

FOOTBALL NOTES AND NEWS.

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SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS v. LUTON.

Its goals that count, as Luton found to their chagrin on Saturday, when they opposed Queen's Park Rangers in the Southern League, in London. Indeed it seems that the Blues could do practically everything but score—on the afternoon's play they were streets in front of their opponents, but the worst of it was, they failed to obtain the goals and lost by two goals to love. Luton gave the Rangers a good run, and the home side were certainly a bit lucky in capturing both points. But then, Luton had little more than a scratch team. Brown was still unable to play, and Murphy, in consequence, took the centre position again. Barnes and Pickering also stood down, in preference to the Reserves left wing—Gittins and Latheron. Hogg was again at back.

Last season Luton returned from Park Royal with a couple of points, beating the Rangers 3-2, while at Luton the Blues won, peculiar to say, by exactly the same score. This year, however, Queen's Park, who are a much-improved team, have turned the tables on us, and Luton will have to be satisfied that if they lost they managed to make a good show.

The teams were as follows:—

Luton: Platt; Hogg and McCurdy; F. Hawkes, White, and R. M. Hawkes; Warner, Macdonald, Murphy, Gittins and Latheron.

Queen's Park Rangers: Howes; White and Lyon; Yenson, McLean and Downing; O'Donnell, Fletcher, Green, Sugden and Ryder.

Even play marked the commencement, each goal being visited in turn without any tangible result. After Murphy had hit the cross-bar with a stinging shot, Ryder broke away on the Rangers' left, and finished by hitting the cross-bar with a shot which bounced down to the foot of Green, who scored the first point for the Rangers five minutes after the commencement.

Luton attacked from the re-start, but White relieved with a splendid kick. O'Donnell took the ball down, and centred to Sugden, who brought Platt down to his knees with a fast grounder. Just after this the Rangers' goal had a narrow escape, Macdonald shooting over with Howes out of his goal. Ryder dash away, and centred nicely to Fletcher, who netted with a good shot, but was promptly ruled offside. Latheron, receiving from Macdonald, took the ball down well, and centred nicely, but White cleared with a well-judged kick.

Play quietened down considerably after this, and it was seldom anything happened to raise the enthusiasm of the spectators. Gittins, receiving from White, tricked three of the Rangers' defenders, but was hustled by White, and could only shoot feebly at Howes, who easily cleared. Warner, receiving from Macdonald, made a dashing run down the wing, and finished by hitting the side of the net with a grand drive. In the next minute Sugden was splendidly placed from a pass by Fletcher, but he failed to steady himself, and shot high over the bar. Pretty play by the Rangers' right wing ended in Fletcher centring nicely to Green, who headed wide when he had only Platt to beat. Platt was conspicuous soon after for a fine clearance, punching out a shot from Green in his best style. Half-time was called with Luton attacking, and the Rangers leading by 1 goal to 0.

The Rangers attacked on the resumption, and Platt was prominent for a fine save, punching out a fast shot from Ryder beautifully. Fletcher, receiving from O'Donnell, dashed away, but was robbed by McCurdy just as he was about to shoot. Latheron ran down well, but was hustled by White, and could only put the ball feebly behind. A good shot from the same player in the next minute was only saved with great difficulty by Howes. Pretty play by the Rangers' left wing ended in Ryder centring to Sugden, who tested Platt with a fast, high shot. O'Donnell then made a dashing run, and centred nicely to Sugden, who just missed with a fast header. Good play by the Rangers' left ended in Ryder hitting the post with a magnificent drive. Green was going nicely for goal when he was fouled by McCurdy. Downing took the resulting kick, and placed the ball nicely to Ryder, who sent in a good centre, which Green headed past Platt, thus scoring the second goal for the Rangers five minutes before the end.

The Rangers attacked on the re-start, and Downing was well placed from a centre by Fletcher, but he failed to steady himself, and shot high over the bar. The Rangers attacked briskly in the closing minutes, but failed to add to their score.

Result: Queen's Park Rangers 2, Luton 0.