

UNITED LEAGUE.

LUTON v. NEW BROMPTON.

This match, played at Luton on Monday, did not attract a large crowd, which was a pity, seeing that both teams were about at full strength, and, at any rate, a very good game was witnessed. Some supporters content themselves with thinking that it is only the Southern League fixtures that count, and though in a sense that is so, there is often quite as good football to be witnessed on the Ivy-road enclosure at a United League fixture as in the premier League.

Brown was unable to play for Luton, and McDonald was put in the centre, while Latheron found a place on the right wing. Jackson also took the position of Bob Hawkes in the half-line, and Farr was between the posts, in lieu of Platt.

The locals were by far the best team in the first moiety, and played well, despite the fact that New Brompton set up a strong defence. The game continued fairly even, and was of a "box-and-cox" character. Both custodians were being very often tried. Luton's defence, told against the visitors' attacking line. Farr, too, saved some excellent shots, from which it may be gathered that New Brompton had the proverbial "hard lines." The match had been evenly contested for quite half-an-hour, before Luton drew "blood." Fitzpatrick found a nice opening, and scored easily. Shortly afterwards, a pass from Latheron was finally headed into the net by Murphy. "Pat" gave a decidedly good display, but he has yet to get "acquainted" with his partner.

In the second half, New Brompton assumed the upper hand, and kicking towards the railway end, always kept the home defence on the look out. There appeared to be more cohesion amongst their front string, but the goal seemed destined never to come. That's how it looked; it was indeed very hard luck. However, it was not long before Hartley opened the score for the visitors, Farr quite misjudging the shot. Then taking up the attack, Jones put Luton further ahead. Before the whistle blew, however, Smith reduced the "Blues'" lead.

Result: Luton, 3 goals; New Brompton, 2 goals.