

LUTON'S VICTORY AT TOTTENHAM.

After a fast and thoroughly interesting game on Monday at Tottenham, Luton defeated Tottenham Hotspur by 2 goals to 1, and well deserved to win. Tottenham Hotspur started in capital style, and Stansfield scored for them within five minutes of the kick off. There was, however, a distinct element of luck in the goal. Stansfield received the ball from a throw-in, and scored with a high, but rather tame shot. Platt, the Luton goalkeeper, made no effort to save, the explanation being that his sight of the ball was interfered with by a crowd of players standing in front of him.

Encouraged by this early success, Tottenham kept up a spirited attack, and Platt had several times to clear. Gradually, however, Luton settled down to their game, and from about twenty minutes before the interval till the finish played by far the better football.

The chief difference was one of method. There was nothing to choose between the halves, and the Hotspur forwards had the ball quite as often as the opposing front line, but many excellent opportunities were thrown away by lack of finishing power and a pronounced tendency to hang on the ball too long. The Luton forwards, on the other hand, not only passed well, but showed plenty of dash and enterprise.

Ends had been changed, however, before any success rewarded them. Then, from a superb centre by Gittins, Pickering headed in, and a little later some clever work by Barnes and Pickering on the left wing resulted in Brown giving his side the lead. Tottenham Hotspur tried very hard indeed to draw level, but defending resolutely, Luton retained their advantage to the finish.

Result: Luton, 2 goals; Tottenham, 1.

The visiting forwards all played well, and White and Jones, the centre and left halves respectively, were untiring in their efforts to break up the Tottenham Hotspur attacks and set their own forwards in motion, but Luton owed most to Platt. During the time that Tottenham Hotspur, through the uncertainty of the Luton backs and halves, were having all the best of the game, Platt had a heavy responsibility thrown upon him, and he rose to the occasion in fine style. Some of his saves, indeed, were little short of brilliant.