

NORTHAMPTON v. LUTON.

This match was played at Northampton on Easter Monday, and resulted in a win for the Blues by the odd goal, the score at the close of play being: Luton 2, Northampton one. This was the second defeat of the "Cobblers" at the hands of the "Strawplaiters" this

season. The visitors took their usual team, excepting that Gallacher played in place of R. Hawkes.

Brown kicked off for Luton, and the visitors, playing against the sun, were the first to act on the aggressive, but Durber saved the situation. McCurdy put ditto to the attempt of Neal to break through. Then Pickering sent in a rasping shot, which just went by, and Brown repeated the performance. "Sandy" was being closely watched by Chadwick, and once just outside the fatal area was fouled by that player; but though Perkins saved the free kick at the expense of a corner, which was negotiated without difficulty, the visitors were constantly attacking. Warner and Macdonald were both dangerous. At the other end Frost, who was placed in possession by Turner, had a "pop," but Platt cleared easily. After a spell of play in which Luton figured most, Warner missed the mark by inches, and up to half-time neither goal had been penetrated.

Re-starting, the Blues held the upper hand, and it was not long before their centre-forward, getting away, opened the scoring with a fast drive. Play was suspended for a few minutes while the referee turned off the field two youths who disputed the correctness of the goal just awarded to the visitors. Shortly after play proceeded, Luton were again after goals, and eventually Pickering scored No. 2 for the Blues, the referee declining to give the Luton man offside.

Though their luck was against them, Northampton played up well. True, they had not nearly so much of the game as their opponents, their forward string being less active than Luton's. Platt had not a great deal to do all through, thanks to the able defence of his side. Towards the close, the homesters scored, Morris, who had gone from the left wing to the centre-forward position, giving the visiting custodian a shot which he had no earthly chance to save.

Result: Luton 2 goals, Northampton 1.