

UNITED LEAGUE.

LUTON v. NORWICH.

Luton wrung the necks of the "Canaries" with a vengeance in the United League match at Luton on Monday, and succeeded in getting a bit of their own back, to use a colloquialism. Norwich had their full team with them—the men who did duty at Leyton on Saturday—making the journey to Strawopolis on the Sunday—but at the last moment it was decided not to play Ross. There were several alterations in the home team. Gittins found a place in the forwards, and Pickering was also included, while Latheron once more did duty on the right wing. Gallacher played in place of "Bob," and F. White was again at centre half, with Watkins at back instead of Hogg or Jackson. Platt again kept goal.

The result was 5-1 in favour of the Blues, but on the state of the play it should not have been anything of the kind. Both sides were about a match for each other, and play ruled even almost all the way through. The game was fairly interesting and at times fast. The defence on both sides had plenty to do. Watkins did well at back, but it was more due to good luck than sound judgment. However, he stuck boldly to Chalmers, the Norwich man, who had practically all the work to do for the visiting forwards. The old player missed Ross; had "Davie" been with him there is no doubt the final score would have been different. Lamberton, another old Luton player, was not able to do much against "Pat" Gallacher, though he was "daredevil" as ever. McEwen is not the McEwen of a few seasons ago, and "Punch's" display was of an inferior order. Archer, his partner, played well; he has entirely lost those objectionable tactics which used to characterise his efforts. Fred Thompson could not be blamed for any of the shots which got by him.

The game was not long in progress before Gittins opened the scoring for Luton with a fine shot. From "Smiler's" centre, Pickering very neatly added a second, and shortly afterwards a third. In the second moiety Luton increased their lead by two goals, one being by Barnes. Towards the close Norwich obtained their first point, for which they had worked persistently all the afternoon. The game was one of those in which the result was no indication of the play.

Result: Luton, 5 goals; Norwich, 1 goal.