

UNITED LEAGUE.

LUTON v. CLAPTON ORIENT.

A good crowd witnessed this match on the Town ground on Monday, and were somewhat disappointed with the result—a draw of one goal each. However, but for a mistake by the referee—for few referees are faultless—the result would have been 2-1 for Luton.

The teams were:—

Luton: Platt; Else and McCurdy; Gallacher, White, and H. Lane; Warner, Wiles, Macdonald, Pickering and Latheron.

Clapton Orient: Redding; Holmes and Renson; Godling, Bowden, and Proudfoot; Bourne, Dougal, Leigh, Hammond and Gibson.

The referee was Mr. H. Baylis (Hitchin).

The game was a poor one in the first half, and did not improve very greatly in the second, though the turf was treacherous. A shot by Dougal skimmed towards Luton's cross-bar, and Platt rose to meet it, but it passed into the net, the visitors thus drawing first blood. At the other end Warner sent the ball home, but was rightly given offside.

After the interval the Blues pressed for a few minutes, and MacDonald put in a good shot. White played well. Luton's left wing forced a corner, which, after a moment's loose kicking round the goal, was rammed into the net by Wiles, who thus equalised. A few minutes later, MacDonald was given the ball in a clear position, and raced off towards the goal. The goal-keeper and another man rushed towards him and the three fell in a heap, but the ball rolled on slowly into the goal. At this there was jubilation in the home camp, but the referee gave it as a penalty. Comments were free, but the penalty kick, taken by Warner, passed harmlessly over the crossbar. Twice the home team dropped the ball on to the net behind the goal, and Lane put in a shot which Redding saved at the expense of a corner. The right wing broke away, and MacDonald hit the post. The visitors then attacked for a moment, but nothing tangible resulted, and the game closed—

Luton 1, Clapton Orient 1.