

LUTON v. CLAPTON ORIENT.

Played at Millfields-road ground on Monday. Result:—

Clapton Orient.....	2 goals.
Luton	1 goal.

The teams were as follow:—

Luton—Platt; Blackett and McCurdy; Mac-

donald, Gallacher, and H. Lane; Warner, Wiles, Brown, Pickering, and Barnes

Clapton Orient — Bowers; Reason and Holmes; Proudfoot, Evenson, and Pember-ton; Dougal, Simons, Lamberton, Leigh, and Bourne.

Referee, Mr. R. A. Stephens (Tottenham).

Little interest appeared to be taken in the game, although the weather had possibly something to do with the small attendance, cold showers of sleet coming down during the match and making it extremely uncomfortable for spectators on a ground quite bare of shelter. The exchanges were Mondayish in the extreme, and Bourne's goal, which scarcely raised a cheer, came only after half-an-hour's play. Blackett gave the Orient player the chance through a weak clearance well out on the wing, and Bourne screwed into goal from the goal line, the ball striking the post and rebounding into the net.

Barnes was really responsible for Luton's equaliser with a brilliant run half the length of the field, which he closed by a clever centre to Pickering, who, having no one but Bowers to beat, made no mistake with his shot, driving it well home quite out of the reach of Bowers. Crossing over with the scores level, Luton looked like taking the lead for a considerable period, but the forwards finished badly, and Bowers was not seriously troubled. The goal which did spell victory fell to the Orient, but it was a curious affair. Gallacher charged one of the home players off the ball just outside the penalty area, and the referee gave a free kick. All the players lined up quite a distance from Platt, but Proudfoot put the ball right over their heads into the corner of the net, Platt being apparently taken by surprise by these tactics, for he made no effort to stop the attempt.