

WESTERN LEAGUE.

READING v. LUTON.

This match, played at Elm Park, Reading, on Wednesday, attracted only 700 people, the cause being attributed to the clashing of the fixture with Newbury Races. The home team lacked the services of Herbert Smith, Walker, Ooquet, Mainds, and Beats, while Luton were without their captain "Bob" Hawkes. Reading gave trials to two new players, in Hopkins, Great Western Athletic, London, and S. H. Thomas, of Notts, Magdala.

The teams turned out as follows:—

Luton—Jarvis; Hogg and Dimmock; Hall, White and Jones; Rigate, F. Hawkes, Pearson, Moody, and Walders.

Reading—Pennington; McGhie and Wilkes; Hopkins, Boden, and Bartholomew; Dougal. Minter, Rodger, Thomas, and Gee.

Reading were the first to get into their swing, but Jarvis saved well from Gee. The home side were in lively mood, and often had possession of the ball in the opening stages, but Luton proved too strong for them, and enabled Pearson, Moody, and Walders to get away in a spirited effort, that brought a goal to the last-named. At the interval the visitors still held this lead of one goal to love, but the second half opened in Reading's favour, Jarvis having to negotiate hail of shots. Rodger should have scored on one occasion, but wildly missed an open goal. Walders sustained an injury to his thigh, which sent him off the field, and Luton finished with ten men. Playing against an incomplete side, the Reading players strove hard to equalise, and were successful, through Minter, from a centre by Gee. The game came to a conclusion with the honours equally divided, the score being 1—1.