

# UNITED LEAGUE.

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## LUTON v. WATFORD.

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These two teams met in the United League tourney on the Ivy-road enclosure before a good gate on Tuesday afternoon. The Blues were without the services of the two Hawkes's, the captain's place being taken by Gallacher, while "Snip" Parsons was also given a place in the half-line, White, who was not expected to play, turning out at centre as usual. The customary five forwards did duty again for the Town. The visitors brought Eaton, and "Sammy" had to put up with a bit of chaff at the hands of the supporters of his old club.

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The game ended in a pointless draw. There can be little doubt the visitors were the better team in mid-field, their neat passing being a special feature. Though McCurdy, who in the absence of "Bob" captained the team, won the toss, and set Watford to play against the wind, the visitors had more than their equal share of the play in the first moiety. This was perhaps largely due to the weakness in the home half-line. More than once did they come close to scoring, but Platt was invincible. Play was fast and interesting. The home forwards had a turn now and then, and kept "popping" away, but either Higgins, the Watford "goalie," kept them out or the shots went wide of the mark. When they temporarily left the field, both teams deserved the applause which greeted them.

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In the second half, Luton had rather the best of matters, and Aston and Brooks, the visiting backs, were severely pressed, while the custodian was kept busy. He was fortunate in saving more than one shot. Both Pickering, Warner, and Macdonald experienced hard luck in not finding the net. Then Luton were awarded a penalty, Aston mildly fouling Pickering within the area. Brown took the kick, but shot too high. The ball struck the bar, rebounded, and before the Luton man could follow it up, Higgins had cleverly saved. Towards the close, both sides tried hard to score, but without success.

Result—a pointless draw.