, the inside man sent in a clinking shot, which Platt saved in grand style. Brown was fouled just outside the penalty line, but "Bob" misjudged, and the leather went wide. Luton thus won handsomely by 2 goals, which was a fair result on the form shown.

Result: Luton 2, Watford 0.